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Editorial

Recently, there have been sentiments expressed in this space about Lesbian and Gay pride, about supporting Community businesses and services and about establishing our own attitudes independent of the negative statements made about us.

An opportunity now arises for historical knowledge and cultural growth. With the Alaska Union for Lesbian and Gay Studies we may advance ourselves in myriad ways. If you haven’t heard about Stonewall, if you’re not sure where Lesbian Feminism originated, if you wonder about the pronouncements about homosexuality in the Bible, if you deride men who go in drag, if you think “butch dykes” are “too much,” here’s a chance to learn, to explore Our Culture, look at our prejudices, enrich our cultural awareness in a creative environment dedicated solely to the advancement of Lesbian and Gay Culture.

Why should you care? Remember the cry of freedom: None of us is free until all of us are free? Remember the comment about being doomed to repeat history if you don’t learn it? How much Gay and Lesbian history do you know? How much are you aware of the roots of ACT UP? of Queer Nation? of the Gay Activists’ Alliance, of the Mattachine? of S.I.R.? Radical Faeries? The Dianic Witch? There’s a rich and ancient history of Gay and Lesbian being to explore. Come explore with us.

F. Kenneth Freedman, Editor
Karen Carlisle, Contributing Editor

Queer Culture: It’s Yours, It’s Fabulous! Wanna Learn More?

We have a culture that is ancient and continuous. There’s an explosion of knowledge about Lesbian & Gay culture that most of us know nothing about. We want YOU to know about it too.

Announcing:

The Alaska Union* for Lesbian & Gay Studies

The Purpose: To Build Community and Cultural Awareness

Courses will be offered starting in September. In the August NorthView we will announce times, places and teachers. The Alaska Union is a school without walls (no permanent classrooms or buildings); everyone is welcome to study with us. AA and BA Degree programs available (not accredited). Imagine a degree on your wall. Tuition: there will be course costs; likely a sliding fee scale and/or donation system will be developed. Teachers: we are looking for teachers interested in instructing the courses listed below or any other offerings you might suggest that are related to Lesbian and Gay studies.

How did this idea get started? We wanted to do something both fun and useful in the Lesbian & Gay community; provide emotional, intellectual and financial support/opportunities; contribute to the Community using the talents of Lesbians and Gays in our diverse culture.

Pick your favorite class, make up another one you’d prefer, add to this list... Run, do not walk, to your phone. Call now. Tell us which classes appeal to you. Do you want one-Day classes? week-end ovals? semester offerings? Operators are standing by. Karen: 338-5383, Ken: 248-7722.

▼The Stream of Gay Consciousness Throughout Human History
▼Playwriting for Lesbian & Gay Themes
▼Long Term Relationships
▼Coming Out Safely for Lesbian & Gay Youth
▼Growing Older, Loving Ourselves and Each Other
▼Butch/Femme: Lesbian Sexuality or Hetero-Imitation? (Women Only)
▼Harry Hay: The Marxist-Gay Organizing Connection
▼The 70s: Gay Liberation Confronts the U.S.
▼What Personalities Best Suit Yours? (Myers-Briggs)
▼Gays & Lesbians In The Bible
▼What is Gay/Lesbian Culture?
▼Therapeutic Issues for Lesbians & Gays
▼Public Speaking for Lesbian & Gay Issues
▼The Politics of Drag: Street Warriors, or, Men Who Wear Dresses
▼Male Sex: Is Fucking The Only Way To Have a Close Relationship (Men Only)
▼The Bible: Is There Spirituality for Gays & Lesbians in The Book?
▼“Conduct Unbecoming” Gays/Lesbians in the Military
▼Fight the Right: Political Organizing
▼Socially Responsible Investments

The Alaska Union for Lesbian and Gay Studies was founded by a group including (in alphabetical order): Anonymous, Karen Brady, Karen Carlisle, Nancy Crozer, F. Kenneth Freedman, Lucy Frey, Ann Milton, Susan Walker and the energy of the Lesbian and Gay Community of Alaska. Our Time is Now!

*Union: n. A group of people in relationship with a common purpose.
The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As): offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons at their offices. Friday at noon they host a luncheon for people with HIV and AIDS. They are always looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals. If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteering with the 4As, or need information, please contact the 4As at 276-1400.

Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association of Fairbanks (AGLA): a UAF Student Organization, has regular meeting open to gays, lesbians and allies. For further information about meeting time and place, contact Pete at 457-0246.

Alaska Women’s Political Caucus: for lesbians and non-lesbians, meets 7pm at the First United Methodist Church on the first Monday of every month.

Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB): had an exciting raft and camping trip this last month. AGB is a social group for Gay Men. For next meeting time and place, or to get on the mailing list for AGB, call 243-3064.

Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA): (formerly Lesbian Moms) usually meets every 4th Sunday at various locations (mostly at Lynne and Marion’s) to socialize and provide support for one another. Adults, children, lesbians, allies, newcomers are welcome. Lynne/Marion: 338-5253. (From the KK. Thanks!)

The Berdache Society: of Anchorage, a group for transgender persons has been more active in the community — notably at the Blue Moon on Wednesday at the 9:30 pm show. Nora Jean heads the group (in a manner of speaking). If you want to get in contact, their mailing address is in the Northview Directory.

EQUAL, the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Task Force: has been meeting regularly on every other Thursday evening this summer. Please see Calendar for time and place.

Fairbanks Dutchee of the ICOAA: will be hosting a show called “Boyz will be Girls” on Saturday, July 24th at the Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand. Show time is 11 pm. Interested performers need to contact Paul at 452-1389.

Fairbanks Gay Men’s Support Group: meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Interior AIDS Association office at 2210 S. Cushman, #210. They will be hosting a retreat with Ed Swaya in September. If you’d like more information, contact Scott at 457-6511.

Fairbanks Dance Club: The Palace Saloon, in AlaskaLand, is still the hottest place in town to meet. You can go dancing on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 pm till the wee hours of the morning. It is a straight, tourist bar at all other times. Hugh aka “Fire and Ice” will be spinning Hip-Hop, Techno, Pop, and Top 40 Dance music on Friday evenings through August 13th. Phil will continue spinning Country, Disco, Top 40, and Oldies on Saturdays, as well as spinning on Friday evenings after August 13th.

Feminist Sing-A-Long: Women only. Third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Cr. (maps at the Alaska Women’s Bookstore) or call 337-3543. Non-singers are welcome. 6:30 potluck, 7:30 singing. (From the KK. Thanks!)

Gay Bar: free legal question and answer sessions on issues of interest to lesbians and gays. Second Monday of every month, 7-8:30 pm, 845 K St.. 279-5001.

Identity Potluck Social: 4th Friday of every month, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church, 3201 Turnagain STREET, doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm. July 23rd program is presented by Dr. Frank Domurat, a well known oncologist and AIDS specialist in Anchorage. (See Calendar)

Imperial Court of all Alaska (ICOAA): will be hosting Coronation activities Labor Day weekend and the week preceding. If you haven’t gotten your tickets yet, they are going fast so do it today. They are on sale at the Blue Moon and the Raven.

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC): holds Sunday services at 10:45 am at 615 Hollywood Dr. Sunday evening services will start on August 1 at 7 pm. Tuesday evenings is a study of “The Bible and Gay and Lesbian People”. Wednesday evenings, starting July 28th, Darl is teaching a Self-Defense class at the church. The Rev. Troy Perry, founder and moderator of MCC will visit Anchorage Lamb of God MCC August 27th through 30th. There will be a special service each day he is here. EXCEL workshop is August 6-8th, cost $86 per person. For more info call 258-5266.

Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club (MMcNAC): had a windy, wet trip to Seward for the 4th of July. All who attended this camp-out seemed to have a great time. The next outing of the MMcNAC will be the weekend of August 13-15. This group is open to anyone gay, lesbian or allies. For more info contact Dan at 561-8744.

Northern Exposure Bowling League: will be starting their winter league soon. Spit shine those balls and come out to enjoy the fun.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Fairbanks (PFLAG): had a very successful turnout of 200 people for the Gay and Lesbian Pride March they sponsored in Fairbanks on June 25th. A special Thank You to Steve and Nancy for all their hard work and dedication. PFLAG meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm on the 5th floor at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. You can contact Nancy at 479-4944 for more information.

Women’s Coffeehouse: every 4th Saturday, 8 pm, Church of Religious Science, 637 A St. Sliding scale, suggested donation $2. Call Leslie 277-0713 for information or if you wish to perform. (From the KK. Thanks!)

Women’s Two-Step Dance: first Saturday of every month. Pioneer School House, 3rd & Eagle, $3. Lessons at 7:30 pm, dancing at 8:30. You don’t have to know how to join in the fun. Come learn, meet new women, and enjoy. (From the KK. Thanks!)
In Romania, Homosexual Relations Get 5 Years
by Christian Heppinstall

Timisoara is the scene of Romania’s latest human rights abuses, this time against gays. Article 200, Paragraph 1 of the Romanian legal code, which bans homosexual relations and is punishable with a five-year prison term, has been slammed against two consenting gays. Mirel Ciprian Cucu, 17, and Milorad Marian Mutascu, 22 were arrested January 22, 1993 and beaten for ten hours with rubber truncheons, horsewhips and fists by police hoping to force confessions from them. The Timisoara Two were placed under “preventative detention” without being formally charged, accused of being HIV positive, yet denied medical attention, and had their case publicized in a national weekly paper, Tinerele Liber.

Lucian Stingu, government deputy justice minister, said on January 13, 1993 that Article 200 is a “dead law” not enforced, but then gave a list of prisoners (estimated at 72) currently behind bars.

According to Gay 45, Romania’s fledgling gay magazine, the gay community in Bucharest is estimated at from 20 to 20 thousand, and up to one million nationwide. Gay men are routinely beaten and tortured with horsewhips and fists in an effort to make them confess. Facial injuries during these beatings are few as photographs of the offenders must be taken and may be examined by international human rights representatives.

Group 200, the gay and lesbian activist organization seeking a parliamentary repeal of Article 200, said that the trial date for Cucu and Mutascu has been delayed, but that Cucu has left prison on bail, while his lover Mutascu remains incarcerated. Helsinki Watch of Bucharest has agreed to hire private Romanian lawyers, members of the Timisoara Society, a human rights watch group, to defend them.

The persecution of the Timisoara Two has been condemned by Amnesty International, the Helsinki Watch, the Independent Human Rights Commission, and ILGA - the international Lesbian and Gay Association.

Christian Heppinstall is a correspondent for Budapest Week and the Hungarian Times. He is a former Anchorage resident.

Lawmaker Uses Son to Give ‘Face’ to Gay-Ban Debate
by Donna Cassata
the Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With a hug and a kiss on the cheek, Rep. Lynn Woolsey introduced her gay son to Capitol Hill Tuesday, hoping he will put a “real face” on homosexuality for lawmakers weighing the ban on gays in the military.

“I know when other members of the House of Representatives meet him it is going to be easier for them to support lifting the ban,” the California Democrat told a news conference.

Woolsey gazed proudly at her 30-year-old son, Michael, and then described her family’s reaction two years ago upon learning of her son’s homosexuality, her interpretation of family values and her strong belief in ending the ban.

The Campaign for Military Service, an amalgam of groups working to end the ban, sponsored the news conference and announced plans to distribute to lawmakers 100,000 postcards collected during this year’s gay rights march that call for an end to the ban.

The news conference marked the third time this year that a parent has talked about a gay child in the unlikely setting of Capitol Hill.

Woolsey, who represents the district north of the Golden Gate Bridge that includes Sonoma and Marin counties, said she has three sons and one daughter. Two years ago, her middle son, Michael, told her he was gay.

“Our family exemplifies what family values is all about,” she said, her words slowed by emotion. “We are accepting, supporting and loving of each other.

“He is not an embarrassment to us,” she said of Michael.

“We are proud of him.”

Many Roads, One Journey: Workshop

Dr. Charlotte Davis Kasl, a licensed consulting psychologist, will present a two-day workshop on “Recovery to Discovery and Empowerment: A New Approach for Women and Minorities.”

Dr. Kasl is author of Women, Sex, and Addictions: A Search for Love and Power, and Many Roads, One Journey: Moving Beyond the Twelve Steps.

The workshop will be held August 9th and 10th in Anchorage. The cost for the 2-day workshop is $70.00.

Dr. Kasl will also be available for a book signing and conversation at the Alaska Women’s Bookstore — date & time to be announced.

Information: Terri Biles — 272-9115.

Part of the trouble is that I’ve never properly understood that some disasters accumulate, that they don’t all land like a child out of an apple tree.

Janet Burroway, b. 1937, American writer
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-Eduard Gutiérrez, S.F. Chronicle

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MOVIE PREMIERE SHOWING!
FILMMAKER IN PERSON
DAVID TREADWAY (unrated) First ever public screening of this new documentary about revolutionary war in Russia both past and present. Filmmaker Anna Voinova will attend screenings to discuss the film. In Russian with subtitles. 75 min. Call for showtimes and schedules.

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (R)
Acclaimed Australian director Gillian Armstrong's "My Brilliant Career" latest film is a perceptive, intricately detailed family drama. Starring Bruno Ganz and Kerry Fox. 90 min.

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July 15, Thurs:
* EQUAL meeting, 7-9pm, AUUF (561-1755, x1021)
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

July 16, Fri:
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand
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* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 8-9:30pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, 4As, 730 ‘I’ St. 276-1400.

July17, Sat:
* Feminist Sing-A-Long 337-3543
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand

July 18, Sun:
* Halibut Bake and Garden Party. Food, Music for the 4A’s. Tix $20. Call Ross, 276-1400
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am - NEW TIME. See ad.
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30pm, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

July 19, Mon:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9pm, call 786-4846, make on-air requests, give positive feedback.
* Auditions for "Growing Basil" 7-9 PM, MCC Church, call Ken 248-7722.

July 20, Tues:
* Anchorage Garden Buddies, 243-3064
* Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Fairbanks (PFLAG), 5:30, 479-4944

July 21, Wed:
* Blue Moon Boy-REE-Alice Review, 9:00pm.

July 22, Thu:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

July 23, Fri:
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand
* Identity Potluck Social. See ad.
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* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.
* Women’s Coffeehouse 8:00pm 277-0713

July 25, Sun:
* Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) 338-5253
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am - NEW TIME. See ad.
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July 26, Mon:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9pm, call 786-4846, make on-air requests, give positive feedback, or both!

July 27, Tues.
* Fairbanks Gay Men’s Support Group, 457-6511

July 28, Wed.
* Blue Moon Boy-REE-Alice Review, 9:00pm.

July 29, Thu.
* EQUAL meeting, 7-9pm, AUUF (561-1755, x1021)
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

July 30, Fri.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand
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July 31, Sat.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand
* "Growing Basil" reading, 7PM, Unitarian Fellowship, call Ken, 248-7722

Aug 1, Sun.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30pm, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am - NEW TIME. See ad.
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)

Aug 2, Mon.
* Alaska Women’s Political Caucus: 7:00pm, United Methodist Church.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests, give positive feedback!
Aug 4, Wed:
* Blue Moon Boy-Ree-Alice Review, 9:00pm.

Aug 5, Thu:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Aug 6, Fri:
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland
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Aug 7, Sat:
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland
* Women’s Two-Step Dance 7:30 Pioneer School House.

Aug 8, Sun:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30pm, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am - NEW TIME. See ad.
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)

Aug 9, Mon:
* Gay Bar, Legal Q and A, 7-8:30 at 845 K St., 279-5001
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Aug 10, Tues.
* Fairbanks Gay Men’s Support Group, 456-6511

Aug 11, Wed:
* Blue Moon Boy-Ree-Alice Review, 9:00pm

Aug 12, Thu:
* EQUAL meeting, 7-9pm, AUUF (561-1755, x1021)
* NorthView Deadline. Get those disks in!
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7pm, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

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Why not seize the pleasure at once? How often is happiness destroyed by preparation, foolish preparation! Jane Austen (1775-1817), English writer
The Eye

Not to be confused with the ulna

What more fertile ground for gossip than an al fresco ‘do’ as in picnic as in Lesbian & Gay Pride as in June 27 on the Park Strip at the Rose Garden — appropriate since we are all roses with an occasional thorn, strategically placed. Be that as it may, EYE chanced fortuitously upon many a cluster of, how shall we say, merry celebrants. Snippets of conversations wafted our way and we were obligated to commit them to memory to better inform you of what’s going on when you’re somewhere else dishing the people who’re dishing you. Read on.

At the MCC table/tent/booth EYE saw two youngsters, one early teens, one not quite: “What does that mean?” (referred to the upside down triangles on the “States of Pride” pins.) “It was the symbol used by the Nazis to identify and later kill gays and lesbians in the concentration camps, similar to Jews, politicals, gypsies and other undesirables,” said a savvy bystander. And with utter sincerity, the younger said, “that’s awful. Why would they do that?” Out of the mouths of babes....

EYE could not help but notice the return of M. EYE noticed this talented Lesbian struggling with being there, being “out.” Brava! EYE knows how hard it is to crack that closet door. Brave steps, M! Brava! EYE could not help but get all misty when Hot Air (that brilliant singing group (we think of the same Sky is Blu)) began singing the same song that was sung at the Anchorage Assembly seconds after it repeated the (watered down version of the so called) gay rights law: “We’re going to keep on marching forward / We’re going to keep on marching forward / We’re going to keep on marching forward / Never turning back / Never turning back.”

Everyone stood, linked arms and sang along. A truly powerful and empowering moment. EYE salutes Allison Mendel’s courage. When the Patriarchy tried to jail her for various reasons known only to the Byzantine machinations of itself, she did, what else? Donned a T-Shirt which read: “I spotted Laura Bock. She was seen with Elvis in Cicely.” Keep on marching forward, Allison!

EYE heard the one about Gandalf? Don’t know the Tolkien Trilogy? Not quite the same as the Torch Song Trilogy, but close. Anyhow, seems Gandalf (a dog, who brought M and L to the Pride Picnic), very nearly ate a small white one (dog). Commented the humans accompanying Gandalf (a large if aging Great Dane), “gotta watch out for the Dykes with Dogs” — to turn a phrase. EYE must stop and issue a great hug to Elaine Giles and the Sound Connection for handling all the sound for the entire Pride Picnic, gratis! XXOOXX!!

Trend-of-the-Month award to the Alaska Women’s Bookstore. Seemed there were festive tents sprouting on the lawn, and before you could bat a false eyelash (or buckle your workboots(!)) EYE saw M (a different one) dash off, only to return scant minutes later with, what else, a tent — well a canopy thing, a kiosk? a cover with poles? you get the idea. The Pride Picnic gets better looking every year!!

EYE could not help but notice that Lavender (dainty) truck. EYE heard it was named Ms Violet, but EYE knows a Pride truck when she sees one. It’s lavender, and belongs to some major lesbians. Can’t tell, of course, but you know who you are.

Absolutely-Totally-Politically-Correct-with-a-Twist

Department: a major lesbian (no, a different one), was seen to be selling Tofu Hot Dogs. Now EYE truly believes that “healthy” is the name of the game these days, but isn’t “Tofu Hot Dogs” an oxymoron? (Alright, so EYE is being a tad pedantic.) A sign on the EQUAL table actually said “tofu pups” but EYE couldn’t bring herself to say those words, so EYE ordered “a tofo, um, um, thing” (pointing) “one of those. Over there. No, over there. Well, look where EYE is pointing, dear! Yes, that! I know what you call it, but EYE doesn’t.” Was actually pretty tasty, in spite of the name. EYE was seen to order another later on in the day.

Was it just to be near the Major Lesbian? or were those, um, tofo, um, things, really edible? No dreadful anti-social after effects were noticed, or so several paparazzi close to the EYE reported.

Just-Too-Butch Department: couldn’t help but notice darling H resplendent in his new crew cut hairdo.

And such a short time ago, you were shaggy and a tad disheveled! Keep ’em guessing, H. Good show!!

EYE could not help but notice a well-known lawyer (one S by initial), all resplendent in a pink pants suit (no, EYE did eavesdrop, it wasn’t a fashion statement). Our Straight But Not Narrow Allies were there, perhaps not in droves, throngs or vast crowds, but they were there. A great loving and supportive wink from EYE! OK! That’s all for the Picnic. Where else to cast our EYE? Ran into an Australian couple at the gala 4th bash at aren’t-they-a-great-looking-couple H & B’s. D & C have been together 41 years!! Good energy, good role models! Hip, hip, hooray!!

Ran into someone else at the same “do” who observed that at the 9th Ave. Cemetery they’d seen several pink flamingos (toys, we assume) and some windmills by a headstone. Commented one, “...must be Scott Olson.” Commented another, “No, dear, couldn’t be, he’s got slightly better taste than that and besides he’s in ashes, half of which are going to be scattered over Mt. Susitna and the other half up Pioneer Peak.” Pink flamingos — really!!

Can’t you just hear Scott saying “No, no, no, no, no!!”

Things-You-Won’t-Read-in-the-Newspaper Department:

EYE was privy to a conversation with a gay brother from Overseas. Heard the one about the Bosnian troops (or was it Serbian? or Croatian?) where three or four of the victors of that particular skirmish were seen carrying around the severed head of a 20-year old male? Seems they have this game of carrying around their vanquished foes’ heads & showing off & all. The gay brother said “that young man should have been out at his job, making love with his girl- or boy-friend, polishing his car. He was beautiful.” When queried about the barbaric custom, EYE heard that this kind of blood feud goes back centuries and the race consciousness won’t let them forget that there is an enemy and s/he must be conquered. Deja vu, anyone? We wouldn’t want to compete the Cuban detention camps for AIDS persons, or the Oregon Citizens Alliance, or the good Dr. Prevo, or the draconian Colorado laws, now, would we? EYE detects a tragedy, however, when oppressed groups not only fight among themselves but then fight each other (and for all their 15 minutes of glory) — missing entirely the larger picture.

EYE’ll get off the soapbox, now.

Bet-You-Can’t-Top-

This Department: EYE got wind of the following conver-
sation — a rough paraphrase follows. African-American woman (straight) calls a certain theatrical person (gay) and says “How can you promote that Pomo Afro Homo group coming here?” (You may recall the African-American gay group that performed here in Anchorage a short while back?) The Theatre Person answered, purportedly, “Wait! Wait! Aren’t you the one who wanted to do a play about Lesbians in jail?” “Yes, replied the AA, but they were white! How dare you present a play that has those perverts that’ll make us look bad?” EYE would call this a case of cultural arrest (we will refrain from mentioning concepts such as the pot and the kettle, etc.). apparently the AA didn’t know that there actually were women in jail who were Lesbian and that historically most couples were mixed — with the AfricanAmerican being the “butch” (thanks, KC). This must be a new twist on the phrase (thanks, Ear) “The truth can be so limiting.” ❑ Then there was the one about Jerry Falwell trumpeting that his “secretly recorded” tapes of various Gay Pride March events revealed sins beyond imagination. EYE’ll admit it was fun to see Roberta Achtenberg kiss her partner (they were riding in a car in an open car at one of the Parades), but to have Falwell exclaim that this was a sin worse than the Rodney King beating is going beyond any limits EYE knows about. Falwell then made it clear that the viewers had to see these tapes to believe them and learn the evil ways of the enemy — all you had to do was send a $35 “gift.” Actually there were two tapes and you were to send two $35 “gifts.” EYE couldn’t help but surmise that Falwell doesn’t care a whit about gays and lesbians, rights or sexual practices. It was just a sensational hook to make money. EYE believes if it weren’t gays and lesbians he’d find someone else. It’s all about money — not a shred of spirituality in the lot! ❑ On a lighter note, we note the latest addition to the Directory — Wood Nymph Landscaping. Smile. ❑

**EQUAL — the Alaska Lesbian & Gay Task Force**

**EQUAL** meets every other Thursday at the Unitarian Church on Turnagain Street.

We can still be reached at 561-755 Extension 1021.

In June we decided to begin the paperwork to register as a 501(c)(3) & (4) corporation. Our goal was to notify members by July 15th that we will hold election of officers for each group by September 16, 1993. A special thank you to Jackie Buckley for her presentation on coalition building and being the impetus for EQUAL deciding to incorporate.

At the July 1st meeting Mr. Larry Freiberger came and requested that EQUAL start a dialogue with Reverend Jerry Prevo. He said he discussed it with the minister and who is willing to be involved in a dialogue. Mr. Freiberger describes himself as a “peace broker” and has aspirations of running for political office. Those present in the meeting had a mixed response to the proposal but said they would be willing to meet.

A report was given about the success of the Gay Pride Picnic on June 27th. $282.00 was raised from the sale of turkey legs, tofu hot dogs, drinks, chips, and cookies. The Alaska Gay & Lesbian Task Force would like to thank the following people for their help:

- O’Brady’s Burger and Brew for kitchen facilities
- Alaska Purewater Products for 25 gallons of water
- Stephanie LaFleur for use of her grill
- Todd Biles for the use of garbage cans
- Richard Martin for the use of small grill
- Many people for the use of coolers

At the July 15th meeting we will discuss organization and a possible dance. ❑

**The Buck Stops Here**

by Buck Manley and Janet Romig

My son Buck is eleven years old. He has seen Jerry Prevo on T.V. telling the world that his mom and her friends rape children and dogs and lick each others butts. He has heard queer jokes at school and come home afraid of being beaten up. Buck felt powerless. When the assembly overrode the veto to the so-called “gay rights” amendment Buck began to see that there were important straight people who thought differently from Prevo and that encouraged him.

Every member of the community knows the defeat we sustained in the spring municipal elections but maybe the way my son felt was the worst kind of disappointment. He had lost the majority of the assembly that confirmed, through the legal system, that his mom was not a sick, depraved criminal. He knew, as we all did, that it was only a matter of weeks before the “gay rights” amendment was repealed. Would I be fired? Would I be beat up? Would we be thrown out of our apartment? These are the things that Buck, my wise eleven year old, associates with intolerance and to him the elections said more than anything that in Anchorage, AK intolerance is not only accepted but gleefully celebrated by the far right. Buck decided on the way home from election central that there was not liberty and justice for all in these United States.

The next day Buck refused to stand and say the pledge of allegiance. The sub threatened him with disciplinary action. Buck refused to participate. The sub threatened to send him to the principal if he did not at least stand.

“I DON’T CARE WHAT YOU DO! I’M NOT STANDING AND I’M NOT SAYING THE PLEDGE.”

Buck went through the same routine the next day with a
different sub. I visited the school with Randall Burns of the ACLU and we explained all sorts of things, like being the son of an openly gay woman, freedom of expression and civil liberties to name a few. We got a tepid promise from the principal that Buck would not be punished for his stand. However Buck accrued so many black marks from those two substitutes that a note was sent home saying Buck could not participate in any of the year activities. My son, who has never been a discipline problem, had suddenly become a subservient in the eyes of certain teachers. A hastily scribbled note by me to the teacher pointing out the uncanny coincidence of Buck’s very adult and powerful stand in class and the sub’s labeling him a discipline problem immediately ended the activity ban.

I will always remember this about my son and I hope he will always remember these days in Anchorage. My son backed down three teachers and a principal with his one small voice in the back of a classroom: “I DON’T CARE WHAT YOU DO! I WON’T STAND UP AND I WON’T SAY THE PLEDGE.”

Buck Manley is a 6th grader and Orange Belt in karate. He wants to be a lawyer. Janet Romig (“I am a proud Mom”) is an enlightened single mother of three, who lives in Anchorage and is on the management team of a major (non-discriminating) hotel.

Tribute to a Friend
by Kurt Parish

This past Fourth of July weekend I spent much as I have the last four celebrations of Independence Day since 1989 — in Seward.

The first year I went with a dear friend who has since passed away, and I’m sure that is part of the reason I find myself there every year — to remember my friend J.R. Lamar.

It was his idea to go to Seward during the Mount Marathon Run to watch the scenery during all the festivities, and I was quick to comply. We packed our bags and moved to Beverly...uh, I mean Seward. We had a great time watching the scenery just as I have every year since. There is something very arousing about watching a group of 5 or 6 men climb a 20 foot, heavily greased pole to get a prize. What kind of scenery did you think I was talking about?

There was only one drawback to that first trip to Seward, more of an omen, really: trying to cram two people into a one-person tent. It seemed to presage the fact that J.R wouldn’t make the trip the next year. In fact, J.R came down with AIDS later that year and we would not be making the trip again despite our plans. Just days before our scheduled departure the next year, he became sick and so I ended up going with someone else. I remember feeling guilty that he couldn’t be there and grudged that I could be losing one of my best friends to a disease that hadn’t touched my life as yet. It was in Seward that I think I finally came to terms with my friend’s illness. The chances that he could die were real and there was nothing I could do about it. I still held on to the possibility that a cure could be found. But I had to expect the worst.

In February of 1992 the worst happened. J.R passed away after what seemed like a roller coaster ride of ups and downs while fighting his illness. I remember that right up until the end he was one of the most selfless people I’ve ever encountered. No matter how bad he felt he always seemed able to comfort the people around him. No matter how bad people were to him he never discounted their friendship. Each and every person he came into contact with he considered a friend and would do what he could if a problem arose. I can only hope that I have been able to learn a few of the good traits that he displayed without thought or question. I feel blessed that he was able to share a few years of his life with me and show me many qualities that I have come to value most in a person.

The last couple of years I have found myself in Seward more than just once a year. For one thing, the drive down is nice, and for another I’ve found Seward to be full of nice people. For instance, after the Alaskans for Civil Rights rally at Performing Arts Center in April, to just get away, a friend and I drove to Seward. We found ourselves at Ray’s — a very nice seafood restaurant near the docks, overlooking the oceanfront. We were still wearing our Gay Rights buttons from the rally — no question who we were and what we stood for. We had a very good dinner and friendly conversation with our waitress and really had a comfortable time. When we paid our bill our waitress said how great she thought it was that we were so open. It was a great way to end a very positive day.

Every year my enthusiasm grows for the city of Seward and I find myself looking forward to the weekend trip earlier and earlier. I’ve climbed the infamous Mt. Marathon twice now but not as part of the race, rather as a tribute to J.R. Lamar and the friendship that we developed, and the simple fact that I want to. I’m planning to enter next year’s Mt. Marathon Race — my goal is to finish in the top one hundred. But if nothing else, I will be that much closer to my friend while scaling the mountain and exulting when I reach the top.

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Out Law
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Education in homosexuality
The aspersions and tactics used by those who discriminate unjustly advertise their ignorance. Unfortunately, the educational system in this country does little to eradicate such ignorance, seeming to place discrimination in a category best left to the moral and/or ethical values relegated to religion. In this pluralistic country of ours, however, religion is a multi-faced word, ranging from the evangelistic to the atheistic, with little or no correlation of teachings or values.

And there are many Americans, possibly a majority, who profess no religion at all.

It is heartening, then, to learn that a number of institutions of learning are adding gay and lesbian studies to their curricula. This fall, for instance, San Francisco State will be the first 4-year university in the nation to offer a formal academic program of courses on gay, lesbian and bisexual culture. Gay studies are also being taught at the University of California at Berkeley, US Santa Cruz, Fresno State and Stanford. They are among the 45 American colleges and universities that over the past 5 years have started to offer at least one course on the homosexual experience, usually in literature, sociology, psychology or history, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. These pockets of gay studies exist almost exclusively in large cities or at prestigious universities.

Not all of the students enrolled in these classes are gay, either. Half the lesbian and gay literature class at UCLA last year claimed to be heterosexual. Students questioned say they are taking these classes for a number of reasons; to become teachers in the field, to become aware of gay history or simply to see representations of gays in a sympathetic light.

An annual gay studies academic conference meets to consider further appreciation of this field. Close to 2,000 people attended the October meeting at Rutgers University at which papers were given, contacts made and publishers met.

The entry into this area of study is credited to Eve Sedgwick, an English professor and author at Duke.

Teacher on AIDS
As part of the HIV + Youth Speakers Bureau in San Francisco, Tara Fochetti, 21, is a traveling lecturer on the perils of contracting AIDS. She was diagnosed with HIV at age 15, two years after she became sexually active, and at 19 with full-fledged AIDS.

Her lectures focus on her own risk-taking. She had rarely used condoms when she had sex and didn’t practice safe sex because she thought AIDS was a disease that primarily affected gays. She is grateful for the opportunity to educate other young persons and has been a part of the program for the 3 years since it was federally funded as a demonstration program of San Francisco’s Project AHEAD.

AIDS, Money
An official of the World Health Organization predicted that for an investment of $2.5 billion a year, the world community could cut in half the number of new AIDS cases expected to occur by the turn of the century. Currently they estimate about 13 million adults and 1 million infants have been infected with HIV since the early 1980's and that an additional 20 million more will develop in the Third World by 2000.

(Since 1988 the total spent or promised on the U.S. savings and loan disaster is $190 billion.)

Hawaiian matrimony
The supreme court of Hawaii has ruled that under its constitution gays may not be prohibited from marrying. The Hawaiian constitution gives broader protections for individual rights than the 14th Amendment, and the court said that if the state resists granting licensure for same-sex marriages, the state must show “compelling” reasons — the toughest legal test for a state to meet, traditionally requiring that public safety is at stake.

Hawaii’s constitutional provision reads: “no person shall...be denied the equal protection of the laws nor be denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry.”

Alaska’s pertinent sections say: “This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law...” and “No person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right because of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin...”.

State vs. local law
California has a legal principle that if the state preempts a legal field, all local laws on the subject are struck down. This affects local ordinances granting gay-rights protections in 18 jurisdictions. The state labor code includes a provision protecting against discrimination based on sexual orientation but it is unclear to an ACLU representative whether this protection would be as comprehensive as that involved in some of the ordinances. Speaker Willie Brown has introduced a measure in the California legislature which would allow the local control.

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Discrimination Intake Questionnaire

Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Address: ________________________ Phone: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

Please provide the name of an individual at a different address who is in the local area and who would know how to reach you.

Name: ____________________________ Relationship: ____________________________

Address: ________________________ Phone: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

What action was taken against you that you believe to be discriminatory? What harm, if any, was caused to you or others as a result of that action? (If more space is required, use additional sheets of paper.)

Do you believe this action was taken against you because of: (Check the one(s) that apply and specify your race, sex, age, religion or ethnic identity).

Race __________ Sex __________ Nat’l Origin __________ Age __________

Retaliation __________________________ Color __________________________ Marital Status __________________________ Physical Handicap __________________________

Religion __________________________ Sexual Orientation __________________________ Other __________________________

I was discriminated against in: (Check the one(s) that apply.)

Housing __________________________ Financial Institutions __________________________ Employment __________________________ Public Accommodations __________________________

Educational Institutions __________________________ Practices by the MOA __________________________ Other (specify) __________________________

I was discriminated against by:

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

What was the most recent date the harm you alleged took place? ____________________________

Have you sought assistance about the action you thing was discriminatory from any Government agency, from your union, an attorney, or from any other source? _______ No _______ Yes (If answer is yes, complete below)

Name of source of assistance: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________ Result (if any): ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Celebrate Diversity:  
Hate Hurts Everyone  
(Part III)  
by Don Naff

My message, simply put is “We are separated by too many things.” We tend to see differences among us as negatives...things to be mistrusted...rather than things to be enjoyed, savored and celebrated. In my previous two articles I discussed the words we use to describe our feelings toward differences and toward those who have differences. I pointed out the reasons words like “tolerate” and “acknowledge” and “accept” aren’t good enough, and should be replaced with words like “embrace,” “appreciate” and “celebrate.” For this installment, I’d like to borrow a term from the larger political arena and use it to illustrate what I think is the most important step that must be taken in order to make this change in our community. The term is “Affirmative Action”.

When this term is used in the political realm, it brings up much debate. I am not proposing to get into this discussion here. I do propose the idea that we all need to adopt this policy on a personal level in order to begin to see differences in a new light. Separation from and distrust of differences between us is caused by fear. We tend to fear what we do not know. We do not know what we are not around...what is not in our life situations or our living environments. It is only by making very specific steps to change our living situations to include people different from ourselves that we change our own attitudes. These steps need to be taken as individuals, who may or may not be “different” from the majority, and as groups of people who may have a “difference”...in race, creed, cultural background, gender, or whatever.

The proponents of Affirmative Action in the political realm say that, due to the injustices of the past, it is not enough to just say a company or group of people is not prejudiced. They believe that specific steps need to be taken to alleviate the harms done by the past and to include those who have been harmed in the processes leading to prosperity. It is this kind of reaching out in an intentional way that I am proposing we make a personal policy in order to make it easier to celebrate the differences we see around us without the reluctance that comes from lack of knowledge.

For myself, one very powerful experience was 15%’s “Celebration of Change.” For the last four years I have made it a point to be there. The first year I went I was uncomfortable to say the least. There were only about four men in the audience and in the lobby at intermission. If I had not been with a couple of women who are friends of mine, I think I might have left at the intermission. But I stayed. And I discovered that women there, for the most part were glad I did. I had a chance to see women perform. I had a chance to see women do all the technical things necessary to running a show, things that “conventional wisdom” says are men’s jobs. I had a chance to really see what it is that women hold dear, as this was truly a celebration of what they hold in their hearts. I had a chance to expand my consciousness as they also read poems and demonstrated against the things that hurt them and I realized that many of these things are the result of things my gender has done and attitudes that I found in myself. It was a wonderful, powerful, spiritual experience. Each year I attend I find my inhibitions about celebrating women and embracing many of the differences between us in my own life fade even more.

At the dance afterwards several women made it a point to come up to me and say that they were glad I was there. One woman came up to me as I was sitting with a group of men friends and “rocking out” in my seat to the sounds of Sky is Blu, and said, “Would you like to make a political statement and dance with me?” I enthusiastically said “yes” and we danced. (I want to thank her for putting up with my lack of skill...it really isn’t true that all gay men are great dancers!) The whole experience was phenomenal. I felt that it was Affirmative Action for both myself and the women’s community. They could have kept both the dance and the performance closed to men; I could have done what many men did and stay away. I hope more of the male gender who read this might make the same decision I did next year. I’ll be there....

I also had the occasion to be among African-Americans where I was the only white person in the room. It was a celebration of the birthday of Malcolm X held at the Fairview Recreation Center two years ago. I learned a lot there, too. I learned that Malcolm X, a man whom the white press said should be distrusted because of his violent tendencies was not who the white press said he was. He was not a proponent of race hatred, as he is portrayed, but of personal and group pride. Though his message was specific to African-Americans, I believe it can be embraced by all: be proud of who you are — don’t let those who would deter your growth and would deny you your right to be, stop you or hold you down. I heard the others there celebrate who they are and the gift they have to give to the world as real members of our larger community. I heard them express the frustration they feel as they faced things done to them by members of the white race every day. I watched as they made a conscious effort to turn their suffering into a celebration.

Both of these incidents were examples of my type of Affirmative Action. They could have kept both closed to me or made me feel unwanted. I could have stayed away. I didn’t and I am a better person because of it.

One last example: I went to Club Shadows with a dear friend who is also much more outgoing and at ease than I such places. So, though he meant no slight by it, I was alone a lot of the time we were there. He was enjoying himself and I was kind of frightened and stayed to myself. As the evening went on I slowly became miserable. I finally got up from the table where I had sat for the last half hour and walked out towards the dance floor to tell my friend I was leaving. Suddenly, a man came out of nowhere. He walked right up to me, smiled a beautiful smile and he asked me how I was doing. I mumbled something. He said “well, I hope you’re enjoying yourself.” He smiled again. And he disappeared. He was African-American, and I’m sure he had no idea of the impact he had on me by that little show of...
kindness. Not only did he bridge the race boundary, but he also had to swim against all the negative energy. I think I’ve seen this man a few times at the Blue Moon since, but I have not had the same strength to reach across the boundaries to ask if it was indeed he who gave me that wonderful gift at Club Shadows.

In order to break down the barriers that separate us and keep us from being a true community, we must intentionally work to do so. It is not enough to say we aren’t prejudiced. We must look within ourselves and find the prejudices that are there and work to destroy them. A most important way to do this is what I call Affirmative Action. So everyone REACH OUT to those different from you. You will find as I have that doing so makes it more natural to totally Celebrate Diversity.

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AZT is Shit
by Larry Kramer

It’s official. It’s not the poison some warned it was. If anything, it’s not strong enough. They bought us off with it. To shut us up. We thought it was only until something better came along. But instead of looking for something else, they spent $300 million restudying it. The NIH has not come up with one single new thing to fight AIDS. Why are they giving $9 billion each year? No cure for any major illness has ever come out of the NIH. Why can’t everyone see that! Our murderers are many: Broder, who found the shit on his shelf and then disappeared (just what does NCI do?); Volberding (the best undertaker in San Francisco) and Fishel, creators of the corrupt study that gained AZT approval by the FDA; Krim, who threw Joe Sonnabend out of AmFAR for having the courage to say we shouldn’t use it; the TAG/ AIDS Action Council/GMHC know-it-all fraternity (Barr, Bross, Levi, Harrington, Gonsalvez, Staley, Franchino), with friends like these...; Fausi, who even though he know AZT wasn’t working, to this day takes it; The thousands of physician sheep who unquestioningly follow ever NIH guideline; and the truly wretched Burroughs Wellcome. On the day preliminary results of the “Concorde” trial were announced, Burroughs Wellcome conference-called all its indentured servants to concoct a “spin” on the damaging news. How truly vomitously gross, Volberding and com-

pany! The sip, I predict, will be “This is all the activists’ Fault.” New York Times chameleon Dr. Lawrence Altman said as much in his inreport article “AIDS Study Casts Doubt on Value of Fastened Drug Approval in U.S.” In it he neglects to mention that Concorde confirmed the results of earlier U.S. AZT studies, if you chose to interpret those U.S. results - as only Sonnabend and Michael Lange did - as negative. Two years ago the New York Veterans Administration study said much the same as Concorde. This doesn’t invalidate fast drug trials at all. What it does is invalidate the idiots who saw Shinola when there was only shit.

Donna Shalala hired a head hunter to find our AIDS czar. Tom Goodwin was contracted “to fill a bunch of lower-level jobs.” By the time this appears, a shitty dumb bozo will no doubt have been chosen as AIDS czar. Finding the new director for the Office of AIDS research (OAR) (mandated by the stupid reorganization Ted Kennedy, Harrington, and Krim forced upon our weary lives) has fallen to Dr. Phil Lee, the new assistant health secretary. The names on his short list are stupid.

Brothers and sisters, once again we’re fucked. This new president does not give a damn about us, about keeping promises, about finding a cure, about finding a czar who’s any good, about finding on OAR director to lead a Manhattan Project to end this plague. Clinton is piling the Reaganbush shit even higher. If David Geffen and Barry Diller can put together the Campaign for Military Service to fight for an issue most gays don’t even want to fight for, why in humanity’s name don’t they respond to please do to for the gay community what Diller did for the Democratic Party: put us together to make us work? Barr: QVC is about making you rich as David. There’s nothing in QVC remotely resembling anything decent. It’s all about greed and how to force people to spend more of their hard-earned money. I am totally ashamed of you. You, who created two major networks and ran one of the best film studios, now pimping for Diane Von Furstenberg’s schmatas wraparounds! When are you going to do something for those you have held in your arms, have loved, long for, and miss? You and Geffen could save the gay community. You helped put Bill Clinton in office. Please help save us from him!

Larry Kramer is an author, a playwright, a screenwriter, and the founder of ACT UP.
The Advocate, “Last Word,” 5/18/93

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Ken,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know how badly I felt when I learned that a copy of my recent newsletter had been mistakenly sent to Scott’s [Olson] address. I had read the moving newspaper article about his life as well as his obituary. I am deeply sorry if this mistake caused you any additional pain.

You should know that there has been significant state support for renovation of several houses on Government Hill to be used for people with AIDS. Today I learned that Alaska Housing Finance Corporation has just approved an
additional quarter of a million dollars to complete that project. No one should be without a place to live. Scott helped a lot of people see what needs to be done to help fight this disease.

Sincerely, Johnny Ellis, Sen., State of Alaska, 6/29/93

Dear Kenneth:

Thank you for contacting me concerning President Clinton's efforts to end the ban prohibiting military service by homosexuals.

I oppose lifting the ban for reasons that I've outlined in the enclosed article (see below). Much of my reasoning is derived from personal experiences during my own military service. I am also enclosing a floor statement outlining my views from the perspective of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on which I serve as the Ranking Republican Member. Together, these two statements express my thoughts on the issue in detail.

Although we disagree in this matter, I appreciate your contacting me.

Sincerely,
Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator, 6/9/93

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**Identity Fourth Friday Potluck & Social**

Dr. Frank Domurat discusses new AIDS & HIV drugs and treatments, long-term care, self-care and nutrition issues and more. Questions & Answers, of course.

Come to Identity’s Fourth Friday Potluck Social. The tradition is to bring a dish, anything from soup to nuts, i.e., main dish, salad, bread, rolls, desert, chips, dip, pizza, etc. Identity provides the drinks (tea, coffee, punch). Admission is free. Donations are openarmedly appreciated.

**Date:** Friday, July 23rd.
**Time:** 6:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm announcements & program
**Place:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church, 3201 Turnagain STREET, Anchorage.
**Program:** Dr. Domurat presently has offices in Anchorage at Oncology Associates. He has may HIV and AIDS clients and was Scott Olson’s doctor. He did his Public Health "payback" in Bethel as Director of Medical Oncology (the real "Northern Exposure"). He is a graduate of Brown University, Magna cum laude, in Biomedical Science.

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**Gays in the Military - The Real Issue**

Lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military must have an impact on our military forces. The effectiveness of our "uniformed" services are in large measure dependent on the willingness of men and women to surrender their individuality to create a unified whole.

The question is not whether individuals who are gay can physically serve on active duty. They can. The ranks of our Armed Forces always have included men and women who were gay, and who served skillfully, even heroically.

The difference is that they served then, and serve now, as soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, not as "gays in the military." Their status as gays was carefully hidden. To avoid discharge, gays sought to fit the heterosexual culture of the military.

If the President's proposed policy change is sustained, individuals on active duty who are gay may be defined by what separates them from their comrades, not by what melds them into membership in a unified fighting force. I believe that society should never grant or withhold benefits or burdens on the basis of the group to which an individual does or doesn't belong.

But no one has refuted the fact that unit cohesion is critical in military life, training and combat; or that admitting gays into the service will come at some cost to the unit cohesion we need. If the tragic murder of Allen Schindler in Japan last October was, in fact, motivated by his homosexuality, his death would document the cost to cohesion that could come with the acceptance of gays into the military. (Editor's Note: please note the classic and skillful use of double-speak to obscure the issue.)

A military organization torn apart by internal assaults, and the resultant criminal prosecutions, is an oxymoron. I don't endorse prejudice; I deplore it. I also believe that the continued defense of our society against the international threats of world leaders who find the values of democracy a threat to their own intolerance depends upon a strong, functioning military.

I believe service in the military actually is a privilege and not a right. (Editor's Note: clearly, this person has forgotten about conscription and how every able bodied male had to serve.) Thus I believe that gays are not being short-changed of their American birthright by exclusion for their choice of behavior type.

No discussion of discrimination in the military is complete without noting that today's American Armed Forces may be the most successfully racially integrated institution in the country and perhaps in the world.

Proponents of the President's policy change can find historical opposition to military racial integration that seem to follow along the same lines I have just supported. But the situation and actions of President Truman in 1948 and of President Bill Clinton today are not analogous.

Race, the color of a person's skin, is descriptive only of itself. Tell me a person's race and you have given me no information upon which to predict his or her behavior.

Sexuality, on the other hand, is defined and expressed as
behavior - perhaps the most fundamental and emotionally charged behavior of which we are capable as human beings. (Editor's Note: ah, yes, but being gay is not about sexuality, now, is it?) Sexuality produces behavior with the potential to have decisive impact within the unique environment that defines military service.

The day may come when the sexual orientation of an individual is no longer a threat to cohesion and discipline, and when that day comes Congress and the President should immediately revisit this issue. Until that time arrives, however, the mission of the Armed Forces is the defense of our country, not social engineering, especially if that engineering will come at the cost of combat capability. (Editor's Note: to say more would be to say less.)

Dear Ken,

Here is the letter I told you I would send. It is important that all lesbian and gay students, teachers, and employees of U.A.A. become aware that this file has been opened in the Dean of Students office. I strongly encourage anyone who has a complaint, or who has been a victim of discrimination and/or harassment to document it, and request a copy be placed in the file.

As a student, and more importantly as a lesbian, I will not stand for any "gay-bashing", or anti-gay propaganda to be posted on campus. However, I can’t fight this battle alone - please help me spread the word.

Thanks!
Our Time is Now!
Kathy Tutko

Letter to Debby Davis, Dean of Students from Carole Lund, Program Advisor Student Union Programs.

Subject: Flyers on Campus

A couple of weeks ago a student came to me with a flyer that had in big letters across the top, "SODOMY EDUCATION". Under these letters were "Letters to the Editor" from the Anchorage Daily News: "Read the Ten Commandments", "The Homosexual Agenda" and "Gays Plan Capital March". These flyers were spread out on bulletin boards in the Campus Center, Building K and, I believe, in the LRC. The student that brought them to me was concerned about "Gay Bashing" and "Hate on Campus". When she asked what we could do about it, I said I wasn’t sure what could be done. I said that the University did not monitor nor censure information on bulletin boards; however, if any individual was being harassed, we would be very concerned.

When I talked with Linda Lazzell about the incident, she suggested that I write you a note so we might compile some of the complaints that are filed from our gay community.

Let me know if you have any suggestions on how to handle situations like these.

The Harris Twist
(a new dance, perhaps)

Many of you are already familiar with the "Harris Twist". Well, I’m about to do it again as the new volunteer coordinator for Identity!

Volunteers are needed each month to help put out our excellent publication the NorthView. We need typists, writers, editors, proof-readers, and people to pick up and deliver material. We also need help folding, stapling and labeling the NorthView after it comes back from the printer. The deadline date for mailing the NorthView is roughly the 15th of each month. The week prior to the 15th is when we do all the work! Material that needs to be typed should be in to Ken Freedman usually between the 6th and 10th of the month depending on when the deadline is set — and the deadline is always published inside the front cover of the NorthView. Information that is already on a IBM compatible disk should be given to Ken according to the published deadline.

If you would like to help, please call Shirley Harris at 338-3708 (H) or 269-4592(W). You may leave a message on my voice mail at work if I’m not there.

Thanks to all of you who are already contributing. Now it's time for the rest of you to pitch in!!

"We're here, we're queer... Don't fuck with US!"
Heard at the march, 1993
LESBIAN HEALTH MOVEMENT GAINS MOMENTUM: Part II
by Kristina Campbell

NEW CRISIS LOOMS: Lesbian-transmitted HIV

The face of Lesbian health needs may change some in the near future. Despite hopes that doors to health care access may begin to swing open for Lesbians, the community also may be hit with new crises, some in the Lesbian health movement predict. Perhaps the biggest threat is HIV, which is a growing problem in an community commonly and falsely regarded as risk-free.

Amber Hollibaugh, director of the Lesbian AIDS Project at Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, said she estimates about 1,000 Lesbians in the New York City area are infected with HIV or have AIDS.

The majority of these Lesbians got the disease by sharing needles during intravenous drug use, Hollibaugh said. The second-largest group are those who believe they contracted it during sex with men (Are women currently having sex with men lesbians?). But the third-largest, and a growing group, is Lesbians who believe they got the disease from sex with their HIV-infected female partner.

To Hollibaugh, that signals a need for more information and education about HIV risks for Lesbians. It means HIV educators still need to focus on activities, not group classification; if women are engaging in risky sex with other women, they are at risk. Hollibaugh added that there is a dire need for research on how the virus may be transmitted in female-to-female contact, because so far no one has looked into that question in a laboratory.

Until then, Lesbians need to be informed, educated, and practice safer sex, she said.

“If we don’t, ten years down the road, a lot of us will be looking at each other saying, ‘Damn, you know, I used to think Lesbians didn’t get AIDS. Now look. And that’s not a situation I think we want to find ourselves in,” Hollibaugh said.

Patricia Stevens and Joanne Hall, two nurses who together published a study about the experiences of Lesbians seeking health care, have a grant from the National Institutes of Health to do a study about Lesbians living with HIV.

Most of the women in the Lesbian health movement agree that Lesbians aren’t getting the messages that they need annual exams, they need to examine their breasts monthly, they need to practice safer sex even with other women, and that sharing needles is dangerous even when it’s only with other Lesbians.

Mary Plumb, head of the Lyon-Martin Women’s Health Service in San Francisco, estimates that only one percent of the Lesbian community is HIV-infected right now, which means that a woman cruising in a crowd of a hundred women would theoretically have a one-in-a-hundred chance of picking up a partner with HIV. But when she mentioned that to a friend, she said the friend told her, “If your odds of winning the lottery are 1 in 100, you’d think it was pretty good odds.” It’s all in how you frame the question.

Getting the message out starts with health care providers, many of whom don’t even consider that their female patients may be Lesbians. The question “Are you sexually active?” most often is followed by “What kind of birth control do you use?” which assumes women are having sex with men. Health care providers need to ask about women’s sexual behaviors and be knowledgeable about safer sex for women and for Lesbians.

Many movement activists do sensitivity training for medical students and health care providers. For many of those people, that training may be the first time they’ve thought about the fact that some of their female patients might benefit more from safer-sex information than from a birth control prescription.

At the very least, doors of communication are opening within the Lesbian community.

“I think it’s great that Lesbians are able to exchange information so that we don’t have to continue to recreate the wheel,” said Mary McCauley II, project coordinator for Chicago’s Lesbian Community Cancer Project. I think sooner or later enough Lesbians are going to get angry enough that something will really start happening. “I’m willing to work to make that happen.”

And national Gay groups, like the NGLTF, are doing what they can. Although NGLTF can’t afford a full staff position for health issues, they continually apply for grants that would fund such a position. Jude Radecic, the Task Forces’s deputy director for public policy, shoulders the health issues load currently. In the three months before the March on Washington, she spent all her time preparing Lesbian health legislative briefings.


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I would like to share a safer-sex option I have never read before, and one I know won’t be considered by those needing instant gratification, but worth considering anyway. Prior to my last relationship, my partner-to-be and I had both been in monogamous relationships; however, I was the only monogamous one in my prior relationship. Unbeknownst to me, my lover was being sexual with a woman who was doing men. Therefore, I wanted to be abstinent for at least a year and have an HIV test before being sexual with another woman again. My prospective partner also wanted a year of abstinence, and so we spent eight months getting to know each other without sex, and then we both had HIV tests which were negative. While we are no longer partnered, it was wonderful beginning a relationship that way, though I had previously been one to “kiss-get-married” and then ask about her prior sexual and relationship history. Wrong order! I will do it that way again should the opportunity arise. Sadly, most women want it NOW, just like most? many? of the men. My grandma used to say “Anything worth having is worth waiting for.” She’s right, you know. And the sexual tension that builds up is very exciting!

This column could use some variety. Is there anyone who would write or consent to interview on a lesbian health issue? Bisexual? Transgendered? Please submit an article for the August 8 deadline.

Karen Carlisle is a lesbian activist in the Anchorage community. ▼
JANE, WHAT DECIDED YOU AND LOUISE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING OF FED UP WITH QUEERS WITH US? YOUR OTHER TWO ROOMMATES WERE RATHER UNFRIENDLY!

IT'S AS YOUR "BROTHER ROBERTSON" SAYS—IT'S EASIER TO FIGHT THE DEVIL WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE! CAREFUL, JANE!

THIS TIME WE'RE SEEING A MOVIE ABOUT LESBIANS, CALLED "DYKES AFTER DARK." IT'S ABOUT TWO LESBIANS WHO LIVE TOGETHER, WHAT THEY REALLY DO WHEN THEY GET HOME FROM WORK!

WHAT THEY REALLY DO?

OH DEAR, HOW LONG DOES THIS MOVIE LAST?

AN HOUR AND A HALF, WHY?

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TAKE AN HOUR AND A HALF OF WATCHING TWO WOMEN COOK SUPPER, EAT, WASH DISHES, AND FALL ASLEEP IN FRONT OF THE T.V.!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS

IT MAKES ME NERVOUS TO BE AROUND ALL THESE HOMOS! IT'S OUR FIRST TIME HERE AT P-FLAG.

OUR SON DONALD IS GAY!

DONALD PROMISED TO SEE A PSYCHOLOGIST IF WE WOULD GO TO P-FLAG.

THAT'S WONDERFUL! SO MANY PARENTS REJECT THEIR CHILDREN!

WE WOULD NEVER REJECT OUR SON! WE LOVE HIM, WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

WHY ON EARTH WOULD ANYONE WANT TO HAVE SEX, WITH A MAN WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO?
Ode to a Soccer Ball
(or "Why I'd Rather Discuss Defensive Strategy Than Opera")
by Jen Kohout

I lost a lot of sleep this winter (quite a feat when it's dark 20 hours a day). I lay awake contemplating gay life in modern America...if being gay is in, why is it so unpopular?; when will I be able to read the Metro section of the paper without being assaulted by narrow-minded, hate-filled words?; why do certain local ministers spend so much time contemplating what gay men do in bed? I didn't have many answers but it certainly kept me entertained. Until late March when I decided that I'd had enough and I began to look forward to a summer of Wheel of Fortune re-runs and Steven King novels. Much to my chagrin, however, the advent of Spring brought a new obsession—I found myself engrossed in another of life's sociological puzzles: namely, (dyke) team sports.

From the opening pitch of my first Bobby Sox Softball game almost 20 years ago, I knew I was born to wear cleats. Since that season, team sports have been a familiar backdrop to my life. However, during a recent attempt to explain the merits of competitive soccer to a cultured (in the classical music sense of the word) friend, I realized that not everyone has the same appreciation for sports as I. A shocking thought. What could be more fulfilling than running around a field chasing a ball?

Maybe my particular affinity for team sports is really just an excuse to wear a uniform. An Air Force brat who never quite made the break from clothing conformity. I'd prefer to think of it as sheer sartorial feminism. Growing up in a world where girls are socialized to look pretty and act nice, putting on my blood-stained, mud-caked team jersey was my moment of liberation. It was probably also the closest I'll ever come to understanding gay men in drag.

Besides never having to worry about whether my attire matches my color palette, team sports also give me the opportunity to run around crashing into women. This isn't necessarily the best way to meet your prospective partner but it isn't bad. In fact, now that I'm thinking about it, every woman I've ever dated I met on a sports field.

Of course, the disadvantage of dating teammates is that inevitably your marital problems will make their way to the field. I once watched a woman taking batting practice accidentally release her bat at just the right moment that it went flying towards her soon-to-be-ex-girlfriend who was pitching. Not being prone to violence, I opted for time-sharing the softball team with my lover when we broke up (one of those brilliant ideas you come up with in therapy). I couldn't figure out which was worse—seeing her two-timing face at first base or staying home on game night.

All of which brings me to that strange but recurring phenomenon of dyke team trauma. Maybe it's the element of competitiveness which doesn't always bring out the best in people. Maybe it's our tendency towards cooperative decision making (after watching a feminist team process for almost two hours just to decide who would pitch batting practice one day, I decided that dictators have their advantages). Maybe it's the incestuous nature of the relationships involved...you start out innocently admiring your second basewoman's stance, next thing you know, you're doing the horizontal two-step. Whatever the cause, there's bound to be major team controversy to make a season complete—to give us all something to think about during the summer besides socio-political movements and such.

Jen Kohout, lawyer by day, lesbian activist by night, is looking forward to a busy summer pitching softballs and fending off mosquitoes, not necessarily in that order.

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The Amazon Trail:
Front Line Report
by Lee Lynch

Troy Bettancourt, from The Boston Alliance For Gay and Lesbian Youth, asked his audience at the 1993 March to imagine telling the pioneers at Stonewall about our accomplishments in the last twenty-four years. I, a closeted twenty-four year old at the time, could not even have dreamed my life today.

The March On Washington. Metro stations, streets, buildings packed beyond capacity with gloriously queer women and men. We were a fat river of excitement swelling the banks of the city.

Small town government meeting. Tonight a decision whether to oppose a ballot measure denying equal rights to local gays. In the crowd: a man in his thirties to a woman in her sixties: "Are you one of them? You look like a nice grandmotherly type!"

"I am a grandmother! And gays have been the most responsible and nicest people I’d want to know."

He leans closer. "Do you think two men should screw each other?"

"How can you let paid bigots tell you what to think?"

"Would you want a lesbian to do oral sex on you?"

She's calm. "If that's someone's choice it's their business."

"In the schools they're having sex with the kids."

"I worked in a rape crisis center. I know most abusers are heterosexual men."

"The homosexuals are lying to you."

National Women's Music Festival. I bump into a lesbian philosopher. A petition forbidding gay rights laws is circulating in her state. Should she actively plunge into the fray or
continue her work as a lesbian thinker and writer? Which contribution holds most value for our future? I have the same conflict.

We see, at the festival, how strong lesbian culture is, how far we've come. One night, Sawagi Taiko, a Japanese women's drum group from British Columbia, performs. Their sound is huge. Their grace spine-tingling. What a tragedy to throw down our instruments of art and pick up the weapons of politics. Where will our demonstrators, our strategists go for renewal if there is no culture to make us laugh or tingle with the greatness of us?

Home again. A man tells me, "I think homosexuality is a moral defect, but I don't hate you."

"Good," I reply. "I don't hate you for being heterosexual."

He looks a little confused and goes on. "And I wouldn't want a homosexual teaching my children. There's a moral decline in the world, opposing cultures. Some day the two sides will clash. You may be my murderer!"

Bend, Oregon. The right demands that local libraries pull from their shelves three books with positive treatments of gays, all on the American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults list.

In another Oregon city right-wingers demand that the library put on its shelves an inch-thick photocopied compilation of distortions and lies about gay people entitled, "Facts About Homosexuality." The library director courageously declines.

A copy shop distributes "Facts About Homosexuality." I confront the owner. He says, "Thank you for your comments," meaning, "Ask me if I care." A stream of us visit him. He takes the shop name off the offending volume, still distributes it.

Stonewall pioneers, this is gay life now, my daily life: the copy shop, the town government, the personal attacks, the visits to dyke culture, the powerful moments of gay celebration. We have accepted your legacy. Like you, but multiplied by millions, we are the front line. All of us.

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Sex and The Military
by Gerald L. Rosanbalm

No one enlists in a branch of the armed services to get a date! Some gays and lesbians choose to serve their country out of a sense of duty and patriotism, some wish to take advantage of the training and educational opportunities available to them, and some serve because they feel it is an excellent job. These are the same reasons straight people join the military.

Opponents of lifting of the Pentagon's ban on gay and lesbian service personnel cite belief that homosexuals would be a disruptive influence and that they want to join as a radical move against the Establishment. This belief is wrong. Gay men and lesbians who enlist do so with the understanding that they must obey the same rules as everyone else. The lifting of the ban isn't being sought to allow basic rules of conduct to be lifted. It isn't being sought to allow drag queens to parade around in high heels in the barracks or to allow faggots to start orgies in the showers. It is being sought so that individuals who have decided to play by the rules can fulfill their duties without the specter of being "found out" and so that men and women will not have to concern themselves with the issues of dishonorable discharge or criminal persecution simply because of who they are.

The military brass does not seem to care how or if straight service members have sex, so why is it so concerned about how or if homosexuals have sex? Homosexuals have been drummed out of the military for pursuing discreetly the same behaviors that straights in the military are encouraged in some cases to pursue openly. Consider the events that took place at the Navy's Tailhook convention. I am against a policy that persecutes homosexuals with the vigor of a witch-hunt for the same type of behaviors that it lets straights get away with. Witch-hunts are always about the fear of someone who is different from the hunters.

Wasn't this country founded on the idea that people of differences can not only exist peacefully but also thrive on their diversity?

General Powell's battle with President Clinton over the issue of including gay men and lesbians in the service is eerily like Gen. Omar Bradley's opposition to President Truman wanting to allow blacks into the military. It is absolutely preposterous today to even consider keeping blacks out of the military, and yet that stance once was held as right and true by a fearful majority of Americans. This veiled threat showed real sickness on the part of the whites who espoused it then, and it is just as disturbing and repugnant when it is uttered by straights today as a point of concern for the well-being of gays. We do not need the straight community to look after our well-being. What we do need is to be left alone to pursue the same opportunities as everyone else without concern for our sexual orientation.

If those who currently oppose the inclusion of gay men and lesbians in the military would see that the problems that they anticipate are merely the products of their own narrow-minded and prejudicial fear of something different from themselves,

Sex is sex is sex. It doesn't matter whether a man has it
with his buddy or his girlfriend - as long as he has it when he is off duty. No one, gay or straight, has any business having sex while he or she is on duty. Gay men and lesbians have always been in the military. The only thing they ask for now is not to be prosecuted for being who they are. They want to be judged on their capabilities and not prejudged on ideas that have nothing to do with behavior and everything to do with blind fear.

From the Advocate: “Point of View” 6/15/93

There are an estimated 2 million to 3 million of them in the United States - far fewer than the approximately 5 percent of the population represented by gay men. Activists believe that most lesbians haven't come out. But now, during the dawning of the “Gay 90's”, these women are stepping front and center. From the studios of Hollywood to the hearing rooms of the Capitol, lesbians suddenly seem to be out of the closet in and in your face. The new lesbian presence has as much to do with women power as gay power. “Sometimes I think it’s like the year of the woman squared,” says lesbian comic Kate Clinton. “It’s sort of like the year of the woman loving woman.” Newsweek, June 21, 1993.

HIP TO BE QUEER! Tuesday, June 22, 1993, the Anchorage Daily News ran an article on what is Hip in Anchorage this summer. They asked for people to call the Daily News at 257-4581 to let them know if they had left anything off their list. Please call 257-4581 and leave a message that it is “HIP TO BE QUEER!”

For Better or For Worse: Several teenagers in Long Beach commented positively on the comic strip “For Better or For Worse,” particularly the artist’s depiction of Mike’s friend Lawrence telling him he was gay. These teens felt the comic strip was a good medium for talking about homosexuality and that it was about time this information was available. They also expressed concern that some newspapers will not continue to print this comic strip now that the artist has brought into it the subject of homosexuality. June 14, 1993 from a Long Beach, California newspaper.

East Side, West Side,
All Around the World

This fall, the first of it’s kind - an International Gay & Lesbian Travel Fair will be held in five of our country’s largest cities bringing awareness of the thousands of travel alternatives for the gay and lesbian community. Communities involved in this fair are Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta and Los Angeles. 10,000,000 American Gays & Lesbians are seasoned travellers and want to spend their buying power with those who welcome them with open arms regardless of lifestyle.

For the first time in history, five international travel fairs will be held with a street fair atmosphere to promote gay and lesbian travel.

International Gay & Lesbian Travel Fair

Queer Tidbits - Summer, 1993: Liz Rosenberg, Madonna’s publicist, is in desperate need of a reality check. When queried as to why Madonna wasn’t at the March in Washington, Rosenberg shot back, “How dare someone criticize Madonna for not being at that gay march. Is there a single human being who has done more for gay pride and gay rights than Madonna?” Well, uh, yes Liz, there are, including some actual gay people.

The Power and The Pride: “Two, four, six, eight, how do you know your grandma’s straight?” the women chanted, many thousands strong, on the eve of the recent gay-and-lesbian-rights march in Washington. Lots of grandmotherly types proceeded down Connecticut Avenue that spring evening, together with bare-breasted teenagers in overalls, aging baby boomers in Birkenstocks and bald biker dykes. Advertising executives strode arm in arm with electricians, architects with politicians. It was an unabashed display of lesbian clout.

Urvashi Vaid’s “Ask and Tell:” A Comment on the Politics of Liberation
by Fred Hillman

Urvashi Vaid has written an article about gay politics in the June 29 issue of The Advocate, “Compromising Positions,” in which she condemns compromises in general and castigates Senator Barney Frank (D-Mass.) in particular for “defending a sellout on the military ban.” She asserts that compromise is always from a position of powerlessness, that it is coercive and non-consensual, and that its burden falls on the powerless. She recounts the history of powerlessness of gays in this country, for example, in the politics of funding for AIDS, in the authorization of the National Endowment of the Arts, and in the debates about the hate-crimes bill. She points out how the Christian right has consistently out-organized the gay rights movement, outspent it, and has gained wide access to power in legislative bodies at all levels from Congress down to school boards, power which gay people lack. She concludes:
“Now we win our freedom has little to do with our willingness to compromise: It has to do with our willingness to organize long-term. If we reject the proposed sellouts and force Congress to vote overtly on its covert homophobia, what will we lose?...Liberation involves the grassroots process of organizing the support from our families, neighbors, colleagues, elected officials, churches, and communities. It requires a public display of support for homosexuals. It requires the exact opposite of ‘don’t ask, don’t tell.’
What Ms. Vaid leaves unsaid in her cogent argument concerns three related issues that lie at the heart of gay liberation: religion, support of non-gay people, and the closet.

Even though any argument about gay rights ultimately comes around to the proposition “It’s immoral because the Bible condemns it,” even though Americans give lip service to freedom of religion, even though Article VI of the Constitution, as well as the First Amendment, spells out clearly the so-called “wall between church and state,” many gay people seem to regard religion as a sacred cow and are reluctant to counter in religious terms the religious opposition of the Christian right to gay rights. At the root of all its arguments, the religious right is attacking the gay liberation movement on religious grounds, and sooner or later we must counter on religious grounds. The dogma of the Christian right on this issue is vulnerable, and we can attack it, but taking care not to attack values that we hold just as dearly as they.

Gay militancy without the support of non-gay people is doomed. Gay people are a minority. We are less than a minority, since far too many of us are nonpolitical, even to the point of not voting. At present those in power can ignore us as a political force with impunity. Only when we are allied with those non-gay people who see gay rights as an issue of human rights and civil justice will we ever be able to exert political power. One of the lessons to be learned from the recent municipal election [in Anchorage where, as a result of the election, the “gay rights” bill was repealed] is that there are indeed non-gay people who do support us, with time, with money, with work and with emotional support. We are not alone. The other side of this coin, however, is the issue of “the closet”: we can have allies of families, neighbors, colleagues, employers and landlords only if we are visible and vocal.

To be in the closet or out of the closet is the dilemma that most gay people struggle with. The cruel paradox is that only if large numbers of gay people come out can the gay rights movement become potent. Because coming out can be a dangerous, sometimes almost suicidal, step for an individual to take, it is a step to be taken, until the rights are won, only after long deliberation, with much forethought, and from a position of personal strength. What is best for the community may not be what is best for an individual, and the first obligation to oneself is survival. Moreover, Michelangelo Signorile to the contrary, no person should ever make the decision for another person, even though the more visible and important one’s public role the more important can be the personal decision of the individual for the sake of the community.

Gay people still in the closet may not fully appreciate the positive aspects of coming out. They often overestimate the negative. Not everyone gets kicked out of their home. Reaction can be as mild as that of my brother-in-law, who said to me with a smile, “This is very interesting, and it explains some things about you that I never could quite understand.” More to the point, most of those who do take the step will experience a sense of freedom that is exhilarating. The metaphor that I hear again and again from men and women who have come out is, “A crushing burden has been lifted off my shoulders, and I am now free to walk tall and sing and laugh.”

Barney Frank’s compromise included the provision “don’t accuse” — don’t discriminate, don’t harass, don’t punish. The easy tolerance that this “don’t accuse” policy presupposes and the visibility that Urvashi Vaid’s militancy requires both will be possible only when a large number of non-gay people know and respect a lot of gay people personally and are willing to ally with them politically. Gays will be liberated, not only in the military but everywhere, when the struggle is seen as one of social justice rather than as one of religious evil, and when society as a whole declares discrimination against gay people as unacceptable. These desiderata will come about only when a large number of gay people come out of the closet, wherever they are, even at some personal cost, and when large numbers of lesbians and gay men become political, even militant, and decide to support their own cause.

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Where in the World?
by Bob De Loach

Travel Tips

When you call your travel agent for travel information there are several things to keep in mind. First, it’s important to set the priorities. For example, if your goal is to achieve the very lowest fare from point A to point B, tell them up front. You might then expect to travel either at odd hours or fly a circuitous route. The reason is simply that airlines offer their lowest fares on flights that have lower occupancy. It is important to understand that when a special fare is offered that there are always restrictions. Some of the common restrictions are 1) non-refundable tickets, 2) non-changeable (or a fee to change) travel dates or times, 3) travel must be on specific flights, 4) travel must take place on specific days of the week, 5) stay must include a Saturday, and 6) stay must last a minimum number of days and may not exceed a maximum. There may be other restrictions and each airline has its own. Some very low fare charter flights have terrible schedules or may require long layovers to connecting flights. Even some scheduled airline arrivals make it almost impossible to make connections without a long delay or in some cases could require an overnight just to catch the plane for the next part of your trip.

Additionally, you should let your agent know whether your priorities are price, specific departure or arrival time, airline preference (to take advantage of frequent flyer miles), dietary needs or convenience. The more information your agent has, the better job s/he can do.
Same-Sex Couples: Delta Changes Rules

Delta Airlines adopted a policy that allows same-sex partners in a dozen US cities to receive the same frequent flyer benefits as married couples. The new policy extends to gay and lesbian couples who reside in the cities that have partnership ordinances concerning spouse benefits for city workers. Berkeley, Laguna Beach, LA, San Francisco, West Hollywood, Ann Arbor, Madison (Wis.), Tacoma Park (Md.), Minneapolis, Seattle, NYC, and Ithaca, NY are the current cities with such policies.

Gay Rodeo Time

Saturday and Sunday, September 11 & 12 is the Gay Rodeo at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw, Washington. Maybe this would be a great time to take advantage of the fare war from Anchorage to Seattle which Mark Air kicked off last week. The price of $99 each way is for specific flights only and requires a 21 day advance purchase.

Tacky Tourist Clubs (real name) is offering a tour package at $20.00 per day which includes transportation from Capitol Hill, tickets to the competition, and a ticket to the big-city dance. Call to reserve your tickets by August 15th.

Women in Paradise

From September 13-19, Key West will be hosting its annual women’s festival. A week of events and activities will include pool parties, sunset sails, watersports, theatre performances, special entertainment, dancers, picnics, the “Ms Gay Key West Pageant” and an exciting street fair.

Gay Ranch Adventure

September 4-10 Advance-Damron Vacations is taking gay men and lesbians to the Sierra Mountains and the 840 acre Greenhorn Creek Ranch. Activities include horseback riding, hay wagon rides, country-western dancing and old fashion cookouts. From $759 per person: includes lodging, meals and activities. For more information on this or other gay travel contact your IGTA travel agent.

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I stand
at the kitchen sink
and my hands shave the apple.
I hold the peeler with familiarity
between my fingers
and begin with the dimple of the stem
and slide to the hip.
Each stroke exposes ivory
flesh as the salmon colored curls
peel back, away.
The juice waters my hands,
shrivels my palm
with its wetness.

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That’s how it was, and how it is. (Remembering)
by Dan Cook
Part 3: The Barn

Note: The following tale (and the subsequent episodes to be serialized here) were drawn from stories as told to Dan Cook (aka Cherresse) by Mike and Steve (the protagonists). Mike and Steve kept a chronicle of their 50 plus years together in a collection of photo albums. By showing the pictures and describing them, Mike and Steve tell what turns out to be a touching gay history.

Our Story: Both born in the year 1900, Mike and Steve met at the University of Oregon 1920 and fell in love. Mike received his degree in Veterinary Medicine and Steve in Geology and Surveying. Now, in 1925, they are celebrating their first year on their 2000 acre ranch in Oregon.

How to establish and nurture a gay relationship? There were no role models, goddess knows, and certainly no family (gay or straight) to turn to when they had their heated discussions — and they would never have one in public. They feared they might say something which sounded like a stereotype nitpicky married couple, or worse (a nitpicky stereotype gay couple?). They would resolve everything by bedtime, each one thinking he had won (the two men had better things to do at night than fight.).

Life for them (creating it as they went along) was like recipes handed down through generations: not just for cooking, but for life itself. They kept their gourmet secrets to themselves, a pinch of this, a squeeze of that. Steve and Mike’s lives were a recipe of success, very few failures. My admiration of them was as sweet as peach cobbler served after a six course meal, and they shared their stories with generous portions.

Their first winter had been mild for Eastern Oregon, their small home had stayed warm and cozy. The hot springs had come in real handy. Steve’s gravity fed water system had frozen up, but other than that everything else had gone as planned. The winter had a few surprises. Mike had been asked to serve on the county school board. To Steve’s surprise, and the delight of the local families, he accepted. It would not interfere with his practice as the county’s only vet.
Of course the minute they started planning to build a barn, Steve's boss in Salem called and wanted him to take charge of all the survey work for highway 395 north of Dale and south of Burns, a stretch of 120 miles. It would be the last link to connect 395 to Washington and California and would require 2 years to complete. In addition, all of Grant County had to be surveyed for power and telephone lines. The plan was to send a surveyor's apprentice from the University of Oregon as well as a secretary from Salem. Steve would move to larger offices next to the court house. It was April now, and the work would start in May, Mike's in August.

It was now or never for the barn. Mr. Brewer's sawmill cut all the lumber to Steve's specifications from timber from their own land which had been cut the last summer in a trade of logs for lumber. Steve drew the plans and he and Mr. Brewer consulted a masonry crew to put in the foundation. The barn would stand over 3 stories high with corner stones reinforced with railroad rails, and stone and mortar for strength. Mr. Brewster had obtained the rails in another trade. Steve, Mr. Brewer and his three sons standing in front of a huge mountain of lumber and rails at the sawmill.

Mr. Bergstrom of the local pig farm and other farmers and ranchers planned a barn raising. The president of the Grange Association was the man in charge of contacting all available men. Lucy, her neighbor and good friend, was in charge of food and entertainment. The women of the Grange planned for two days of food. Mike and Steve stopped by her place on Monday only to find her and her children engulfed in a cloud of dust. Turns out they were beating two braided rugs which had been slung over the clothesline. As the dust cleared and Mike was able to take a snapshot of them standing at attention with long wicker rug beaters over their shoulders like solders ready for battle, and the rugs as a backdrop. Lucy told them Mike and Steve what to expect, and even scolded when they offered to pay for the food. "This isn't the city... haven't you learned anything yet?" Well maybe not, but at least they had offered, and Lucy went back to her spring cleaning.

Things seemed to keep falling into place. Tuesday Steve received 20 surplus tents from WW I (1914). He planned to use them for the crews who would be working on the highway. They had been delivered to the ranch so that families could stay the weekend if they so chose.

Mike standing in front of a line of pointed square tents. The crew who had laid the foundation were long gone. Mr. Brewer had been delivering mountains of material all week long, not just beams and lumber, but barrels of nails, crates of spikes, and flats of ropes and pulleys.

Steve and Mike slept in separate beds that Friday night, their privacy would have to play second fiddle for a while. Neither one slept much and they both were up by 3 am. By 4:30 Lucy, with a lantern in her hand showed up. In her truck were trays of homemade bread, ham, and a variety of pickles. Large pots for cooking and coffee rested next to fresh made cinnamon rolls. After everything was taken in she left to return in less than an hour all cleaned up with a starched white apron, just as the sun rose over the Blue Mountains.

The Lees were next. They were Japanese — owned the boarding house and laundry in town. Mr. Morrison also arrived, a local contractor Mike and Steve had hired to supervise the work. The Lees brought wash tubs with block ice and cases of the latest craze...coca cola. Mr. Preston, the owner of the largest cattle herd in Grant County brought eight sides of beef and three large grills. Mrs. Preston and her two daughters went into the house to help Lucy.

By 8:00 am almost every car in the county had arrived, lined up like used cars on a lot. There were 150 adults plus children.

Lucy and the women planned every meal — no potluck, this. Here was a most important social event and they didn't want to spend all of the time in the kitchen. "Our work is just as important as hammering nails," Lucy said. After serving the men coffee and rolls the women got their own projects out. Some were working on a large patchwork quilt for the preacher and his wife, and another group was working on two braided rugs. They would turn their strips of old rags into braided masterpieces. One would be raffled off and the other would be sold to the co-op. Another lady helped her daughter sew her wedding dress.

The teens had their jobs as well. They played games with the children (kicking the can, tug of war, mother may I, hide and seek), and made sure that they stayed away from the construction area and the house.

A Barn raising was one of the only times the women could get together. At church they had their husbands and were expected to get right home to cook the Sunday meal.
At dance socials they were expected to stand with their husbands and greet other couples. Only single women and men stayed in groups.

While a barn raising was a social event for the women, for the men it was the chance to show off their skills and learn new ones. The men worked in crews with the younger ones being the gofers. One crew worked on the floor beams while others built frames laid out on the ground. Section by section the huge jigsaw puzzle came together. By 10am the floor was done and the first of the corners were being slid into place. Each crew worked to get their piece of the puzzle into place. By noon the outer shell was done and they placed the large center beams into place, bolting them together.

Straddling the top beam, Steve and thirty of the other men have their picture taken. The women lay out red and white checker board table clothes laden with large trays of sandwiches and bowls of apples.

No one sat down, they grabbed sandwiches and went back to work. Steve and Mike’s muscles ached, but they would not quit until everyone else did. By 4pm all three stories were floored and sided. By 5pm the massive barn doors were laid out and the barn had been swept clean and tables brought in for dinner.

All the men headed for the hot springs to bathe and enjoy a hot soak for aching muscles, most playing grab-ass and rubbing against each other. Steve and Mike were the last ones out of the springs... It was a good thing or the closet door might have flung open with all the naked flesh to view.

They returned to platters of food laid out for them. The owners of the mercantile arrived with ice cream for desert and the tables were pushed aside to make room for a country hoe down. They danced everything but the tango that night and all were at home or in the tents by 11pm with just the sound of the crickets to pierce the night air.

Sunday church started at 7am and by 9am they were back to the ranch, except those who had skipped church and had been at work for a long time. By 3pm the last shingle was in and Sunday dinner was served with all the trimmings. They had a sing-a-long that night around the fire. Steve and Mike spent that night in the barn christening it and falling asleep in each other’s arms. It had all come together in rural America, even for two gay men........

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Cherese AKA Dan Cook was Empress 1 of Eugene, OR, Empress 18 of All Alaska and very active in gay politics over a long period of time. ▼

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Homo History: 1900-1930
by Karen Carlisle

Oscar Wilde’s trial for sodomy in 1848 publicized around the world the existence of a wildly unrepentant, defiant faery queen so that no gay man need ever again think he was the only one. Though there were specific laws against male sodomy in England, of which Wilde was convicted and imprisoned, there were no sodomy laws against female sexual coupling, mostly because it was, and still is for many patriarchs, unfathomable that sex can happen without penis penetration. However, as middle-class women became more obvious in their “romantic friendships,” and as cross-dressing became more fashionable, heterosexual lawmakers became more nervous (Let it be noted that cross-dressing amongst women occurred before cross-dressing amongst men in the U.S.; it occurred because it was the only way for working-class and farm women to achieve freedom of movement and economic independence. Just as with male transvestites, many of these women were heterosexual; cross-dressing was not about sexual expression primarily, although I personally believe that any woman who had the adventurousness to do this had lesbian tendencies.).

In the British Parliament, some self-righteous wags sought to further restrict the limited freedom of women by introducing legislation against “female sodomy.” A wise MP, noting that Wilde’s trial had served to popularize homosexuality rather than deter it, warned the other parliamentarians that creating a law would bring the possibility of lesbianism to innocent female minds that had not yet thought of it. His fellow lawmakers saw the wisdom of the admonition, and the law went unpassed.

Nevertheless, in the first thirty years of the 20th century, lesbians also began to group, to know that they were not an anomaly, but that other women-loving-women existed also, and that social groups were possible.

An example of group social activity on a large scale existed in the women’s colleges where great drag balls were held with full sanction of the university officials (sometimes the inability of straight men to comprehend that women have an autonomous sexual drive unrelated to them serves us well). These women did not call themselves lesbians; they called their same-sex relationships “smashes.” Often the female deans of these colleges were themselves living in lesbian relationship, but would not call them that either. Eventually, girls with these propensities were rooted out of the universities (hal!); at any rate, officials tried to ban the behavior.

Another arena where women were segregated together, and thus formed lesbian relationships were women’s prisons. As described in Jonathan Katz’s Gay American History, these relationships were very role-defined with one of the women behaving like a heterosexual man and the other as a traditional heterosexual working-class woman of the era. This is the documentation of straights observing the behavior of lesbians in couples, and grouped, albeit unwillingly. Much heterosexual stereotyping of lesbians comes from the observations of a white, middle-class researcher, (NEED NAME), who spent time in the early nineteen hundreds watching the behavior of prison lesbians. Her conclusions are discomforting, and racist.
For whatever reason, the lesbian couples were almost exclusively interracial couples, white and black, and the black woman assumed the butch role in every instance. However, both the white and black women initiated the relationships, and they were voluntary, unlike heterosexual relationships in men's prisons which held a dominance/power dynamic (in some rare instances, trustees in the women's prisons coerced or bribed women into being partnered—a kind of voyeurism or a blatant display of power?). The researcher's conclusions were that white women could do sexual relationships with the black women because they were other, like men are other, and therefore, did not seem like women at all and so they could convince themselves that they were not really doing lesbian sex at all. Theoretically then, a white woman would not have assumed a butch role, because she really wanted a man. And, as is also true of incarcerated men, many of the prison lesbians returned to straight life once released; but others remained lesbians after discovering their orientation in prison.

As Oscar Wilde's trial for sodomy helped gay men to seek and find each other and form social groups, so did the trial of Radcliff Hall's *Wells of Loneliness* (1928) for obscenity telegraph to all isolated lesbians, all women titillated by the idea of sexuality between women, all women who had never even thought of it, that it was possible.

In the 1920's in Paris, sexual radicals, including out-lesbians and gay men paraded the streets in full drag at specific times of day to admire each other; in England, the Bloomsbury group were quite open with their sexuality, at least with each other, and in Germany, the initial homophile groups were active for men. But in the United States, the only place that welcomed lesbians, gay men and bisexuals was Harlem during the incredible literary and musical flowering called the Harlem Renaissance.

In Harlem, there was a great acceptance of bisexuality, particularly in the entertainment industry. Many of the great musicians of that time were bisexual, such as Bessie Smith, Mabel Hampton, Porter Granger and Hall Johnson, and dancers such as Josephine Baker. The African-American acceptance of sexuality, including homosexuality was apparent in the blues music that so many wealthy whites traveled to Harlem to hear. Bessie Smith moaned, "There's two things got me puzzled, there's two things I don't understand That's a manly-acting woman and a lisp, swishing womanish-acting man." In "Sissy Blues," Ma Rainey complained of her husband's infidelity with a homosexual man called "Miss Kate." Lucille Logan, in her "B.D. Women Blues," warned that B.D. (bulldagger) women sure is rough they drink up many a whiskey, and they sure can strut their stuff. In "Sissy Man Blues," a number of male blues singers over the years sang, "If you can't bring me a woman, bring me a sissy man." While the local African-American population ridiculed bisexual and homosexual behavior, they tolerated it, perhaps because that acceptance was the source of much revenue from the whites playing sexual and artistic tourists.

Entreprising Harlem entrepreneurs capitalized on this influx of white bi-and homosexuals, as well as voyeuristic straight by creating new businesses called "buffet flats." These were private apartments where sexual pleasures cafeteria-style, complete with food and music, were offered. Everyone from

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searching out and reading are Thurman’s “Infants of Spring,” and Blair Niles’ “Strange Brother.” These novels, and others, chronicle the gay life of the buffet flats, the speakeasies and the drag balls.

The Harlem Renaissance essentially disappeared with the 1929 stock market crash as its wealthy white patrons disappeared, but the literary and musical legacy lives still, as well as much documented lesbian and gay history. Sadly, the tolerance and acceptance of sexual variance no longer exists in the African-American Harlem community, but at the time, Harlem was an oasis of tolerance to white gay, lesbian and bisexual whites who found acceptance as outcasts among other people who were outcast because of color, not sexual orientation. This identification and feeling of kinship may have been the beginning of “the homosexual as a minority” consciousness.

A final interesting saga of homo history in the first three decades of this century relates to the U. S. Navy—always in the forefront of homosexual persecution. Much of what is known to, or believed by, the straight world about the gay culture of homosexual men stems from a naval investigation at the Newport Training Station in 1919-1920, and the resulting 3500 pages of documentation the investigation generated. Much of current language identifying queers was discovered during this investigation. The officers at the Training Station sent decoys out into the community to investigate “immoral conditions.” The decoys had sex with the perverts(Gee, what a terrible job!) and learned everything there was to know about homosexual life in Newport.

What they found out is that there was a homosexual culture, complete with a psychoology, a language, customary
behaviors, a place and even a common economy all financed by the U.S. military. You may say “So what? We already know that.” The point is, straights didn’t know it then, and possibly the navy men involved in this culture thought this life was peculiar to the navy or to the life of the area and certainly didn’t call it culture.

The most interesting piece of information about this investigation to me was that both straight (the navy invented this word in response to this investigation) and gay men had sex with each other, they were only called those men queer who assumed the sexual and cultural roles prescribed to women; thus, there was no stigma, or punishment for the gay or straight men who were not the receiver of the penis orally or anally; only the men who were bottoms were queers and therefore deserving of stigmatization and punishment. So, straight chroniclers took their cue from the gay men themselves, and to this day, effeminate men and drag queens are the scapegoats of our culture (and masculine dykes) even though drag shows were widely popular in the navy and performed on bases all over the world.

George Chauncey Jr., who studied these documents and reports about homosexual organization based on its findings states that, because these men were working-class and middle-class men, that they had not likely had access to literature regarding the academic invention of the homosexual coming from the medical profession in 19th century Europe; therefore, homosexuality as an identity and not just a behavior already existed and as organized group behavior to boot. Resources for this essay were Gay American History by Jonathan Katz, and Hidden from History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past, edited by Martin Bauml Duberman, Martha Vicinus and George Chauncey, Jr. Coming in August: A Taste (pun intended) of U.S. Gay History of the 40’s and 50’s.

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Gays & The Millinery
A My Comrade Editorial

Over the past several years there has been a small, but alarming infiltration of heterosexuals into the millinery. Once hat-making was an industry almost exclusively run by homosexuals, but today an increasing number of straights design and produce our country’s headgear.

My Comrade Magazine strongly believes that allowing any more heterosexuals to make hats would be extremely disruptive and would set a dangerous precedent.

My Comrade has nothing against heterosexuality per se, and straights already in the industry should be tolerated. However, allowing any more heterosexuals to work side-by-side with gays would inevitably lead to confrontation and disruption. As we all know, gays are unable to control their lust for straights, and in the close confines of design rooms and assembly lines the sexual tension for gays would be unbearable. We shudder to think what the situation would be like when gays and straights hit the shower together after a sweaty day of making hats.

Straights must accept this reality, and understand that their presence would only undermine our country’s entire hat-making industry. For years in an all-gay environment, homosexuals have produced functional, attractive, comfortable hats. If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.

What next if the millinery becomes “mixed”? Allowing large numbers of Heterosexuals in the mid-1970’s to become hairdressers led to a serious decline of standards in that industry. Do we really want to see the same thing happen to the flower-arranging or window-dressing industries?

Perhaps straights could be given their own separate hat-making workrooms, but first lengthy studies and Senate hearings are needed to determine the validity of this idea. In the meanwhile the message is clear: KEEP THE HAT INDUSTRY GAY — NO TO STRAIGHTS IN THE MILLINERY!

Your Health Under Siege
by Mary Minor, N.D.

On May 6, 1992, agents of the Food and Drug Administration raided the medical office of Jonathan Wright, M.D. in Kent, Washington. They broke down the door with guns drawn, dressed in flack jackets. Apparently, they anticipated the staff was going to come after them with loaded hypodermic needles and they were not taking any chances. Their warrant allowed them to seize an injectable B complex
vitamin, all drugs labeled in a foreign language, an allergy testing machine made in England, called Interco, and an adrenal drug. They left the office 12 hours later with all of Dr. Wright's patient files, computer hard drives, accounts receivable, personal effects and Rolodex — essentially anything that wasn’t nailed down. So why the Gestapo tactics? What would warrant taking confidential files out of a doctor's office for examination by federal agents? Obviously, this raid was intended to have a chilling effect on health care providers who practice outside of mainstream medicine.

A brief history of the FDA and the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 (NLEA) will help set the stage for why our freedom to choose alternative health care is now being threatened.

The legislation establishing the Food and Drug Administration was enacted in 1938 after publication of Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* caused public uproar over unsanitary conditions in the meat packing industry. Those of us who read this book in Junior High School know well what the mandate of the agency was at that time. It was intended to be a watchdog organization to protect the public from contaminated foods, drugs and cosmetics.

In 1961, Thalidomide, marketed in Europe as a popular sleeping pill, was found to cause severe birth defects in babies whose mothers took the drug during pregnancy. In the United States, Thalidomide had never been approved by the FDA and so was never available here. Since that time, Thalidomide has done for the FDA what Hitler did for war — given it a good name. Should anyone ever question the need for the aggressively measures or the whimsical standards of the FDA, the specter of Thalidomide babies will undoubtedly justify any decisions, no matter how draconian, made by those in the agency “who know better”.

The last time the FDA attempted to limit access to nutritional therapies was in the mid-seventies. This led to the enactment of the Proxmire Bill of 1976 which barred the FDA from prohibiting the sale of any vitamins because of the dosage of the vitamin. They have been trying to find a way to circumvent this law ever since.

Dr. Wright, who studied at Harvard and earned a Medical degree from the University of Michigan, has been one of the most outspoken critics of mainstream medicine and of the FDA. He is highly regarded by alternative medical practitioners and, as so often happens to leaders in any crusade, became a target.

This was not the first time Dr. Wright has been visited by the FDA. In 1989, a strange outbreak of Eosinophilia Myalgia Syndrome (EMS) caused 27 deaths in the U.S. The victims were all users of an amino acid called tryptophane. Everyone who came down with EMS had used tryptophane that had come from a particular batch of a particular company based in Japan. Obviously, this was the result of contamination. However, the FDA used this opportunity to recall all tryptophane from the shelves all over the U.S. They also confiscated it from doctor's offices. One particular physician in Kent, Washington sued the FDA to return his tryptophane or compensate him for his losses if they could not show just cause to remove all tryptophane from the market. It is an unlikely coincidence that his office was the first to be raided.

The battle lines were clearly drawn by this time. In 1990, Congress established the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act. This started out as a rather innocuous bill that would have food labels establish standards for claims such as “low fat”, “low sodium” or “high fiber”. We who are nutrition conscious welcomed such clarification. However, David Kessler, the new head of the FDA saw his opportunity and seized it.

In February, 1991, Dr. Kessler proposed regulations pursuant to NLEA 1990 that would give massive new powers to the FDA. At that time, Senator Henry Waxman and Representative John Dingell proposed regulations to give “teeth” to the FDA. For example, they could now fine vitamin companies up to $5 million dollars for violations without ever going through the court system. FTC regulations would make it impossible to advertise or make claims for herbs and foods that had not been approved by the FDA.

This is the same FDA that has not approved the use of iron supplements for iron deficiency anemia, B-12 for pernicious anemia or calcium for prevention of osteoporosis — not exactly wild-eyed claims. Not only were companies prevented from making these claims to the general public, they were also prohibited from dispensing information from scientific journals to licensed health care professionals. Can you imagine what would happen if pharmaceutical companies were prohibited from dispensing information from clinical trials to doctors prescribing their medications? Not only would research funding dry up but those who dispense pharmaceuticals would be prevented from obtaining information on what the most efficacious applications may be. How can this be seen as protecting the public?

Fortunately, the raid on Dr. Wright's office has served as a wake-up call to the public at large. In October of 1992, we
won a reprieve. The NLEA regulations that were due to be
enforced in May, 1993, were postponed until this December
to allow the Congress time to investigate these new regulat-
ions. It should be noted the FDA raided Dr. Wright’s office
before they had these new draconian regulations. What
would they do with their new “teeth”?

Those of us who use botanical medicines, nutritional
supplements and other “drugless therapies” can tell you how
difficult it has been when formulations we have used safely
for years are now unavailable to us because the FDA has
decided they don’t like the label on the bottle. This has
happened over and over.

Currently, the Health Freedom Act of 1992, as proposed
by Senator Orrin Hatch, would protect consumers, manufac-
turers and health care providers from further regulation by
the FDA and the FTC. This legislation has been co-
sponsored by Alaska’s own Senator Murkowski. While
many of us may not agree with some of the stands our
politicians have made in the past, I believe it is important to
let them know we appreciate their work when they protect
our rights to access to “unproven therapies”. I encourage
you to drop them a line to let them know you support the
Health Freedom Act.

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Clinton Appoints AIDS Coordinator

President Clinton’s AIDS policy coordinator steps into a
job others have turned down, trying to focus the federal
response to the epidemic. Kristine Gebbie’s success will
depend on how much the president listens to her.

“We will ensure that one person in the White House
oversees and unifies government-wide AIDS efforts,”
Clinton said. “She has my full support in coordinating

policy among all the various executive branch departments.”

“Whether she can be effective or not is completely
dependent on how much authority the president will vest in
this, how much the coordinator will have the ear of the
president,” Dr. David E. Rogers, vice chairman of the
National Commission on AIDS said in an interview.

“It’s doable if the president really means business on it,”
Rogers said.

Virtually every department of the government has some piece
of the AIDS issue, and getting the bureaucracies to work
together is no small task. On top of that, research scientists
often compete with each other to make discoveries.

Meanwhile thousands of people are dying from the disease,
and they want a cure found fast.

As of March 31, AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency
syndrome, had been diagnosed in 289,320 Americans, of
whom just over 63 percent, or 182,275, have died since June
1, 1981, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said the size of Gebbie’s
White House ceremony, which included leaders from
Congress, researchers, AIDS activists and Health and Human
Services Secretary Donna Shalala, was a sign of how serious
Clinton is.

Gebbie is a former nursing professor who served as the
Washington state secretary of health from 1989 until leaving
the post this spring. Before that, she was administrator of
the Oregon Health Division for 11 years. She served on
a presidential commission on AIDS during the Reagan admin-
istration and has been on other federal advisory panels on the
issue.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David
Kessler, whose agency is among those that will have to work
with Gebbie, said he was pleased with the appointment and
hoped it would help break loose additional research efforts.

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Radical: Ruth Bader Ginsburg

For people who still mean the word “feminist” as an
insult, Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg is going
to require a little attitude adjustment.

First, she does not fit the stereotype. No wild-eyed
protestor, Judge Ginsberg is diligent and hardworking. She’s
considered a judicial moderate on the Washington, D. C.,
federal appeals court, where she’s served since 1980.

The cases she argued — and won — before the Supreme
Court in her days as head of the American Civil Liberties
Union’s women’s rights project are unsettling to those who
think women are vying for some undeserved, special treat-
ment. She established sex discrimination as a recognizable
wrong in part by zeroing in on cases where men were
discriminated against.

But make no mistake, Judge Ginsberg is a radical in the
truest meaning of the word: Of or from the root or roots;
going to the foundation or source of something; fundamental;
basic.

During her freshman year at Harvard Law School, the dean
asked her and the handful of other women in her class why
they thought they had the right to take a law school seat away
from a man who had a family to support. When she tied for
first place upon graduating from Columbia University
Law School, the only job offer she got was being a legal
secretary.
She persevered, working her way up to become Columbia’s first tenured female law professor and one of the first women appointed to a federal appeals court.

When Judge Ginsberg was nominated by President Clinton to join the Supreme Court, she thanked her husband and her children for their support, and her late mother for her inspiration.

“I pray that I may be all she would have been had she lived in an age when women could aspire and achieve and daughters were cherished as much as sons,” she said.

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Pope, Catholic Bishops Finally Move on Pedophile Priests
By Mike McManus

Pope John Paul II and America’s National Conference of Catholic Bishops have finally begun to face the mounting scandal and tragedy of child sexual abuse by priests. But victim groups are unimpressed.

In his first public comment, the pope told American bishops, “I am deeply pained” that “the words of Christ can be applied to some ministers of the altar.”

He quotes Matthew 18:15, that for a person who harms “the little ones . . . it would be better to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

Further, he indicated that a joint committee from the Vatican and the American bishops would consider changes in church (cannon) law to make it easier to remove child molestors from the priesthood.

Last week in New Orleans, U.S. bishops named their own Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse with Bismark Bishop John Kinney as chairman. He said it would explore how the bishops can stand beside victims and their families.

It also would seek ways to rehabilitate abuser priests, strengthen screening of candidates for the priesthood, better assess the risks of any future jobs of priest-perpetrators, and lift other priests’ drooping morale.

The bishops have a painful reason for concern. A conservative estimate is that the church has paid $400 million to victims of priests.

The bishops also released the recommendations of a “Think Tank on Child Sexual Abuse” which met last February.

This group of experts, most of whom have treated pedophile priests or are on bishops’ staffs, noted that the “hierarchy’s authority and credibility is eroding because of a perceived inability” to deal with child sexual abuse.

“We urge the bishops to respond to this tragedy decisively, pastorally and immediately,” the Think Tank said. “They need not wait for future documents or additional findings.”

Of course, that’s exactly what happened by naming a committee. The Think Tank made clear recommendations:
- “The first concern of the church’s leadership . . . should be the welfare of the victims. Concrete and direct offers” of aid should include financial help for counseling. When a case of “child sexual abuse has been substantiated, church authorities should seek out other victims.”
- “Diocesan review boards composed mainly of local lay leaders should ‘ oversee the response of diocesan officials to each allegation of clergy sexual misconduct.”

Chicago and only a few other dioceses have taken such a step, resulting in dozens of priests removed from service.

- “Priests . . . who have offended against children should never return to any ministry that includes minors,” though they might serve in other assignments, such as a hospital or prison chaplain.

Church leaders and victims should “Disavow any retaliatory behavior toward each other.” Bishops “should collaborate with support groups for victims.”

Sadly, there is little evidence of such collaboration. Of the 31 attendees at the “Think Tank” only one was a victim. The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP), representing 1,000 victims, tried to attend, but was kept out.

SNAP’s director, David Clohessy, charges, “The bishops’ rhetoric and actions do not match. It is ludicrous to study a problem while attacking its victims. In Poughkeepsie, a 16-year-old boy was plied with alcohol and molested.

“The church’s legal reaction is that the boy ‘willingly consented’ to sex — a classic case of blaming the victim.

“In Philadelphia, when Ed Norris sued the archdiocese, a counter suit was filled by the church which alleges Ed’s parents ‘failed to supervise’ the plaintiff, and failed to ‘discover that defendant Father Terrence Pinkowski allegedly was a child sexual abuser.’”

This is nonsense. How is a parent supposed to know that a priest is a child molester?

Even in the pope’s statement is an air of unreality. Much of it blames the mass media’s “search for sensationalism” which he said is “dangerous for morality.” If the press had not reported the scandals there would be no pressure for reform.

Furthermore, it is certain that the issue of celibacy will not be addressed by the pope’s committee or by U.S. bishops.

“The deeper crisis is systemic,” says Jason Berry, author of a major expose of pedophile priests, “Lead Us Not Into Temptation.”

“What kind of a system attracts men who are unable to
remove other men who abuse children, or who violate moral
teaching of the church time and time again.”

“Optional celibacy is the only way to rejuvenate the
clerical culture. Celibacy is not even on the agenda.”

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Gays in the Military,
Historically Speaking
by John Paul Hudson

Editor’s note: This article concludes the retrospective and
analysis of homosexuality and the military.

After the transvestite and purportedly lesbian Christina (b.
1626) ruled in Sweden, the most notable homosexual
Scandinavian warrior-king was Charles XII (1682-1718).
The best known of the lovers of this conqueror of the Baltic
principalities and invader of Poland, Germany and Russia,
and great foe of Peter and Menshikov, were the Swede Axel
Wachsmuth, Prince Maximilian of Wurttemburg, and
Generals Rehnskold and Stenbock.

Count Claude de Bonneval was arrested by the French
minister of war in the early seventeenth hundreds, but due to
insolence, certainly not to sexual misconduct. Thus he went
on to find favor with his former enemy Eugen of Savoy, and
joined the Austrians. Again quarreling with superiors, he
deserted Christian forces to join up with the Turks, and
became a Mohammedan. His homosexuality was clearly
implied in his memoirs and was later openly referred to in
the memoirs of the French ambassador.

After Alexander and Caesar, arguably the most celebrated
and surely one of the most successful of homosexual military
men in recorded history was Frederick II, also dubbed The
Great (1712-1786), of Prussia. Nemesis of the Holy Roman
Empress Maria Theresa of Austria and of Tsarina Elizabetha
of Russia, he was to become later the very form and fashion of
the

eighteenth century “enlightened despot.” “Old Fritz” of the
House of Hohenzollern established at San Souci near
Berlin a brilliant court absent of women. He had perhaps
never gotten over being forced as an adolescent to watch the
beheading of his beloved, Lieutenant Katte, on the order of
Frederick’s martinet father, Frederick William I, after the
two youths had been caught fleeing to England.

Though an outstanding builder, philosopher, historian and
flutist, it was as a military genius that Frederick remains
most famous — with even Napoleon having studied his
campaign strategies. Voltaire attested to the homosexuality
of the warrior-king, as did Frederick himself, in writing.
Among his known lovers were several who also wore
Prussian uniform, Baron Frederick Trenck, Count
Keyserlingk and Count Gorz, and an Italian named Barbarini.

Frederick’s younger brother Prince Henry, also a Prussian
general, was also homosexual, and much more egregiously so
than Old Fritz. In a scandalous work published on the eve of
the French Revolution, “The Secret Court of Berlin,” a
French envoy named Mirabeau, destined to become a leading
figure in the
French Revolution, wrote of Henry: “A servant of Prince
Henry’s, apt in serving his master’s passion for pederasty,
became his favorite at first and was then made canon of
Magdeburg where the prince was bishop... The aristocracy
of the army knows with Prince Henry the Ganymedes have
always made and shall always make the decisions.” (In
Greek mythology, Ganymede was a beautiful youth beloved
of Zeus.)

Despite a scandal over Henry’s affair with a 17-
year-old which caused Frederick to censure his brother, the
king entrusted Henry to be deputy-commander in the War of
the Bavarian Succession. Of particular irony amidst the flap
over President Clinton’s determination to lift the ban on
the service of homosexual persons of both sexes in the American
armed forces is that the Prussian prince was proposed by the
likes of Alexander Hamilton, James Monroe and Rufus King
as first ruler of a to-be-established American monarchy.

During the 1780s, after many influential Americans
became disgusted with the weakness of the central govern-
ment under the Articles of the Confederation, much consider-
ation was given to the possibility of setting up a constitu-
tional monarchy on these shores, and Henry emerged as
principal candidate. He was considered to be a charming,
cultured and liberal-minded soldier who would make a
suitable American king after George
Washington indignantly declined the honor.

A German supporter of the American Revolution, Baron
von Steuben, wrote to Prince Henry to inform him of the
enthusiasm over his candidacy on the part of the prominent
Americans named, as well as support of the nearest thing to

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the new country’s chief executive, Nathaniel Gorham, president of the new Continental Congress.

Possibly preoccupied with his Ganymedes, the Russian soldier-prince delayed response to the letters, and when he did reply, refused to commit himself until assured of grassroots American sentiments in his favor. By then the Mirabeau smear may have become known in ruling circles in America. A special historical reference to this affair is contained in Richard Krauel’s “Prince Henry and the Regency of the United States,” of the “American Historical Review” of October, 1911.

By the late eighteenth century far fewer names appear on compilations of homosexual military giants than in the days of the Hellenes and Romans, when homosexuality was far less frowned upon socially and politically, if at all, and when there were fewer religious proscriptions. In the Far East, though, there is that of the Maharajah of Mysore, Tipoo Sahib, allied with the French, who in the 1770’s became a feared military adversary of the British occupiers. Tipoo’s homosexual pattern was the rape of the captured sons of the enemy English.

In the early nineteenth century one of the great Russian generals of his time, Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov, foe of Napoleon, and finally Marshal of Russia, invaded Germany to drive out the remaining French. While preparing a further campaign against the French, in March of 1813 Kutuzov suddenly died, felled by a heart attack said to have resulted from homosexual exertions with a Russian foot soldier. According to a more picturesque version, the heart attack occurred actually in the midst of intercourse.

Two homosexual French generals, graduates of the St. Cyr military academy, turn up in the annals of the late nineteenth century, Nicholas Anne Theodule Changarnier, and his friend Christophe Leon Louis Juchault de Lamoriciere. Lamoriciere’s homosexuality was self-confessed in print and included reference to that of Changarnier.

The English general Horatio Herbert, Lord Kitchener, became hero at Khartoum as commander-in-chief of Britain’s Egyptian army in the 1890s; in the early twentieth century became commander-in-chief in the Boer War; and finally in India attained the rank of field marshal. Before his drowning at sea on a military mission in 1916, Kitchener had become Britain’s war secretary. Throughout his spectacular career Kitchener enjoyed a reputation as a woman-hater and was alleged to have been actively homosexual, conspicuously in a long relationship with his military secretary.

An eminent military figure who fell into disgrace while wearing the uniform of the country he had served with distinction in Africa was Scottish General Sir Hector Archibald MacDonald — nicknamed “Fighting Mac.” In 1902 while in command of British forces in Ceylon, and although having been known as actively homosexual among his intimates in the service, his relations with cinghalese youths brought about his downfall. Because of an affair with one in particular, charges were brought against him by a member of the legislative council. On his way to London to face charges, he shot himself in a hotel room in Paris.

So great was Fighting Mac’s popularity that a brief wave of sympathy of the plight of the homosexual male swept the British Isles, with some journals referring to him as the victim of unnecessary official scrutiny into “personal affairs.”

Another disgrace on the olympian heights of European military success came with the exposure of Colonel Alfred Redl, staff officer of the Austro-Hungarian imperial and royal armies, in the Spring of 1913. In a byzantine sequence of events that involved charges of espionage and counter-espionage, Redl committed suicide in a hotel room in Vienna, a move advertised at first by authorities to have been the result of a nervous breakdown.

Goaded by aggressive investigative reporting, the semi-official “Military Review” finally conceded: “The existence of Colonel Redl was ended by suicide (and he) committed this act as he was about to be accused of the following severe misdeeds: 1) Homosexual affairs which brought him into financial difficulties; 2) Sale of secret information to agents of a foreign power.”

The Redl affair may have contributed as much as any other single event to the growing paranoia in the twentieth century over the vulnerability and susceptibility to blackmail by enemy agents on the part of a homosexual soldier, diplomat or other public servant. It became the classic example to prove that homosexual persons are security risks. However, as Garde posited in “Jonathan to Gide,” had the ultraroyalistic Hapsburg throne and system persisted, the Redl case would doubtless have been used to prove that low-born types could not be trusted in such elite posts as general staff officer, traditionally reserved for those of reliable noble background.

Though homosexual activity among soldiers, great and ordinary, was a way of life among the ancients, in the twentieth century it has increasingly become stigmatized. Even as flamboyant a homosexual soldier as T.E. Lawrence, “Lawrence of Arabia” — given his self-chronicled intense relationship with the Arab boy Dahoum — was defended by the likes of his admirer, Lowell Thomas who said Lawrence had been libelled. The controversy over whether Lawrence “was or was not” continued after his retirement from uniform, but the record is overwhelming: his confessed intimacy with Dahoum, his dedication of the Seven Pillars to him, and Lawrence’s sympathetic account of the biography of a pair of young Arab lovers all point to Lawrence’s homoeroticism.
As for the allegations that Secretary of the Navy Forrestal was homosexual, and actively so, in the mid-twentieth century United States, even whispers about such a revered war-time commander have been discouraged. Probably only J. Edgar Hoover, who had the sexual-preference lowdown on everyone in high places, could testify yea or nay.

Whether or not verification will ever be made of the true incidence of homosexuality in key positions in today’s armed forces should the Clinton ban become effective is anyone’s guess. More than likely, servicemen and women, fearful of isolation, hostility and violent aggrandizement against them, will remain closeted in large numbers. Not wishing to draw attention to themselves, they will continue doing their duty unidentified as gay, rendering somewhat immaterial the arguments of chiefs of staff and elected officials that their presence will demoralize heterosexual soldiers, sailors, marines and air force personnel and discourage enlistment.

John Paul Hudson, who was at Stonewall, has been called a “pioneer writer for the Gay Press” in such publications as The Gay Book of Days, thanks to his involvement as New York correspondent and feature columnist for the original Advocate and as a staff columnist for Gay, America’s first gay weekly. He has written numerous novels and columns for the Gay Press. His Superstar Murder? brought him to national prominence. He recently completed the first draft of a book related to AIDS and the metaphysics of gayness, called The Lost Commandment.

Drag Queens in the Vanguard: The Gay Connection

Glory Be, America has “discovered” drag and it’s great. But in all the hullabaloo something seems to have been strangely, purposely neglected - The Gay Connection.

MTV loved RuPaul’s “Supermodel.” A pretty queen singing about models is dandy - it’s just when they start kissing each other like in Madonna’s “Justify My Love” that MTV starts banning them from the airwaves.

The media heralds the new, appealing DQ’s as “non-threatening”, beautiful to look at, but basically non-sexual.

Drag queens it seems are finally reaping the benefits of pop culture, but in the process they’re being cleansed of their homosexuality and neutered for mass consumption.

Once again the innovations of gay people are in danger of being co-opted and their origins forgotten.

And no, that doesn’t mean that every queen in the spotlight has to make it a constant, heavy-handed issue that they’re gay, but in these times a closeted drag queen is old-fashioned and irrelevant. While drag is silly and camp it is also tied in with the harsh realities of oppression that all gay people face, and hopefully the new drag stars will use their celebrity to highlight (ala Liz Taylor) social causes and issues, and inspire and educate their audience.

Instead of waxing in energy as mass acceptance increases, drag has continued to be enlivened by infusions of new energy and talent. What we’re seeing today is just the tip of the drag iceberg. The drag revolution has begun.

But if drag queens in their quest for power and fame leave their gay brothers and sisters behind, left on their own to fight discrimination and violence, it will be a hollow victory indeed.

Drag queens have always been the prophets and the vanguard of the gay movement and today their status is greater than ever, and so are their options. If they choose to, drag queens can transport us all to higher ground. And they can remind the world that drag is about breaking down sexual barriers, rejecting conventional roles, subverting “traditional values”, and that drag in all its loveliness is about, goddamnit, being gay!

My Comrade, Summer, 1993

Family
by Shirley Harris

A long time ago, when I was a very small child, I lived with my parents and siblings as a family unit in London, England. It was a tolerant family because we were all individualistic and opinionated. We had a sense of loving and belonging to each other — a cohesiveness. As this family, we also had a place in the larger Orthodox Jewish Community.

Then World War II came along and my parents were killed in a bombing raid. This incident shattered our small family unit, and also destroyed to a large extent the larger Jewish family to which we belonged.

I was devastated! I didn’t really understand what the war was all about, but I was suddenly confronted with the awful truth that not everyone in the world was Jewish, and that some people in the world wanted to kill all the Jews!

I was suddenly alone and didn’t seem to belong anywhere any more. So I began growing up with this great void in my life. After many years I came to understand that I needed that sense of family in my life again if I was ever going to be happy.

During my first marriage, I sought this feeling of family in the religion of my birth. I kept a Kosher home, attended the synagogue regularly and was active in all the organizations that Jewish communities support. I was a Jewish “mench”!

It didn’t work. I was unable to deal with the hypocrisy I encountered. So many of the people I met equated everything to how much money one had. I was looking for deeper values — ones that would give me back that same cohesiveness of my family. However, if I wasn’t a practicing Jew, what was I? Where did I belong?

After my divorce, I began to explore other religious and philosophical groups searching for a sense of belonging. I found a lot of intellectual stimulation, but I was still missing that value or ideal I could really feel strongly about.
I wanted to share in the love that comes from being part of a caring group of people with a united goal.

I knew it would not be easy to find. This kind of sharing would take a lot of trust of other people on my part and enough comfort with myself to allow an open expression of feelings. It also meant being able to give and receive hugs!!

About nine months ago, I was asked to join the Board of Directors of Identity. I was happy to accept. I felt that my experiences with my job and other activities would provide something of value that would be a contribution to the “community.” I also felt a kinship with Identity members because of the discrimination and hate to which we had both been subjected.

During these past nine months I have come to know many of you who devote endless hours of your lives working in and for the Lesbian and Gay community. I’ve watched and listened to you interact with each other. Your camaraderie and blatant honesty about the things that matter to you most are very evident. You really care about each other and your community. You are a family. And you are becoming my family too!

Shirley Harris is a straight but not narrow ally who is involved in the struggle for lesbian, gay and civil rights.

Fairbanks Art Show to Include Homoerotic Art

Site 250, a gallery which recently opened in downtown Fairbanks, seeks artwork that deals with the human figure, including homoerotic imagery and work that explores the meanings and issues surrounding the body in broader social contexts. A show is scheduled for early September. Artists working in this vein and collectors interested in seeing are urged to contact Lisa Favero at the gallery in Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman, Suite 2A, Fairbanks, AK 99701. 907-452-6169.

Highlights & Lowlights: Some News in Review

AMA leaders debate homosexual rights. American Medical Association leaders debated whether their bylaws should ban discrimination against homosexuals, a proposal the organization has previously rejected.

In 1990, the group’s delegates adopted a general statement saying members would be judged only on character, ethics and professional activities. But they refused to add “sexual orientation” to the list of traits the AMA names in its existing non-discrimination bylaw.

“The board feels it is essential, publicity-wise and every-otherwise, to include the term ‘sexual orientation’ among all the others - sex, race, color, creed,” said Dr. John L. Clove, outgoing AMA president. “If you do not, it will return next year, and next year, and next year.”

About three dozen people testified, many of them homosexual doctors, and comments overall ran about 4-to-1 for adding “sexual orientation” to the non-discrimination code.

Dr. John D. Watson, the delegate from the American College of Nuclear Medicine, disagreed, saying less than 3 percent of the population is homosexual and should not be singled out for protection.

Dr. Stanley J. Lucas of Cincinnati said the addition of “sexual orientation” to the bylaws might open the door to other demands, such as an endorsement of family insurance coverage for partners of homosexuals. (Editor’s Note: quel hoorie!)

Dr. Wesley Cook said the issue has great symbolic importance. “It (AMA policy) carries messages all across America. That’s why we have press here,” said Cook, president of the 100-member Gay and Lesbian Physicians of Chicago.

“We take a position on domestic violence, and CBS does a special on it. That is the importance of it. We are the health-care leaders.”

Anchorage Daily News, 6/15/93

Anti-gay appointee creates furor: This week’s two-day conclave of the Alaska State Council on the Arts received a jolt of tension last week with the appointment of Deborah A. Luper as it’s newest member. Ms. Luper is an openly anti-gay evangelical Christian, whose views led to her rejection last year by the city’s Equal Rights Commission. Gov. Wally Hickel appointed Luper to fill the seat on the council vacated by conservative member Michael Buckland.

To the surprise of no one, the appointment sent a shiver through the arts community, especially its gay and lesbian representatives. Ken Freedman, co-editor and co-publisher of NorthView, a gay and lesbian news journal, said Luper’s appointment sends a clear signal to the community. “It says that homophobia is in vogue in Anchorage,” Freedman said.

“Not that that’s news. But to appoint someone so openly homophobic says that we don’t celebrate diversity. With this appointment, no one can be uncertain about what it means. It’s simply more of the same, (with) Hickel taking the short view. The irony is that Luper is a Native woman who could be a voice for minorities and the disenfranchised. If she really believes that she’s not joining the ranks of the oppressors, (then) she is blind to her own culture,” he said.

Informed that some members of the arts community believe her views will adversely affect her judgment on arts-related matters, Luper replied: “I disagree with them, and you can quote me.”

Luper made national headlines in 1992 when she was photographed holding a sign at the Republican National Convention. The sign read: “Family Rights Forever. Gay Rights Never!”

Kristie Leaf, director of State boards and commissions, said Luper’s publicly stated views on homosexual rights “were not considered relevant to the work of the council.”

(Editor’s Note: we’re so relieved!)

Jay Brause, managing director of Out North Theatre Company, called the appointment “a step backward” for the arts. He said Luper might be the first “stealth candidate” from the fundamentalist right to be positioned on the state arts council, and he fears that her agenda will reflect the hostility of the religious right toward homosexuals.

Anchorage Daily News, 7/4/93
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Oh No -- Not Another #@?*! Political Group!!

The Dandelion Movement is a new committee of EQUAL, the Alaska Gay & Lesbian Task Force, and is being organized to provide Voter Information/Education to the Lesbian & Gay community, as well as to our friends and supporters.

Although many people involved with the group have been active in political campaigns in the past, the primary objective is to provide basic information to people who, for whatever reason, have not been voters in the past. For people with a good understanding of the political system, we will provide information concerning meetings of the Assembly, School Board, Equal Rights Commission, etc.

The Pride Picnic on the Park Strip was our first appearance and, with 156 people signing up for information, the project was "off and running." At this time, each person is being mailed a letter which gives them personalized information including the names and phone numbers of their State Senator and Representative, their Assemblyperson, the mayor & governor as well as elected officials in Washington, D.C. We also had a voter registration table set up during the Picnic and registered 27 new voters! A review of the party affiliation of these new voters provides another glimpse at the diversity of our community. The numbers were:

8 -- Non-Partisan
7 -- Undeclared
7 -- Democrat
3 -- Green Party
2 -- Alaskan Independence Party

If you have questions about this project, call Ann Milton (345-5922) or Dan Carter (522-1380).

Join the Dandelion Movement

The Dandelion Movement is a voter education group to help people get involved. You don't need to be interested in politics -- or even like politics -- to join our group. You only need to care about what's happening in our state. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, or more importantly, if you would like to help us organize an EQUAL Voter Education Project, complete the form on the right———>

*we started out as a "grass roots" movement but everyone knows dandelions are more persistent and tenacious!!
Lesbian Police in Pittsburgh? The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is glad about the new one-hour dramatic series “Sirens” (10 pm Wed-nedays, ABC). The show, which debuted March 10, includes a continuing lesbian character. The series follows three female rookie cops, newly graduated from the Pittsburgh Police Academy, during their first year on the beat. One of the continuing plots of the first 13 episodes involves Molly (Liza Snyder) being partners with Heidi (Deidre O’Connell), a veteran officer who is a lesbian. According to a press release, this pairing will move Molly from “denial to gossip fascination and ultimately to acceptance; Molly is forced to grow up and acknowledge that gay people are a part of today’s police force.” Lesbian News, 4/93.

Just Say No to Shasha Ranks: The Tonight Show with Jay Leno canceled a scheduled March 3 guest appearance by Shasha Ranks because of anti-gay remarks made by the Grammy-winning reggae artist. Leno has shown consistent and intelligent awareness toward gay and lesbian concerns.

Evelyn Hooker film nominated: The new film “Changing Our Minds”, a ground-breaker on the work of pioneering psychologist Evelyn Hooker, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Achievement in Documentary Features. “Changing Our Minds” chronicles the odyssey of Hooker, whose studies on gay men were instrumental in removing homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. That signified the “end of homosexuality’s official status as a disease.” Produced by David Haugland, the film shows how lesbians and gay men underwent lobotomies, hysterectomies, electroshock therapy, aversion therapy and castration at the hands of psychiatrists to correct their “illness.”

Boy-Toy Ken —100% Straight: According to GayNet, Ken, Barbie’s ersatz boyfriend, has undergone a total make-over complete with a re-done face, dyed blond hair and an earring in his left ear. Mattel Inc. officials have revealed that it is the 32-year-old doll’s first earring. “It’s a hoop earring — very small,” said a spokesperson for the El Segundo, CA-based toy manufacturer. “Ken’s a man of the 90’s. More and more men are finding it acceptable to wear earrings.” Ken’s new face also sports higher cheekbones, narrower nose and wider eyes. Despite Ken’s tres gai new look, Mattel still insists the Ken boy-toy is 100% straight — he’s just worried about his looks as middle-age sets in. At any rate, since Ken hasn’t yet been given any genitals, for most people his sexual orientation remains rather a moot point. From Preferred Stock, a Colorado gay & lesbian newspaper.

Segregation — only it’s Gays & Lesbians This Time: The Baltimore Sun has reported that members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are trying to push the idea of segregating gays and lesbians in the armed forces who identify themselves into non-combat units. Citing unnamed Pentagon officials, the paper said the Chiefs were considering a proposal for segregated units as a way of fulfilling Clinton’s order to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces “while minimizing the effect on front-line combat troops.” According to the Sun, the Chiefs admit that the proposal would undoubtly lead to years of “guerrilla warfare” with gay rights advocates.

AIDS Breakthrough, again. Boston - AIDS researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital are reporting what could be a crucial breakthrough in the decade-long fight against the epidemic. According to a newly published report in the prestigious medical journal Nature, scientists have successfully used a combination of three existing drugs - AZT, DDi and Pyridinone (or PYR) to stop HIV from reproducing in test tube experiments. In laboratory experiments, AIDS researchers attacked the virus with the unique combination of the three drugs, all DDi at the same time. Researchers say the multi-drug approach overloads the virus and prevents it from DDi itself, thereby allowing it to ravage the body’s immune system. Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Health said of the multi-drug approach, “You ultimately give the virus the choice: either it doesn’t mutate and it’s going to get killed by the anti-viral (substances), or it mutates to avoid all three of them and it’s mutated itself out of business.” An indicator of how excited AIDS researchers are about the new study, human testing is expected to begin this summer - an unusually short time.

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Heart, Mind and Soul: What You Feel, You Can Heal
By Doran Vaughan

Editor’s note: This column takes a look at our mental health from various angles and offers different points of view, different approaches to healing. Please write with your questions/comments to: Identity NorthView, P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. Answers and advice will appear in the following issue of this newsletter.

Life is a series of experiences which shape the way we perceive ourselves and the world around us. These perceptions affect our self-image, our relationships with others, our ability to solve problems, and our ability to cope with the stress of life. Throughout childhood and adult life, we develop coping mechanisms by observing other people as well as by trial and error. Each of us have unique life experiences which shape our personalities and either enable or diminish our ability to cope effectively with life’s difficulties. Coping mechanisms are healthy and positive
mechanisms, we must first acknowledge that our experiences do not have a life-long and permanent effect on how we cope. We must recognize that we have the ability to change our ways of responding, that we must exert the effort to make these changes, and that the key to healthy coping depends on the development of rational and critical thinking skills. We must take control of our lives by deciding to confront our tendency to repeat self-defeating behaviors. We must learn new defenses and how to select alternate approaches for dealing with stress and life problems. By maximizing our strengths, we diminish our weaknesses. The final outcome of our effort to change is a healthy mind and body, healthy relationships, and a productive and happy life.

Doran Vaughan, M. A., is private therapist in Anchorage with twenty years experience in the mental health field.

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**Snapshot**

for Sarah, New Orleans

When we were eight
out teeth shining
like the silky white lining
of an oyster shell
with wrinkled shirts and
cuffs peeked back from the heat of the day,
your scent
like a gardenia blossom in the tree above us,
rose thickly
as our shoulders kissed.

Susan Walker
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**The Directory**

This directory is a fledgling “yellow pages” and reference guide. It isn’t complete, either. Want to be listed? Know someone who you think wants to be listed? It’s free! Write Identity or call Ken at 248-7722 or Angie/Linda at the KK at 337-0253.

The designations of (L)esbian, (G)ay and (A)lly indicate that the business or service is owned by (L)esbians, (G)ays or (A)llies. All peoples (regardless of sexual orientation) are encouraged and welcome to call for further information. NOTE: in some instances you might encounter employees who are unaware of this Directory and its significance. Don’t be offended: it’s an opportunity to enlighten them.

All listings are in Anchorage unless otherwise indicated.

**AA:**
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

**Advertising:**
(E) KT Creative, Katie, 278-9174

**AIDS:**
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 276-1400
(A) Interior AIDS Assoc., 452-2222
(A) Pierce County AIDS Found. (WA), 206-383-2565
(A) S.T.O.P AIDS Project, Gwen, 278-5019

**Astrology:**
(A) Rainbow Counselling, Maureen, 277-0582

**Automotive**
(A) Courtney’s, Michael, 562-1227
Bakery:
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457

Bars:
(A) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G) The Raven, 276-9672
(G) O' Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Ala's (Fairbanks), Pete, 457-8246
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533 (see ad)
(L) The Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 608-966-7936
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 235-2265
(L) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Donnie (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), 365-564-8437
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeds, 278-2106

Books:
(L) Alaska Women's Bookstore, Joann/Marjorie, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaskan, Gene, 561-1340

Catering:
(G) Alaska Best Catering, Maurice, 338-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

Churches:
see Spiritual

Computer Bulletin Board:
(G) AK Computerized Shopping Mall, 248-7997
(A) Myth's Reality (Berdache), 333-3425; 338-2869
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4039

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(L) Angle, 337-0253 (see ad)
(A) Computer Magik, Jim, 274-3528
(A) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(A) LRR Technologies, Logan, 272-7377
(G) Lucian, 272-0328
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277
(G) Tom, 338-1312

Deaf Support:
(A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0735 TTY
(A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3456 voice, 258-2232, TTY

Electrical:
(G) The Electric Doctor, Bob, 561-2225

Electrolysis:
(A) Gentle Touch, 561-6608 (see ad)

Entertainment:
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064, Moveline: 275-3799 (see ad)
(A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9751

Florists:
(G) Fireweed Florist, Steve, 276-6628

Gardening:
(L) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543 (see ad)

Gender:
(B) Berdache Society, P.O. Box 203134, Anch., AK 99520-3134

General Contracting:
(A) House Surges, Ken, 561-5274
(I) R & L Construction, Lita, 279-4609

Gifts:
(L) Alaska Women's Bookstore, Joann/Marjorie, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-8876

Hairstyling:
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
(G) Jim, 338-6749
(A) 36th Ave. Hair Design, Leda, 561-8967

Health:
(L) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(A) Skin care, Sharai, 688-2963

Health, naturopathic:
(A) Hope, 561-2330

Helpline:
(G/L) Identity Helpline, 258-4777
(G/L) Fairbanks Lesbian/Gay Line, 452-3745

Homeless?
(A) Brother Francis Shelter, Lynne, 277-1731

Home Products:
(G) Watkins Products, Jim, 243-5054

House Cleaning:
(L) Connie's House Cleaning SVC, Connie, 276-3147
(A) Green Valley Cleaning, Tara, 345-4657
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

House Sitting:
(L) Carol, 271-4620
(L) Karen, 338-5383

Hypnotherapy:
(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-0582

Jewelry:
(A) Peggy's Jewelry & Repair, Peggy, 562-1095

Landscaping:
(L) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543
(L) Wood Nymph Landscaping, Valerie, 338-8338

Legal:
(L) Mendel & Huntington, Allison, 279-5081 (see ad)
(A) Shore, Svitas, 562-4992

Massage (therapeutic, Swedish, Shlatsu, and much more):
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
(L) Leslie, 277-0713 (see ad)
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

Mental Health:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(A) Connie, 345-0888
(A) Joan, 249-9498
(L) Jenna, 562-1826
(A) Mental Health Consumers of Alaska, Brian, 277-3817

Mortgage Brokers:
(A) City Mortgage, Lynn LaPerriere, 277-7006 (see ad)

Native Arts/Culture:
(A) Moon Dancer Arts, Rosemary (Wassila), 373-5353

Odd Jobs:
(L) Virgo's Victory, Karen, 338-5383

Painting:
(L) L & L Painting, Lisa, 277-7549

Pet Care:
(A) Doggleg Hutt, Arilda, 279-5681 (see ad)

Photography:
(G) Fotos by Frank, Frank, 337-3399 (see ad)

Picture Framing:
(L) Studio Designs, Lita, 279-4606

Political:
(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America, Ruth, 333-1190
(G/L) EQUAL, the Alaskan Gay & Lesbian Task Force, 561-1758, x1821

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-0460
(G) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
(A) Timeframe, 562-3022 (see ad)

Private Investigators:
(L) K & K Investigating, Karyn, 561-3665

Recreation:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-7491 (see ad)
(A) Brown and Hillman, 248-2964; 563-5156 (see ad)
(L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 279-7611
(L) Dynamic Properties, Lucille, 279-7611 (see ad)
(A) Dynamic Properties, Steven, 279-7611
Restaurants:
(G) Cyrano's Cafe, 274-1173
(O) O'Brady's, 344-8833, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Rooming Houses:
(A) Regina's, 276-4964

Snowplowing:
(L) Jade Services, Julie, 688-1126

Social:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 243-3084

Sociology, research:
(L) Susan Johnson, Ph.D., 272-4113

Space & Moving Organizer:
(L) Virgo's Victory, Karen, 338-5383

Spiritual:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3137
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, Jim, 258-5266 (see ad)

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226
(A) Elves by Ilene (Eagle River), 694-6946

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA), Pete, 457-8246

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(G) Fairbanks Men's Support Group, Scott, 457-6511
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Nancy, 479-4944

Theatre:
(A) Out North Theatre, Gene/Jay, 279-8099

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, Cherresse, 561-8661 (see ad)

Woodworking:
(L) The Alaska Woodpile, Boston, 561-6670
(L) North Star Signs, Rusty, 333-7990

Writing & Editing Assistance:
(L) Karen, 338-5383
(L) Mel Mes, 767-7269 (see ad)

Yardwork, Hauling, Snowplowing:
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NorthView Classifieds:

Be a host! The Imperial Court of All Alaska (Except Bird) needs housing for Out-of-Town guests for the upcoming Coronation (September 5th). Please call Cherresse at 561-8744.

Play reading auditions! Don't miss the excitement! The author is going to present a reading of his play "Growing Basil" on July 31st. This original play by Christian Heppinstall (who lives in Budapest, is from Anchorage and is currently visiting) is being presented as a gift to the Anchorage Gay and Lesbian Community. Donations benefit Identity and EQUAL — the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Growing Basil" is the story of a gay young man coming to terms with himself, his lover, his boyfriend, his relatives and his society. Wanna play? Please call Ken at 248-7722.

Christian is holding auditions at the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on July 19th from 7-9pm. Address is 615 Hollywood Dr., #4, 258-5266. The reading will be at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 3201 Turnagain St. on July 31st at 7:00pm.

Book moving, library assistants, shelf loading: Aug. 15 - Sep. 1. $5/hr (may be negotiable). Call Ken at 248-7722 if interested, or write Alfred Avins, P.O. Box 12194, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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