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PLACE: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP, 3201 Turnigan St. (West on Northern Lgts., cross Minn., left on Turnigan St.)

WHEN: Sunday, October 11
TIME: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. (meet in sanctuary)

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WHERE: ELKS CLUB LODGE
WHEN: Sunday, October 11
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Aug 28, Fri:
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Aug 29, Sat:
* Identity Board, 10am, UUF,
  members welcome

Sep 2, Wed:
* ICOAA(EB) - Imperial Court of
  All Alaska (Except Bird), In
  Town Awards Dinner, 7-10pm,
  Josephine's, $20

Sep 4, Fri:
* ICOAA(EB), Group Trip to State
  Fair, Palmer, 9am van departs
  from Raven
* ICOAA(EB), Reception, Empress
  I Jose & Empress Nicole the
  Great, 7-9pm, Sheraton Gallery,
  no host bar
* ICOAA(EB), In-State Show, 9-
  11pm, Blue Moon, $5

Sep 5, Sat:
* ICOAA(EB), Wake up Party, 9-
  11am, Raven
* ICOAA(EB), Bird Trip, 11am
  departure from Raven (return
  about 5pm), $20
* ICOAA(EB), Out of State Show,
  9-11pm, Sheraton (Howard Rock
  Ballroom), $7

Sep 6, Sun:
* ICOAA(EB), Heads of State
  Brunch, Josephine's (see Lauren
  or Barbie)
* ICOAA(EB), Coronation XX,
  doors open at 5pm, event at 6pm
  sharp, Egan Center, $25

* Women's 2-step Dance, 7:30
  (lessons 8:30), Pioneer School
  House
* ICOAA(EB), After Coronation
  parties, Blue Moon & Raven

Sep 7, Mon:
* ICOAA(EB), Victory & Awards
  Brunch, 11-12:30am, Sheraton,
  $15

Sep 11, Fri.
* Identity, Helpline Volunteer's
  Tea, 7pm, Ruth Mathes's house,
  RSVP 583-1324

Sep 12, Sat.
* Mt. McKinley (non-Ascent)
  Club, Hope Camp Out, call
  Chereese for details, 561-8744

Sep 14, Mon.
* Gay Bar, free legal advice
  (every second Monday; see
  article in this newsletter),
  7pm, Mendel & Huntington, 711
  'M' St., 279-5001

Sep 19, Sat.
* Identity, Inc., Helpline
  Volunteer Training, 9am-4pm,
  Identity offices at UUF, 334-
  3253 or 338-0762

Sep 25, Fri.
* Identity, Potluck, 6:30pm, UUF

Sep 26, Sat.
* Identity Board, 10am, UUF,
  members welcome
* Women's Coffeehouse, 8pm, 637
  'A' St.
Helpline Training

One of the vital links in our Community and a cornerstone of the Identity organization is the Gay & Lesbian Telephone Helpline. This service is provided free to the Community, indeed, to anyone who calls, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Its purpose is to provide support when needed and referrals if necessary. Calls range from "where's a gay bar?" to "I'm not sure if I'm gay or straight, is there someone who can listen and give me some clear thinking?"

Your support is needed, both financially and as a volunteer. Are you good on the phone? Do you want to learn how to be an effective helpline support person? This is a form of "activism" mentioned in this issue's Editorial. If you would like to learn more and volunteer an evening of your time (in your own home) once in a while to this effort you might consider the next workshop.

Helpline training is scheduled for Sat. Sep. 19th, from 9am to 4pm. Lunch is provided. Training will be held in the Identity Board Room at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church, 3201 Turnagain Street. Please contact Kimberlee Moore (333-3253) or Jaime Rodriguez (338-0762) to reserve a space now!

Helpline Volunteer Tea

Kudos and congratulations to Identity Helpline volunteers!! There have been many people who have given their time to this particularly important service that Identity offers. The "Helpline Volunteer Tea" at the home of Ruth Mathes is meant to recognize those who have been involved as well as those who would like to be involved. The "veterans" are invited to share experiences with new prospective volunteers, and to preview the upcoming training workshop (see article in this Newsletter). To learn more and/or attend the Tea, call Ruth at 563-1324.

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE

258-4777

A Community Service of IDENTITY, INC., P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520
Gay Bar

Mendel and Huntington, a local law firm, will be coffering a monthly question and answer session on legal concerns of lesbians and gay men. These sessions are being called "Gay Bar," which is free and open to the public. Gay Bar meets every second Monday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Next meeting: Sep. 14th. The sessions will be led by Allison Mendel or Karla Huntington.

Depending on the needs and interests of those in attendance, various topics will be addressed, including wills, relationship contracts, powers of attorney, custody and visitation issues, adoption, employment discrimination and other issues.

While legal advice specific to individual cases cannot be given, general information and referrals can be provided. Durable Power of Attorney forms are available at no charge at Gay Bar or by calling/writing Mendel and Huntington, 711 'M' St., Ste. 4, Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone: 279-5001.

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attorney, a device utilized primarily for short-term incapacity. If, for instance, you are leaving the country on a trip and need someone to look after your properties for you, you can give your power of attorney with a stipulated termination date. They are also useful if you expect to be hospitalized.

The mystique of the law should be exorcized. Lawyers are only men and women who have specialized in a certain field of study. They charge for their services, and if you want one to act for you, you have a right to ask how much they charge and decide accordingly. Remember, if they charge by the hour, be sure to inquire how slow they are.

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The Legal Scene
by Sylvia Short

One of the last things people think about or WANT to think about is making their Will. But sometimes a little time now can save lots of heartache and unnecessary expense later.

There's always the happy possibility that you may not need a Will. Our statutes provide that if you "come out even" by having less than $15,000 left over, there's no need for estate proceedings at all. Things you own in joint tenancy with right or survivorship, also, may go directly to the survivor, which is also true of joint bank accounts (so long as you don't both have to sign).

There's a caveat ("beware") to that last, though, and one that can cause a lot of hardship. It doesn't include land. In Alaska we have the "tenancy by the entirety" business where land and things attached to it can be owned in joint tenancy only if the owners are "man and wife." If both names are on the land but the parties aren't married, they each own an undivided one-half, and if one dies, his/her heirs succeed to his/her half.

Which brings us back to the Will. If the "heir" as named in the Will is the owner of the other half, the heir then owns it all, just as though it had been a joint tenancy in the first place!

People worry about "probate" and its costs, and in many cases with good reason. But for one thing, the costs in Alaska are not set by statute as they are in California, and one can inquire what they are and keep posted on them. So if some attorney gets too grasping (and it happens!), you can always change attorneys. The Bar Association handles fee disputes, which puts the proof of reasonableness on the attorney.

There are also certain things which do not have to go into an estate at all. Benefits from life insurance, for instance, go directly to the named beneficiary, as is true of anything with a named beneficiary, such as a trust, or bank accounts.

There is a lot of talk about trusts, and if you notice, it is being voiced mainly by attorneys. Remember that they're not noted for being benevolent! A well-drawn trust is a very costly document, and the key-word is "trust." The trustee has control over the property, and regardless of the terms of the trust, that control can be used to benefit the trustee, rather than the beneficiary. One of the areas where bank officials who go "wrong" tend to dip is into the trust accounts. Also, trusts can be costly to maintain - a bank charges a minimum of around $1,000 per year to act as trustee.

The proper use of the trust is to benefit someone who may not be able to handle property for him/herself. Someone under the age of majority or suffering from an incapacitating illness may need someone to take care of their property. Far less expensive and giving the same benefit is the power of
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association

Food needed: more and more people are using the 4As Food Bank now that word's out. Due to the WORD being OUT and the generosity of Our Community the Food Bank is experiencing peak usage. Please join the effort and bring to the Identity Potluck or to the 4As (730 'I' St., Ste. 100, 275-1400) any of the following:
* Hearty Soups
* Tuna in Water (no Porpoise, please)
* Macaroni & Cheese
* Tomato sauce
* Frozen meats (the 4As will make up individual packages)
* Small quantities of fruit

Kubler-Ross: Life, Death & Transition Workshop

Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross will conduct a five day "Life, Death and Transition Workshop" Monday, Oct. 12th through Friday, Oct. 16th. It will be held at the Meier Lake Conference Center in Wasilla.

The workshop is about personal sharing and working through the pain, fear, guilt and anger from our own past. If you're interested in attending or want information, please call Paul Cole at 373-2358.

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Phone: 338-6749
The Book Corner
by Joann Contini


Just released this summer, this book adds significantly to the recorded history of the equal rights struggle of gays and lesbians. Journalist Eric Marcus, former associate producer for "Good Morning America" and "CBS This Morning" and author of "The Male Couples Guide to Living Together," interviews 45 women and men who were instrumental over the last 45 years in challenging the negative view held by society about homosexuality. The stories are recorded as oral histories - people speak in their own words about their own lives and present a vital account of many who had the courage to be themselves.

"Making History" is divided chronologically into five main historical periods: Part I covers 1945 to 1961 and depicts those who were involved in the first small organizations and discussion groups following World War II; Part II covers from 1961 to 1968 and illustrates the time of some of the first public protests; gay rights and gay liberation activism from 1968 to 1973 are covered in Part III; Part IV recounts those involved in the larger gay rights movement and those feeling the anti-gay backlash from 1973 through 1981, and the final Part V spans 1981 through the present and reports on the effect of AIDS on the community and on gay and lesbian rights.

The selections are varied and represent folks from the very well known to almost unknown and forgotten individuals. The oral history style really allows the individual personalities to come through and show glimpses into the lives of very real people like: "Gay Gal" Lisa Ben who started the first lesbian magazine "Vice Versa" which she hand typed on carbon paper in 1947; "Drag Queen" Ray "Sylvia Lee" Rivera who was at the Stonewall riot and later formed the "Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries"; "Ex-Nun" Jean O'Leary who led the "Lesbian Feminist Liberation," was co-executive director of the "National Gay Task Force" and who brought the issue of sexual orientation to the White House and to the National Democratic Convention; and Bishop John Shelby Spong, the Episcopal Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, who was one of the most prominent and outspoken proponents of full acceptance of gays and lesbians in the church. "Making History" also includes a story about "Brave Alaskan" Sara Boesser from Juneau who helped establish The Southeast Alaska Gay and Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA), was co-coordinator of the Shanti project and general all around gay rights activist. These stories are wonderful, they are readable, they're alive, true and very very familiar. They are our lives.

Joann Contini is co-owner of the Alaska Women's Bookstore.
conclusions her studies produced; the inconsistencies and underlying prejudice of her work can be pointed out. But in the end it becomes a battle of words and unknown experts and multiple studies.

The burden is heavy. We each have to decide what role we are willing to play. Whatever we decide, we must keep building a bridge with the non-gay community so that letters of this kind will fail through direct knowledge, and through kinship with the persons maligned. In the end, the positive approach wins the fight.

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"Got a smoke?"
Mixed Signals

What is Philip Morris, the macho "Marlboro man" advertiser, doing pushing its cigarettes on the gay community? It seems to have produced a new "classy" (read Gay—but-we-won’t-use-the-word) cigarette. Can it be that at last a cigarette manufacturer is owning up to the dangers of its products and is, nonetheless (and therefore), seeking to hasten the demise of a group its conservative bent abhors?

The truth is that the gay market has more discretionary money to spend, according to Don Tuthill, publisher of Genre, and Philip Morris is stinging from the decline in smoking. A number of big advertisers have crossed the line and are now using the homosexual press to market their products. So, while they now acknowledge that the gay community exists and that it spends money, they are also pushing vodka, gin, and now tobacco — not the best of products for the well-being of our genus.

Is it worthwhile for the Lesbian and Gay Communities to be recognized; or is the recognition even more negative than not being recognized at all?

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Lobbying the Regents
by Sylvia L. Short

Under the date of July 14, 1992, a letter was sent to the University of Alaska Regents from a self-described alumni, former student, and employee with 20 cumulative years with the UA. She explained her letter as her responsibility, to be sure that her boss had available the "best, most complete information" which she could produce on the issue of whether the UA should allow unbridled discrimination against a segment of American population merely because they are gay. Her answer was an unequivocal "yes."

She likened homosexuality to alcoholism as a predisposition which should not be encouraged. She quoted former Chief Justice Warren Berger that protecting homosexual sodomy casts aside millennia of moral teaching. She cited marketing studies as refuting claims of economic injustice for the gay community and somehow tried to state that giving rights to homosexuals would diminish the protection for the "truly" disadvantaged. She found that instead of approximately 10% or more of the population of the United States, only 1-3% consider themselves exclusively homosexual with 4% bi- to homosexual (note that's about 7% right there). She argued that "special employment rights" for homosexuals would expose the university to unreasonable litigation because it is impossible to determine sexuality by looks, and besides it's an invasion of privacy to inquire. She went on to argue that homosexuals having so many different partners would impact overall costs for spousal benefits and that their exceptionally high rates of sexually-transmitted disease would have adverse ramifications on insurance coverage and premiums.

The summary started by declaring that protecting a group sends a message of empathy and encouragement to that group and that the homosexual group is not a true minority class but rather a special interest group. And anyway, she states, the current non-discrimination policy of the university protects everybody.

She did a lot of lop-sided research and cited her "authorities" and offered to provide additional information on request.

The plain fact is that this person wants the continuance of discrimination against Americans for reasons which have no relationship to the activity giving rise to the discrimination. Somehow she seems to feel that affectional relationships, if they are single-gendered, are going to undermine the sanctity of a university. She overlooks, despite her vaunted experience with this university, the fact that the university exists to implement the freedoms expressed in our constitution for the well-being and betterment of the whole of our populace.

In law it is said there is nothing more difficult than proving a negative. Hundreds of words can be thrown about to show the fallacy of the arguments advanced; differing studies can be introduced to belittle and refute the
Travel Notes

If you want ideas for where to go, or if you know where you want to go and just want some information on what you'll find once you get there, you can find some great books on sale at the Alaska Women's Bookstore. The Bookstore carries a full selection of gay & lesbian travel books including: Ferrari's "Places of Interest for Women," "Places for Men," and "Places of Interest" (for both men and women), plus "Bob Damron's Road Atlas" and "Bob Damron's Address Book" (both for men). These international guides take you to your favorite cities and tell you about special events, hotels, bars, dance clubs, bookstores, travel tours, cruises, resorts, social services, restaurants and more.

For a more in-depth sampling of what the main lesbian and gay resort areas have to offer, check out the new line of Pride Time Travel Videos carried at the Bookstore. Sit back and savor "San Francisco," "Key West," "Ft. Lauderdale," "Provincetown," "Montreal" and "Palm Springs." Be introduced to the local gay/lesbian history, walk into the local clubs, watch some of the shows, meet the owners of the guest houses, visit the beaches and sample the restaurants. Whether you use them to plan your vacation or just to see what folks are doing in the rest of the world, come into the Bookstore and check out these videos for /new/ rentals...they are enlightening and entertaining.

Ed. Note: view samples of these videos and talk to the owners of the Bookstore at the August 28th Identity Potluck!

Identity Fourth Friday Potluck Social

Grits! Bring your best Volcano Souffle and join the Identity Fourth Friday Potluck Social. The tradition is to bring a dish, anything from soup to nuts, i.e., main dish, salad, bread, rolls, dessert, chips, dip, pizza, KFC, etc. Identity provides the drinks (tea, coffee, punch). Admission is free. Donations are urgently appreciated.

Date: Friday, August 28th.

Time: 5:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm announcements & program

Place: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church, 3201 Turnagain STREET, Anchorage.

Program: The Alaska Women's Bookstore is a treasure trove of books for Gay men and Lesbians, travel videos, arts, crafts, greeting cards, coming out cards, CDs, tapes, jewelry, exotic gifts, harmony balls and even tea and cookies (complete with a cafe tables where you can do the 3S: Sit, Sip and Scan). This month Joann and Mariah, co-owners of the Bookstore will regale us with exciting new books and items available, and they plan to show samples of the travel videos. Be a brick! Come Out for Identity and the Alaska Women's Bookstore.
Coronation XX

For the past twenty years, the end of summer has been marked by the Imperial Court's CORONATION. This year's event is being held at the Egan Convention Center, on Sunday, September 6th.

Your hosts for Coronation XX are Their Most Imperial Majesties, Denali Emperor XIX Loren and Aurora Empress XIX Barbie LaChoy.

As always, Coronation attracts many visitors from around the state, lower 48 and Canada. This year, however, the court is expecting a record number of visiting dignitaries and special guests from places such as Toronto, Vancouver BC, Connecticut, San Francisco and even Texas. The Duchy of Southeast Alaska will also be making another appearance.

Many people have put in hundreds of people-hours and spent lots of money to make this coronation one of the best ever. They are celebrating their twentieth anniversary, and are planning many special events to make this weekend special.

The two candidates running for the leadership positions this year are: Emperor candidate Jerry Tanner, and Empress candidate Reyna. They are both running unopposed and face a yes/no vote. Voting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29th, John Thomas Building, 3rd & Cordova, from 10am to 10pm.

Tickets for Coronation XX are on sale at the Raven, Sunday & Monday from 12 to 6pm; Tuesday from 6pm to 2150am; and at the Blue Moon, Monday & Tuesday from 1 to 9pm. Or you could call Emperor Loren at 561-4675, or Empress Barbie at 248-1609 to make other arrangements. Ticket prices are $25 and $40 in advance, and $5 more at the door.

Traditionally, proceeds from Coronation have been distributed to various community organizations. This year $3 of every ticket sold will be distributed to an organization of the Emperor and Empress' choice on that very evening.

Gay Marriage in Berlin - Not

More than 250 same-sex couples went to town halls in 50 cities in Germany last Wednesday, seeking permission to tie the knot. The requests were rejected, setting the stage for an appeal that’s likely to reach Germany’s supreme court. The legal advantages include inheritance rights, tax breaks and pension rights. Same-sex marriages are legal in neighboring Denmark. In the Netherlands just to the west, gay couples can sign a legally binding “cohabitation contract” specifying rights in the event they split up.

Zeus, to steal boy Ganymede,
An eagle’s form put on;
And when he wanted the lady Leda
He turned into a swan.

Now some like girls, and some
like boys;
But the moral’s plain to see:
If both are good enough for
Zeus,
They’re both good enough for me.
it. My father used to buy a new
car every other year. I can't
afford that.
So I'm not sure I want to let
"la difference" vivre - you know
what I mean?

Angie Slingluff is on the
Editorial Board of the Klondyke
Kontact and is the newly elected
Treasurer of 15%.

Gay B&B opens in Anchorage

A B&B isn't news in itself, but
this may be the first openly
advertised Gay one in Anchorage.
While the couple that runs it
are accepting both Lesbian, Gay
and non-Gay clientele, they are
targeting the Gay and Lesbian
Community.

James and Bill Montgomery have
refitted a glorious 5,000 square
foot house on Upper O'Malley in
comfort and elegance. The house
features three B&B rooms at
present, and is expanding. Also
upstairs is a huge living room
with fireplace and formal dining
area and a great kitchen. (Bill
and James offer room service, if
desired.) Downstairs there is
Nautilus equipment, a hot tub, a
pool table, another "family"
area/room, a Japanese garden (in
the works), a sauna (in the
works) and more.

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BOOKSTORE on Sept. 3. Limited
reserved seating will be
available. This one small price
includes the concert and the
dance.

Sunday, October 4 (location and
time to be announced). Ann Reed
will offer a SONGWRITER'S
WORKSHOP. Open to all - even
non-singers and non-songwriters.
Ann will take one of her songs
and show you how it developed
from idea to polished piece.
Participants are invited to
bring their instruments and a
song "in progress." Ann will
offer pointers on how she would
proceed to develop it. Such an
opportunity! Look for concert
flyers with details of this
workshop or call Linda Steiner
at 277-5630.
Viva La Difference?
by Angie Slingluff

I've been asked to write a "think piece" for this newsletter, something that might address "women's issues". I thought to myself, hmm - there are an awful lot of "issues" out there. It ought to be a provocative piece - or at least one that encourages others to think about some issue. Problem is, I've always avoided politics because I have difficulty handling confrontation and disagreement. And I've seen others consumed by "politics". Then I considered the audience, you the reader. What might you find interesting? That led me down the mental path of some of the differences between the men's and women's communities. I tried to identify for myself how women and men differ. Aha, that age-old bugaboo, nature or nurture? Could that be the source of the difference? It is facile to speak in generalities. I hesitate to do so because humanity is so varied. But forgive me, generalities are easier to write about even knowing there are exceptions to each statement that follows (who me? I'm not at ALL like that!).

Men, in general, have been taught to be competitive. Not just in sports but in dress and success. Men adhere to the principle of scarcity: 'there's not enough to go around so I must have more than the next guy'.

Women, on the other hand, have been taught to be cooperative: let's work this out together for the good of all. In a woman's world there's abundance, there's always enough for one everyone.

It may not be a big enough "enough" but together we can survive. Men, it seems, thrive on power. They believe in power as the way to achieve. "I have to have power over others. I have to have the signs and symbols of power in order to have prestige or feel good about myself. I have to dominate and push to get somewhere." Men are future-oriented.

Women prefer process. The end is not the means, it's the getting there, the journey, that's important. Women live in the now of life. The simplest evidence I can offer of this difference is a humorous one, but all too true in general. When the T.V. is not working just right a man will often go up and bang on the box. A woman's first approach is to try to fine-tune with the knobs. (We seem to do the same to people, too.) Men are often uncomfortable with women who process, who try to work it out, figure it out, understand and feel what's happening. Look at the physical space we put between ourselves. Two men will stand about 5 feet apart when having an ordinary conversation, two women will often be within less than two feet of each other or even be touching.

A most telling difference in our society is the economic one. Women earn 59% for every dollar a man earns. We have been trained to believe that others come first, that we are worthless. Before we buy ourselves the necessities, we provide for our children. We can't afford the trappings and symbols of power and prestige. We can't afford to let things break. We often drive a car until it hasn't got another mile left in
Editorial:
An Extra Measure of Activism

In the face of virulent attacks from outside the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual communities, and divisiveness within, it is mandatory for us to search our souls for an extra measure of activism. Why? Most people concerned with civil rights are aware of viciousness in discrimination. Ask the Jews, ask the African Americans, the Alaska Natives—the list goes on. Since AIDS has catapulted Gays (among others) into the spotlight, anyone thought to be Gay, or anyone with HIV disease or AIDS is suspected of leading an immoral lifestyle. Children with AIDS, on the other hand, are considered "innocent victims." Need we say more?

Activism comes in many forms: we could send a check for $5 to a group in which we believe (or a check for $500); we could spend an hour of our time helping with a local group needing our support; we could come out to someone; we could sit down with a friend or acquaintance and spend some quality time talking about our life experiences, listening to theirs, sharing information and feelings. We need to become "activists" regardless of how we define it, regardless of how little or how much effort goes into it. Every tiny bit of this kind of "activism" helps.

Now is the time for us to renew our commitment. And if we decide, when someone tells a discriminatory joke, to not defuse the situation "this time," we can "re-commit," to try again, to handle it differently when it happens yet another heartbreaking time. We must in some way, express our support for ourselves, our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings. If even one person lives in the thrall of oppression, so do you still, and I. F. Kenneth Freedman, Editor

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Identity Northview: new Editor, new look!

With this issue, the Identity NorthView begins a new era. This publication has been shepherded through both good times and lean times by Jim Boudreaux. His untiring efforts have brought the paper both respect and popularity. His presence as Editor will be missed as much as his contributions will be appreciated.

The philosophy behind this incarnation of the paper will focus on Community involvement. We cordially and earnestly request your thinking, your articles, your contributions - on any level. If you've always wanted to work on a newsletter, please come on over. Write, phone, or fax (248-2421). Want to write articles? Be a reporter? Help with 'ad' sales? Do layout? Help with mailings? Other? Like we said, come on over!

It's been a while since Identity, Inc. identified itself to its public, and this is a good time to review.

The charter of Identity, Inc. "is to improve self and community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska." What does Identity do?

* Fourth Friday Potluck: designed to bring people from the Lesbian, Gay and Non-Gay-Lesbian communities together in a casual setting, to share a meal, thoughts and feelings about who we are, how we see and interact with others;
* Hotline: a telephone helpline designed to give information where needed, but more importantly, to give support where needed, usually to people who feel they're alone (whether it's about being Lesbian, Gay, cross-dresser, transsexual or depressed, scared, or in need of a friendly voice);
* Creates this Newsletter, the NorthView: does fundraising in support of health related needs for community members, is a sponsor and activity organizer for "Gay Pride Day" and "National Coming Out Day", is the Alaska representative for the Human Rights Campaign Fund "Speak Out" program, is a coordinator and planner for the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, and is a member of Alaska Community Share.

The new format of the NorthView is still being worked out, so keep your eye peeled for additional changes. More significantly, however, is the content. The NorthView is opening up in new ways: we are actively soliciting "think pieces," feature columns, Letters to the Editor, opinion columns and 'want ads.' There will be a book corner, legal advice (perhaps Q&A), obits, a calendar and local and national news.

If you have an interest and want to submit articles, help out, buy an 'ad,' put in a classified or personal, announce a coming event, be in touch. We're here to serve you.
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Contributions: We welcome articles and letters from community individuals and organizations. Please submit, if at all possible, on 3.5 or 5.24 diskette (IBM Microsoft Word for Windows compatible). All media will be returned. All contributions must be signed, but names will not be used upon request. NorthView reserves the right to edit as necessary and to refuse to print any article submitted.

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Balancing Activism and
Wisdom: a new group forms

Rather than wait for the Anchorage government to mandate civil rights for Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, a group is forming to take a more active political and strategic stance. Doug Frank, a local Gay Activist, recently told this publication that this is the first time that the Gay, Lesbian, Bi- and Straight communities have become proactive in the continuing struggle for equal rights.

The group (name and mission statement are currently being hammered out), focuses on balancing activism with wisdom to "increase the well being of the community in Anchorage," according to Frank. "Equal rights legislation in Anchorage and statewide that protects Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals" is one of the goals.

Larry Costello, another group member mentioned that the Gay, Lesbian and Bi-communities are not very visible currently. He added "it takes a lot of energy to stave off attacks from people who would take away your right to live your life." He added that it would be better to devote energy to living and being creative in a community where "we're all blended in and sexuality isn't even an issue."

Frank hopes to get a whole roster of people willing to speak for themselves as well as for the new political group. He said he believes we need a group in place that can act quickly to meet the "negative energy" coming from many Community detractors, not the least of which is the initiative in Springfield, Oregon, which would make it illegal to say anything supportive of the Gay, Lesbian or Bi-Community, and further, mandate the open damnation of that Community in schools and other city organizations.

Costello added that "this is the foundation for something bigger. Once we establish [the group], we can build on it and build [it] into something that contributes to the Community."