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Identity NorthView

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Editorial

For 20 months now, Identity has called various folks to write for the NorthView. There has been no particular pattern or focus, just calls to people who may have wanted to express an opinion, report on an event or offer information. And there are many different groups in the State, many of whom produce wonderful, informative and uplifting newsletters. Identity wants to add scope to its outlook and wants/needs to better represent the Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transsexual, Transgender, Drag and Cross Dressing cultures and subcultures (and the many variations on each of those categories, and the many other categories you can think up).

The question is Can you/would you like to help make this more of a grass roots newspaper?

If your answer is Yeah, but how? here’s one possibility.

Send your writing. Even if you don’t think of yourself as a writer, remember, this is not a literary rag like Harper’s Bazaar or even Christopher Street. Your poetry, short stories, think pieces are all welcome. We are good editors here at NorthView Central and can help you shape any work you wish to submit. Send your work to Identity, P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. Our purpose is to share information and thoughts and feelings. We welcome non-Anchortown contributors and "directory" entries, as they help make travel in Alaska Lesbian/Gay-friendly and safe. And if you’re an artist, whether cartoons or art works or sketches or any other art form that would produce (black & white), send them.

By the time you read this, some folks from Identity and Equal will have made a trip to Fairbanks for the express purpose of connecting with other people in our Statewide Community -- connecting with the idea of working together to make the NorthView more representative of the State of Alaska rather than just Anchorage. I hope we’ll be able to do the same in Juneau soon. The purpose is not just to get members for the organizations, or articles for the newspaper, but to create a vehicle by which everyone in the State can communicate on a broad basis. (As of this writing, the Identity mailing list stands at 600 -- not bad when you consider that two years ago, that number was more like 350.)

Give it some thought. Then write, draw, send.
It’d be great if you could get it on a diskette, no matter if Mac or IBM, 5¼, 3½. But send. Or call Ken: 248-7722.

A note: Identity exchanges newspapers/newsletters with many organizations across the country. We constantly receive letters praising our efforts, noting that for a community this size having a monthly newspaper this size with the high standards and quality of the NorthView, speaks volumes for the type of Community we must be.

It can be better, more broad-based, more yours.
F. Kenneth Freedman ▼

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Coast Guard Witch Hunt in Kodiak
by F. Kenneth Freedman

Kodiak, AK -- On Christmas Eve Daniel Kay was informed by the Coast Guard in Kodiak that he was being discharged because of unsuitability, because he is Gay.

Daniel is an HS3 (Health Services Technician 3), is 20 years old and has been in the Coast Guard for 2 years. He decided to write to the Kodiak Daily Mirror and come out for various reasons, chief among them being the (then) new military policy "don't ask, don't tell." Additionally, there was a great deal of stress being in the closet. To preserve his own integrity, and the backing of his commanding officer, he felt he was on pretty solid ground -- it was OK to say he was gay, just not "act" on it.

The investigation started, however, when the military policy changed and "don't ask, don't tell" reverted to its original witch-hunt mentality. Daniel was caught in the middle. Rather than fight the military law, he "gave up" meaning couldn't they just discharge him and forget it. The answer was No, we have to investigate to determine if you really are a homosexual, and who are your friends and who did you sleep with, etc. thereby proving military justice has done its job. Daniel has made it clear that he doesn't intend to divulge names (including lovers he's had in other branches of the military), saying "if I go down, I go down alone."

Daniel said he expects they'll come to his house, go through everything he owns, question his friends, his co-workers, in other words, they want to get a solid sexual misconduct charge (i.e., sex other than in the missionary position with a member of the opposite sex (according to the UCMJ -- the code of military justice)). The penalty for sodomy is 3 months in the Brig, but it seems there's another more serious charge being sought. Fraud.

Daniel married (having been in the Catholic Church and having been in "the program" to help him "change"). In a classic case of irony, Daniel felt remorseful after consummating his marriage. He knew he was being untrue to himself and disrespectful of his wife, just to qualify for the redemption promised by the church. After meeting with an Episcopalian minister who counseled him on being honest with his feelings and his knowledge of himself, he sought dissolution of the marriage. The twist, however, is that the Coast Guard is now investigating him for fraud. Why? Because, when one marries, one gets additional pay from Uncle Sam. The military contends that Daniel married for the money knowing he was Gay. If this charge is proven, Daniel could get 5 years and a $5,000 fine.

An additional irony is that Daniel has 12 statements of support from his straight co-workers, who themselves are now being investigated because, according to military law, they should have reported him as soon as they knew he was Gay because it was against military regulations to be Gay. The charge against them? Insubordination.

There's more irony. Seems Daniel has quite a few "Page 7" entries (that means he's been noticed for model duty). And there are the "performance marks," official commendations, which say "works hard to educate co-workers on prejudices." Those marks were entered with a "5" rating, above average for that kind of entry. And yet there's the threat of being drummed out of the military for doing the very thing for which he was so highly commended.

Other interesting facts: Daniel flew medical evacuations for the Coast Guard and volunteered for the Kodiak Fire Department (until they found out he was Gay and "fired" him because of "decreasing morale" among the volunteer firefighters). He has won a Humanitarian Award for saving lives, and has the National Defense Medal for the Gulf War (even though he didn't actually go to that theater).

He told his parents (who are separated). His father, a Mormon Bishop, disowned him. His mother was more supportive. Though the parents live in the Southwest, Daniel would rather go "home" to San Francisco. If he can stay out of the Brig.

Daniel spoke with Randall Burns of the Anchorage office of the American Civil Liberties Union. When asked how effective the Anchorage office could be in helping Daniel, Randall said he hopes the national office will take the case as Anchorage is not set up to handle this type of work. Congressman Gerry Studds' office said they would attempt to pressure the Coast Guard "from their end." In Anchorage, attorney Allison Mendel has taken the case, but Daniel is trying to raise $1,000 for the retainer. He is also trying to plan an Anchorage support- and fund-raising trip.

Daniel would appreciate any and all letters of support and encouragement. If you wish to be in touch, write Daniel Kay, P.O. Box 190601, Kodiak, AK 99619-0601 or call 486-3843 home, 487-5757 work (OK to call).

F. Kenneth Freedman is co-Editor of the NorthView and co-Chair of Identity, Inc. ▼
Are You a “Practicing” Homosexual Activist?

As shown in our masthead, the Dandelion Movement was organized to represent a wide variety of people in the gay/lesbian/bi communities (as well as our friends and supporters). We are not solely a political organization - after all, we don't “tell” people how to vote. We provide information and hope to help educate our members concerning politics in general and, more specifically, positions of candidates seeking office.

For many of us, past experiences have convinced us there is nothing we can do politically to help ourselves or our community. The failed efforts of the past year to pass a sexual orientation ordinance and the resurgence of right-wing extremist's “hate-filled” rhetoric - not only in Anchorage, but nationwide - has increased fear among many of us and strengthened some people's desire to remain “above the battle.” Nationally, there’s a feeling that elections don't really make much difference. In Anchorage, last year's Assembly races attracted only one out of every four eligible voters. With the results of those elections, some say we should give up and be content to live the rest of our lives in fear that someone will find out we're gay/lesbian? For some of you reading this article, the term “gay/lesbian activist” has actually become a derogatory term. Why?

As a person raised in the South, I know many African-Americans regarded civil rights “activists” as trouble makers. These particular people, rather than join the struggle for equality, were more content to live their lives as generations had before them - unable to vote, working as maids, their children attending substandard schools and being denied the basic rights enjoyed by other Americans. Some of them had the “advantage” of being born with light coloured skin and “passed” as white, just as many of us have made an effort to pass as “straight.” African-Americans discovered during their struggle that bigoted whites didn't care how educated they were or how light their skin appeared. To the bigots they were all the same, just as we are all alike to those against us!

Once our community realizes we're all in this together, the better off we'll be! We can make a difference in our own lives and in our community - both the gay/lesbian community and the over-all Anchorage community. But only if we get involved. Register to vote. Help with the voter registration drive. Join the Dandelion Movement. Speak kindly of “activists”!

“Activist - a person causing action or change.”

Ann Milton (345-5922) & Dan Carter (274-9226) are co-chairs of Dandelion.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A voter registration drive is underway. The drive is non-partisan and not in support of any particular candidate in the upcoming races. We need volunteers to help. Please call Dan (274-9226) for more information.

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In order to receive information from the Dandelion Movement, cut out and mail to:

Dan Carter
PO Box 210072
Anchorage, AK 99521-0072
THE EYE

NOT TO BE CONFUSED....

Couldn't help but notice the reaction to the Armistead Maupin series on PBS TV recently. Talked with the folks at the TV station who said that the calls were running 2 to 1 against the series. One interesting note however is that the negative calls mostly came before the series was completed whereas the positive calls came mostly after all 3 programs ran. Call Dick Ender at KAKM, 563-7070 and express your opinion. ▼ Heard that the Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club had some faulous fireworks at their New Year's party -- GZ "the ptomaniac" presided over the eruptions. ▼ Anyone notice that the NorthView was mentioned in the Gay Community News of Hawaii? January issue! Seems that article on "What Kinsey Really Said" raised an EYEbrow, or something. ▼ Then there's the story about the Sno-Ball. Couldn't help but notice that the Sheraton management put out a notice saying "No Drag Queens in the Public Ladies Room!" Well, mEYE dears, where else are we supposed to go? Get a grip! or something!! ▼ Was that kvetching or was there real reason to complain that the hayride on Christmas Eve had no hay? And then some were rude enough to point out that it wasn't a sleigh. Oh, well, that's blood under the dam, isn't it? Real people actually came out of their houses and listened to the faulous sounds of harmony. There's a message in there, but EYE doesn't want to moralize. ▼ Heard about the new agent at Apollo Travel. Turns out she's a she. Call her! ▼ EYE wants to know who the three Sumo wrestlers playing strip poker were. Sometime around 3am at a certain party by some mountain climbers (not), B, D, and R were reported seen without sartorial acoutrements. Would that EYE d had a camera! Those negatives would be worth beaucoup bucks, as they say in butch country. ▼ Department of If-You-Build-It-They-Will-Come (or words to that effect): no Rondy float this year. Thems as was doing it in years past have petered out (you should pardon the phrase). No takers, either, when the project was dandelier in front of various and sundry. EYE wishes someone with time and money and muscles would take up the project and produce a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious monument to Lesbian and Gay sensibility. We need all the cap feathers we can get, and I don't mean boa! ▼ B's gone out on another world junket. Our Intrepid Travel Agent is a member of IGTA (you figure it out and call your friends if you can't) and is headed down under (no, not there, he's going to Australia), to scope out the Gay/Lesbian Universe. ▼ PBS has turned up in Hawaii. Our South Seas Correspondent informs us that there's no lack of curiosity about the Lesbian & Gay & Bi culture. They're exploring the major areas that Gays, Lesbians and Bis don't get equal treatment, specifically, the church, the military and marriage. EYE is tempted to get on her soapbox about this, but doesn't want to appear ungrateful. ▼ EYE congratulates Ken Freedman for having bestowed upon his person the title of Minister of Public Affairs by Her Most Imperial Majesty Aurora Empress XXI Tiger Lily and His Most Imperial Majesty Denali Eagle Emperor XXI Ross Crich of the XXI Imperial Court of All Alaska. EYE wants to know if this will go to his head? Rhetorical question, mayhap. ▼ I-Can't-Believe-They-Finally-Got-It-Department, or, Will-They-Have-The-Moxie-To-Enforce-The-Decision Department (take your choice): seems H got a letter from the Municipality (dated 12/6/93) saying that yes, indeed, it is inappropriate for a Member of the Board of the Equal Rights Commission to participate in any vote about any organization to which one is a party. This might have pertinence to Michael Johnston and the rabid right as the correspondence seems to be pointed at the extremely high profile taken by the Baptist Temple thinly disguised as Kerusso Ministries. But this is all hearsay. EYE hears it and then finds a way to say it -- leaving the veracity and spell checking to you. ▼

A Rumination on a Riddle
by John Paul Hudson

If Michael touched his Tadzie,
That is sad;
Had he but found courage and heart to route his
pederast's passion into world-touching song,
Felt up, dandled and fellated the world with a
message of longing.
Instead, and hoping,
And left behind Bad... and danced dallidy!
In art grooping, and blown kisses, and such are
much fascinated.
If indeed Michael touched his Tadzie...

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Kent's Services
by Andrew Barron

Kent was absent from his funeral
Three Silly Putty priests invoked
Timothy, Jesus, Paul, but hardly
recognized the dead man at all,

excepting brief references
to his suave dancing, gap-toothed smile
AIDS went unmentioned, like his lover,
the outrageous drag he adored

Though knowing himself exiled
from Heaven by their lore,
was his spirit surprised
to encounter a barred door

at public rites ostensibly
honoring his short life?
The pudgy pedophiles pronounced
an end to earthly strife,

swung incense, sprinkled water,
complimented tithing kin
Empty phrases, false depictions:
call it comfort, but it's sin

Kent, may I eulogize
in private what priests shunned?
You wore gaudy dresses,
gossiped freely, loved Tim

Cranky, brusque, imperious,
cunning, often crude,
hilarious fake lady,
hunky six-foot dude,

stoic patient, amusing friend,
rambunctious life, awful end:
there you have it,
may truth not offend

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I am never afraid of what I know.
Anna Sewell (1820-1878), English writer
Where in the World?
by Bob DeLoach

We love to fly... but------

A few weeks ago I was filling out my renewal application for Delta Airline's Crown Room. I noticed that there was a savings if my spouse and I got a joint membership and it sounded like a good idea to me. So, I followed the directions and listed my name and the name of my lover of 22 years. As instructed by the application, our last names were not the same, I was requested to send a copy of our marriage certificate. I enclosed a copy of our certificate of Holy Union from The MCC Church and the correct fee for the joint card. 50 days later, I get my application back in the mail with a short letter from a George Keller of the Crown Room Membership center in Atlanta. In part, it said: "We are unable to process your renewal request...I trust you will understand that in order to continue to offer spouse membership at a reduced rate, we must maintain the integrity of the various requirements." So THERE!!!

As soon as I finish this month’s column, I’m sending a copy of all of the documents to “Our World,” “Advocate” and “Frontiers”... but remember, you heard it here first!

So many men........

4,000 Gay men on the world’s largest aircraft carrier: John Harrison Presents INTREPID - A Few Thousand Good Men. Saturday June 25, 1994, 10 pm aboard the USS Intrepid -- New York City -- tickets $40.00. Two decks of dancing, 12’ video walls, give orders or follow them in the Captain’s Quarters; work out your frustrations in the Bouncy Boxing Ring; see a battalion of Go-Go Boys; get tattoo'd in the Temporary Tatoo Parlour; clutch your pearls and lose your lunch in the Flight Simulator. Complimentry Boy Toys for all, Music by Stingrey and security by the Gay Officer's Action League (Real NY cops!). A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit the New York Gay and Lesbian Center. It’s all part of the Gay Games and Stonewall celebration!!

Gay Games

Six months and counting! Rooms are going fast in the big apple -- a $100 deposit for group or team member, or $250 for individuals, will hold your room. Rooms are still available for all budgets. Special rates are available on United Airlines for those going to the games. Check with your IGTA travel agent for details.

Divers do it deeper...

Undersea Expeditions is offering a variety of Scuba diving jaunts in ’94. For Feb. 26-March 5, 1994 it’s Cozumel. Included is five 2-tank dives one day -- included are weights, tanks and belts, a night dive at Paradise Reef, 7 night’s accommodations, and fresh breakfast and dinner daily. Beginning and advanced open water certification available -- $869. Buy all this after the airfare, which is not included. Similar trips are set for Australia March 2-13 which included Mardi Gras & Great Barrier Reef diving as well as round trip air from LA and much more for the year’s prime celebration. Price is $2,499.00 per person. October 15-29 is set for the Red Sea & Egypt: $2,298 buys air in Egypt as well as most meals, the diving and hotel. Call for special offers for air to Egypt from the US.

Different Drummer Tours

1994 is full indeed with almost 2 trips per month planned for this group. Destinations include Scandinavia Feb. 10-17, Slovenia Feb. 18-27, Costa Rica & Guatemala March 11-20, Senegal West Africa March 19-26, South Africa April 27-May 9, Austria and Budapest & Prague May 20-29, Zimbabwe & Botswana June 10-23, Italy June 24-July 4, Papua New Guinea July 8-24, Turkey July 22-31, Asia August 5-21, France Sept. 9-18, Israel Sept. 30-Oct. 9, Egypt Oct. 7-16, Ecuador & Galapagos Oct. 21-30, Kenya Nov. 6-20, Nepal Nov. 17-27 and ending with Korea & Hong Kong Dec. 2-11. Prices range from $995 - $2,095 for the land portion and include hotels and most meals.

World Conference on WOMEN

Robin Tyler Tours has postponed her women’s tour of China until September 1995 to coincide with the World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing, China September 4-15, 1995.

For 1994, her “The Nile” tour February 2-11 is a 9 day adventure which includes airfare from the US and offers an interest-free payment plan on the $3,295.00 fare. The trip is limited to 42 women. Price includes Hotel, air from the US, in country air, and travel and accommodation aboard the M.S. Sun Boat I, down the Nile. A side trip to Israel is available -- $250 deposit will hold your space.

Karyn joins Apollo

Brand new SST Travel School Grad Karyn Mucklow will join Bob & Cherresse at Apollo Travel at the end of this month. Women! give her a call!

Bob DeLoach is president of Apollo Travel, BG Tax and Accounting, The Electric Doctor, Apollo Real Estate, Lock Doc, is an insurance broker and still finds time to write novels for adults, take part in community theatre, write this column and be active in the Community.
The Amazon Trail: Perverts
by Lee Lynch

Lover came home to me last night after a long business drive with two women co-workers. In the way women are wont during times of such involuntary intimacy, they had a great giddy time. Apparently The Subject came up and one of the co-workers, both of whom are non-gay, shared that her initials gave rise in her youth to the nickname Pervert. As the other co-worker is nicknamed Bert, the three cheerily dubbed themselves Bert, Pervert and Invert.

Lover had to explain the meaning of invert, an old psychiatric term for queerfolk popularized in the days of Radclyffe Hall. There she was, teaching queer culture to heterosexuals in the middle of right-wing heaven. Three people managed to respect one another’s choices and even have some fun with their diversity.

That touched me. It helped me climb a bit higher out of the pesky melancholy with which I’ve been wrestling for a couple of months. Colorado’s Amendment Two was a big part of my gloom. It was inconceivable to me that some man in a gown could hold the fates of so many of us in his probably heterosexist hands.

Can you blame me and the rest of the queers in Oregon for a little despondency? There is another ballot measure nine coming this year. Maybe if we win this time, too, we can do it again in ’95! Some of us are toying with the idea of refusing to participate in this rape of gay energy. What if we use all that campaign money, all that time, to elect humane politicians, or, for example, to bring Habitat For Humanity to our communities with enough hoopla to make the homo-haters hang their heads in shame? What, after all, would happen if the right wing gave a campaign and nobody came?

I know that I will survive all the political and legal wrangling, whatever the men in gowns and the uneducated, scapegoating voters decide. Heck, these relatively civilized battles, win or lose, are practically kid stuff next to what gays went through before Stonewall. The age-old heartaches are the real losses.

We had another friend I’ll call Subvert. During the measure nine campaign, Lover and I were getting “we’re-fed-up-with-queers” messages from a group we attended with Subvert. Though we knew that Subvert and a few others supported us, first Lover, then I left.

After the election we learned from Jan, another non-gay group member, that Subvert had voted for the anti-gay measure. Jan, who had worked on the campaign with us, kept asking, “How could Subvert do that? How can I stay friends with her?” Subvert became more and more involved in her fundamentalist church. Jan and another woman tried to reason with Subvert, reminding her of her old friendship with us, and getting in response the look of someone in a “Star Trek” episode whose body has been inhabited by an alien being.

Jan told me the other day that another lesbian from the group ran into Subvert in a grocery store. Subvert turned and, without a word, walked in the other direction.

Losing friends is not kid stuff. Nor is it a new heartache—ask any old gay. If the pain of losing friends has always been one consequence of being out, though, so has the joy of finding new ones.

Thank the Goddess for the Betts and the Perverts.

Lee Lynch is a columnist/author based in southern Oregon. She writes “The Amazon Trail” regularly for The Dallas Voice, Just Out, The Washington Blade, the Identity NorthView (some 10 papers, in all) and is the author of ten books. Copyright Lee Lynch; 1993. ▼
**Book Corner**  
by Joann Contini —

Violence Against Lesbians And Gay Men  
by Gary David Comstock, Columbia University Press, $14.95

The author, Gary David Comstock, is a visiting Professor of Religion at Wesleyan University and his research has taken him into two areas of social ethics: social justice in Hebrew scripture and contemporary gay and lesbian issues. The reader should not be daunted by this richly documented and well researched book. Clearly one half of the 300 plus pages are appendices citing statistical data, interviews, research references and bibliography. The research is extensive and includes personal investigatory interviews which focus on the attacker. This is a different and important addition to the knowledge of not just who are the victims of gay and lesbian violence and what is the impact on their lives but also, who are the perpetrators, what are their characteristics and, why do they feel they can act violently against gays and lesbians. The other difference is that this research book looks into the historical and cultural roots of our society which sanctions anti-gay violence and very specifically delves into the patriarchal systems established within the Judeo-Christian religion.

In Chapter 1, a historical overview of lesbians and gay men is provided from World War II up to 1978 and the murder of Harvey Milk. The second chapter provides information and data on the victims of crimes including types of violence, race, sex, setting, relationship to perpetrator, etc. Chapter 3 goes on to explore the data on the perpetrators including age, race, gender, class, language used before and after attack, sentencing, etc. Chapter 4 is an analysis of the first three chapters within the terms of the western patriarchal tradition. It provides a unique and interesting discussion of the main sociological factors that lead to allowing and even encouraging violence by young males. Chapter 5 focuses specifically on the Judeo-Christian tradition and biblical passages regarding homosexuality.

If you are looking for a more complete understanding of violence against lesbians and gay men, what is happening, who is doing it, why they feel they can do this and what is in the basic roots in our society that encourages and even condones this violence, then Violence Against Lesbians And Gay Men is definitely a book you need to read.

Joann Contini is co-owner of the Alaska Women's Bookstore.

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Beware Groups That Promote Hatred and Homophobia Under the Guise of "Family Values"
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You can do a lot to change the way people think by educating them to the hateful agenda behind organizations that hide beneath the innocuous banner of "family values."

In addition to those listed below, the Christian Coalition, the Oregon and Idaho Citizens Alliances, and Colorado for Family Values are all organizations that abuse the true meaning of family.

If you know of any others we should be concerned about - please write down their names and addresses and send them to Identity. We'll collect, reprint, and send along to P-FLAG.

AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION --
Promotes the agenda through court actions; also targets the media/entertainment industry. Concerns include homosexuality, pornography, profanity, "anti-Christian bigotry," liberal media. Influential on National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funding and public school curricula censorship. 600,000 members, 640 local chapters. Donald Wildmon, P.O. Box 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.


EAGLE FORUM -- A women's organization powerful in national and Republican party politics thanks to Phyllis Schlafly, founder. Member of a gay man, she opposes AIDS education, sex education, daycare, family leave, abortion rights, the ERA, and NEA funding. 80,000 members. Phyllis Schlafly, Box 618, Alton, IL 62002.

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL -- Lobbyists against G/L/B civil rights, reproductive freedom, government-funded health care, child care and equal protection laws for women in the workplace. Says lifting the ban on gays in the military will dramatically increase AIDS incidence. Not the same as Paul Cameron's Family Research Institute. Split from Focus on the Family in 1992. Gary Bauer, 700 13th Street, NW, Ste. 500, Washington, DC.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY -- Employs almost 1,000. 1,500 radio stations worldwide. A leader in the passage of Colorado's Amendment 2 to disallow equal rights for G/L/B. Conducts seminars nationally to involve fundamentalists in political process. James Dobson, P.O. Box 35500, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION --
Opposes gay rights, reproductive freedom, teaching evolution, and sex education except abstinence.


FREE CONGRESS FOUNDATION -- A research/education organization. Formed National Empowerment Television (NET) to mobilize Right for grassroots lobbying. Hopes to expand to cable TV. Operates Judicial Selection Monitoring Project. Has four TV shows including two to target black conservatives and college campuses. Paul Weyrich, 717 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20002.

OPERATION RESCUE -- Nationally known for violent shut-downs of abortion clinics and vandalizing property, terrorizing women and healthcare providers including stalking, harassment, and other intimidation tactics. Trains activists. Added gay rights to the agenda when Clinton proposed to lift the military ban. 35,000+ members. Randall Terry, P.O. 1180, Binghamton, NY 13902.


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We Are Each Others' Teachers
by Karen Carlisle

"Growing Older: Loving Ourselves and Each Other" was an immensely satisfying workshop. I can't remember when I felt so nourished, so nurtured. Though the workshop was open to men and women, five women and one man attended, including myself and Ken who is an honorary lesbian. I'm sorry for you men that didn't attend and I'm glad for us women because we were able to talk in a satisfying circular way without getting hung up on meeting goals.

Although Ken and I brainstormed discussion topics, the talking developed in an organic way: one thing grew from another and circled back to its original root later and so on. Ken allowed as to how this caused him a little anxiety trained as he is to be linear and to achieve something, but he enthusiastically entered into the spirit and the way of the talking and provided wonderful, thought-provoking ideas and experiences.

Only once did most of the women gang up on Ken when we were talking about relationships. He told us that in gay male culture sex was initially the basis of intimate relationships and that building relationships outside of that given was a daunting task. We all jumped on him and said simultaneously that it was male culture period. Beyond that, and for whatever reason, there was no competition, no grandstanding. I have rarely (never?) been in a group where power was shared so willingly and more or less equally. It is my perception that this was so.

I am struck by several truths. We came away with few commonalities except for the shared passage of time and the knowledge that we are very happy to be the age we are. Place of being (residence) in youth has an enormous influence over who we are as well as family experience and this affects how we approach aging. Whether or not we had a permanent, physical homelife and culture seems to affect our sense of security and entitlement. Whether or not we had loyal, loving, alive, interested parents seems to affect our sense of lovability. These are things you may learn from psychologists or texts, but there is something wonderful about sitting in a room with people who are all over fifty years of age and have over 300 years of collective, rich living experience from which to verify conclusions.

We talked about sexuality (yes, folks, the desire lives but we are not driven), how to make gay-friendly retirement communities (I thought Susan had the best idea: infiltrate a good retirement community one at a time, like the dykes have Airport Heights, City View and Nunaka Valley; then, take over. Look for one with gay-friendly staff. We wondered if the Unitarians ran a church-sponsored retirement home. Or the Friends.) We talked about our bodies, menopause, how to grieve and let go our various diminished capacities. We laughed about not being able to see so well anymore, even though this often makes me crabby. Ken very meticulously made beautiful computer-crafted topic sheets with sub-topics listed beneath them and posted them on the walls. We couldn't read them. We laughed about a lot of things. Susan shared knowledge of a group of over-eighties women who had grown old together and how they coped with memory loss with humor and acceptance underlaid by the pain of loss.

We talked about how time seems to be losing its edge, its chronology, its power to box us in, and the desire of some to just give in to that sense of drift.

We noticed how beautiful we are (I must be honest and say that I noticed how beautiful the others were, and if I thought they were, wasn't I too?) We have entered the process of training our eyes to appreciate the beauty of grace and the beauty of growing old.

We understand that taking care of our physical self was no longer an option, but a sacred duty. We acknowledged what a friend the body is, what a teacher even as it gives us pain.

What we did not talk about: Our lost youth (the worst time, wasn't it?) Work...were we all people who work to live rather that live to work? Financial security (though I know some of us have it). Disappointments, Failures.

Over and over, the people who had living parents with whom they were emotionally connected were more involved with the eventuality of their parents' death than their own, and with great grief. I remember that I did not feel like an adult until my mother died although I was thirty-five years old. Those of us whose parents are already dead, or who are disconnected from them had thought more of our own deaths and without apparent fear. All of us had something we wanted to finish before we died, and some of us were OK about going now. Connie was intensely curious to know what it would be like to be with Susan for ten years, for thirty. Janna wanted to finish her book. Shirley wanted to discover herself. I want to make peace with my
daughter. Most of us all cried sometime during this discussion.

About the end of life, Barbara McDonald said, "...uncertainty will not always be there, for this is like no other experience I have ever had -- I can count on it.... But this time I can rely on myself, for life will keep her promise to me. I can trust her. She is not going to confuse me with a multitude of other choices.... She will give me finally only one choice, one road, one sense of possibility. And in exchange for the multitude of choices she no longer offers, she gives me, at last, certainty. Nor do I have to worry this time that I will fail myself...This time, for sure, I'm going to make that single-handled crossing" (23-24).

I learned things about myself during this workshop based on others' perceptions of their own experiences, and their perceptions of me. One of those is that my image of myself has not caught up with who I am today. Sometimes I make choices as if I am still an un-recovering, unhealed hurt person. This idea has important implications for the choices I make. If this idea resonates with any of you, have it. We can all be each others' teachers.

It was a wonderful afternoon. I am still basking in the warmth of it. And we want to meet again. How about Sunday evening, 47, February 27th. Location TBA? Anyone interested in discussing various topics on aging is welcome to attend. Call 248-7722 to confirm.

This workshop was an offering of the Alaska Union for Lesbian and Gay Studies. If you are interested in offering a workshop, please contact Ken Freedman at 248-7722.


Karen Carlisle is a 50-year-old dyke happily anticipating the adventures and surprises of the next decades.

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Pat Parnell in High Gear

Pat Parnell formally kicked off his mayoral candidacy Thursday with a promise to cut spending, fight crime and restore the integrity of the city charter. Parnell, a former two-term Anchorage Assembly member and one-term state legislator, is one of 12 candidates in the election scheduled for April 19th. Parnell, who runs a family-owned stationary business, said one of his goals in office will be to stop the assembly from passing laws, such as last year’s short-lived gay-rights ordinance, that he thinks do not conform with the charter. Parnell said he thinks he’s got an edge over other candidates, several of whom served on the assembly with him, because he’s more in tune with the public. “Whenever I looked out of step with what the assembly was doing, it’s because the charter dictates one thing and the assembly members were doing another,” he said. 

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 1/14/94.

Teaching Tolerance

A cheer to the state of Massachusetts for deciding that students do not deserve to be harassed or persecuted just because they’re gay. The state has become the first to ban discrimination against gay students in public schools. Tolerance and respect for differences are important social values for schools to promote. Preaching these values is not enough. Schools must live by them, too.

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 12/16/93

Gay Teens Need Support

Public schools are supposed to provide a quality education and a safe environment for all students. Gay and lesbian teens live their lives in isolation for fear of harassment. If their homosexuality is discovered, they are teased and bullied in their schools to the point that many drop out. Some kill themselves. Those who keep their sexual orientation to themselves live in constant fear of being "out-ed." Schools do not provide any rap groups. Library resources are meager, and there are few sources of valid information about homosexuality in the schools. There are no openly gay or lesbian teachers to be adult role models. There is no community center for teen-age gays. There is nothing to give emotional support to homosexual adolescents. Massachusetts has become the first state to try to right this wrong by passing a law that adds sexual orientation to the list of banned discriminations in schools. I'm not holding my breath for Alaska to become the second state to give gay teens back their adolescence and their education.

Fred Hillman

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 12/23/93.

Note: Negative responses to Fred Hillman’s letter included suggestions by Len Hackett "...that he doesn't need school kids displaying their sinful acts in public." And from Vickie Phillips that "...instead of holding (his) breath just move to Massachusetts."

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 12/30/93.

AIDS Patient's Goal: Educate Others


He and John maintained a steady relationship for nine years. "Even when (John’s) physical problems started, like forgetting things and leaving the burner on, I never thought it could be AIDS," Cady said. Massive doses of drugs and hospital treatment did little to prolong John’s life. He was the seventh person in Alaska to be diagnosed with AIDS. Within a year and a half he was dead. "He literally wasted away in front of me," Cady said.

In 1988, Alaska ranked 49th in AIDS cases per capita. This year the State will move into the mid-30s, said Bonnie McCorquodale, Director of the Interior Aids Association. As of June, 180 Alaskans were known to have contracted AIDS. The disease kills not only gay men and drug users. The rise of infection by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is greatest among Teen-agers and young adults. Women ages 15-24 have the highest infection rate. By the year 2,000, more than half of newly infected adults will be women. On top of that, Alaska ranks second among states in teen-age pregnancies.

"That means kids are having sex and are not being responsible," said McCorquodale. Cady, an auditor with the Internal Revenue Service, says he considers himself lucky. At age 40, he has lived a happy life. Most of the other 15 or so HIV+ clients who rely on the Interior Aids Association are in their 20s or 30s.

He knows AIDS is spreading rapidly and that people need to learn how to protect themselves. "Don't kid yourself into thinking my kid can't get it because they're good. You could be the most God-
fearing person, but if you go to bed with one person who has slept with someone else, you are susceptible."

Cady encourages people who think there is even a remote chance they have HIV to get tested. Cady is living proof that early testing can extend life. He has had the virus for about eight years, but because he takes drugs and health precautions, he could live another two or three years.

Cady, who also serves as chairman of the Interior AIDS Association board of directors, stressed that people with AIDS do not have to go public to receive help.

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 12/22/93. ▼

The News from There:
National

...And Two Steps Back
Austin, Texas -- A divided Texas Supreme Court let stand the state's law against homosexual sex, ruling that a lower court exceeded its jurisdiction when it declared the law unconstitutional. The 5-4 decision dismissed a civil lawsuit by opponents of the sodomy law, who had prevailed in the 3rd Court of Appeals, a state civil court.

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News 1/14/94.

Ousted Gay Midshipman Says He's Not Ready to Compromise
Washington -- Former Midshipman Joseph Steffan, ousted from the Naval Academy in 1987 for being gay, said Thursday that he is not ready to "settle for anything else" than an officer's commission, despite the Clinton administration's objection to that.

The Justice Department formally asked a federal appeals court to wipe out a 6-week-old order requiring the Navy to give him a commission as an ensign. They did not, however, object to the order by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here that ordered the Pentagon to let Steffan serve in the Navy, and get his Naval Academy diploma. The Pentagon said it would give Steffan his diploma after the court case is over, provided he can transfer enough credits from North Dakota State University, where he got a degree after being ousted from the Academy. Steffan will graduate from the University of Connecticut's law school in Hartford this May.

In a compromise between the Justice and Defense Departments, the new legal document notified the Circuit Court formally that the administration would not appeal the core of its decision in the Steffan case, striking down as unconstitutional the military's long-standing ban on gays in the military.

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News 12/31/93. ▼

Montreal -- Lesbian & Gay Hospitality

Exchange International (L/GHEI -- pronounced el-gay) has begun its membership campaign for 1994. Members of this world-wide non-profit organization for lesbians and gay men offer one or two nights hospitality to other traveling members and are received when they travel.

As well as saving money on accommodations and experiencing places they visit from a resident's perspective, members can exchange ideas with lesbians and gay men from around the world and develop lasting friendships with their hosts and visitors.

Garnet Colly, founder of the Montreal, Quebec based network reports that L/GHEI has more than tripled its membership since 1991 to nearly 300 listings in 31 countries - from Australia to Zimbabwe. "We are confident this growth will continue."

L/GHEI publishes an annual membership directory. The deadline for receipt of application for 1994 is and the annual membership fee of US$25 is January 31.

Contact: L/GHEI, c/o Garnet Colly, P.O. Box 612, Sn. C, Montreal, Quebec H2L 4K5, Canada, or fax: 514 523-0806. ▼
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Educators

Tentatively entitled One Teacher in Ten, this anthology by lesbian/gay/bisexual educators is slated for publication by Alyson Publications in the fall of 1994.

Who should submit?

Any lesbian/gay/bisexual educator -- teacher, administrator, counselor, etc., past or present, working with elementary, middle, or high school students. The anthology will seek gender -- balance as well as geographical and cultural diversity among the included pieces.

What should I write about?

Pieces with a strong sense of first-person experience are preferred. Prose or poetry reflecting your own experience as a lesbian/gay/bisexual educator is appropriate, as opposed to scholarly essays.

How long should my piece be?

A maximum of 6000 words. The editor can work with you to stay within this limit. Submission of hard copy or 3.5 diskette is acceptable provided the file is in Text/Microsoft Works, and one of the following formats: Text, RTF, MacWrite II 1.1, Word Perfect 5.1, or Word 4.0, 5.0.

Do I have to be out to contribute?

No. The goal of this anthology is to reflect the full range of experience of lesbian/gay/bisexual educators, from those who are out to all members of the community to those who are unable to be out at all. Confidentiality will be assured for those who desire it.

Who is publishing and editing this?

Alyson Publications has earned a well-deserved reputation as a progressive force in the publishing world over past decade. Publishing such important works as One Teenager in Ten, In the Life, and Heather Has Two Mommies, Alyson is committed to bringing to publication works by relatively-unheard voices within the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The editor, Kevin Jennings, is a history teacher at Concord Academy in Concord, Mass., and the co-founder of the Gay & Lesbian School Teachers Network (GLSTN), a nationwide organization which brings together gay and straight teachers to fight homophobia. He is also co-chair of the Education Committee for the Massachusetts Governors Commission on Gay & Lesbian Youth.

What is the deadline?
February 15, 1994

For more information or to submit a piece, write to:

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Thanks!
supplying the coffee house with Illusions' sumptuous baked goods. According to Brian, it allows him the freedom to keep up with his rapidly expanding catering service without the added burden of running a restaurant. The Side Street/Illusions combination had its grand opening on Wednesday, January 12th, reportedly with rousing success.

What is the future of Illusions Food Company? Brian projected a May 1st opening of an Illusions Food Company shop downstairs in the Fifth Avenue Mall -- a dessert and coffee shop and a "dinner pick-up spot" for the catering service. Brian also hopes to have shops "everywhere," including Seattle in 1996 or 1997. When asked what gives Illusions an edge over the competition, Brian talks about the high quality of his product: "98% of what we do is totally from scratch. We make our own preserves and fruit fillings from whole berries, we don’t buy premade. With 80 different varieties of cheesecake, it doesn’t sound like boredom will ever be a problem.

For now, the community can enjoy their food at the Side Street Espresso on Tudor Road. My visits there have met with a pleasant, relaxing atmosphere, excellent espresso and friendly Side Street barristas. There is also the added pleasure of the delicious fragrances emanating from the Illusions kitchen in the back, and an opportunity to buy some of the desserts in their front display cases. Located conveniently across the street from the Alaska Women’s Bookstore and a few blocks west of the Capri, Tudor Road could become the next "Community hub."

Linda Kellen is a writer, singer and plays keyboard for Sky Blu and is entertainment coordinator at Java Joint.
Open Season on Romanian Gays
by Christian Heppinstall

Discriminatory anti-homosexual legislation was vociferously debated by the Romanian Parliament in November. Chaos reigned on the Senate floor of the Upper House due to the proposed broadening of Article 200, Paragraph 1, that already proscribes homosexuality, with resulting enthusiastic police and court prosecution. Supporting the proposal was Sen. Dravomir Popescu of the ruling Social Democrats, "I cannot agree with the misuse of bodily organs that have well-established functions."

As of November 1, per the Ministry of the Interior, 67 alleged homosexuals remain incarcerated in Romanian jails, mainly in the Galati and Jilava penitentiaries near Bucharest. Recently, a 19-year-old Sibiu homosexual appealed to international human rights groups for help after being arrested for having private, consensual sex and released after a week’s detention last February. His trial has been postponed until after the debate in Parliament is settled which could result in a dramatic increase in the legal charges against him, and the corresponding sentence. The "Timisoara Two," arrested and tried earlier this year, have been released from jail on suspended sentences. This action earlier in the year manifested Romanian government inconsistency and hesitation in their application of Article 200.

According to Dr. Scott Long, a Human Rights Monitor for the International Gay and Lesbian Rights Commission, based in San Francisco, "Romania is reneging on its commitment to the Council of Europe’s demand to eliminate laws discriminating against homosexuals. Dr. Long is concerned about the ambiguity of terms and phrases, such as "public scandal" and "deprivation of certain rights" included in the new amendments. "Essentially, they can prosecute anything," said Dr. Long. "In a country with no privacy for 45 years, 'public scandal' can mean any behavior your neighbor disapproves of. The 'deprivation of certain rights' could entail loss of voting and other civil rights for life, an effective loss of citizenship. Members of the Romanian Parliament have said that now that Romania is in the Council of Europe there are no further binding restrictions on her behavior -- she can do what she wants."

Christian Heppinstall lives in Budapest, writes for the Budapest Week, wrote, produced and presented his original play "Growing Basil" in Anchorage with the donations given to Equal and Identity as a gift.
Out Law
by Sylvia L. Short

So it’s “Happy New Year” everybody, and a resounding wish for your happiness in 1994. Let’s make this a better year, and in order to evaluate where we’ve been and where we’d like to go, little peeks backwards and forwards are pertinent:

POINT: Many of us are still recovering from the slap the voters handed us by electing to our Municipal Assembly people who were supported by bigots, in a backlash to the effort to make sexual orientation a non-issue in Municipality employment. More than a setback to our struggle for equal rights, we are now stuck with a number of legislators (??) who are pushing conservative “reforms” which stultify progress in our city in many ways. With an admittedly conservative mayor, we need balance in our government, which appears to be sadly lacking.

COUNTERPOINT: An effort has been started to examine our local politicians and would-be politicians more thoroughly. A number of organizations, such as the Women’s Political Caucus, the ACLU, the “progressive Democrats,” our own Identity and Equal, and the Unitarian Universalist Religious Right study group, are working, and will be combining their work, to question candidates on pertinent issues and make those answers public. This is not a new idea, but with a combined public-interest forum, more clout will be brought to procure answers that give us better insights into the people who will be representing us.

POINT: There was dismay and disappointment expressed when the Clinton policy toward gays in the military finally evolved, and it is still controversial. The previous Bush policy made homosexuality a basis for separation from the service, and a number of lawsuits were springing up over it.

COUNTERPOINT: Decisions in several of the pending lawsuits are heartening. The Meinhold case resulted in a federal court’s determination that the threatened action constituted a denial of equal protection, and Meinhold, a popular sonar instructor aboard submarines, has been reinstated. [Note: In a recent interview, Keith Meinhold stated he plans to retire from the Navy in six years, go to law school, and then run for Congress!]

In another federal district court case brought by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., a three-judge panel held that there was no rational basis for the military’s anti-gay ban -- no “military exception” to the U.S. constitution! Joe Steffan was therefore granted his U.S. Naval Academy diploma and commissioned as an officer.

While appeals are pending, these constitute statements by powerful and prestigious courts that the military policy is unconstitutional!

P.S. Public reaction, while varied, is pinpointed in a little-heralded action by the student leaders in a small school at a place called Pleasant Hill, California. A resolution was passed by the student council to bar recruiters from all military branches from coming on campus because of the discrimination against gays practiced by the military!

Another Lambda victory prohibits the use of placement offices and other school facilities by military recruiters at the State University of New York, second largest state university system in the country, based on a state court’s ruling upholding the Governor’s Executive Order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

POINT: The early 90’s witnessed a growing number of suits and claims of discrimination because of retirement, insurance and other benefits granted “spouses” but not gay partners. Some jurisdictions solved the dilemma by granting such rights to “domestic partners” which included non-wed livers-in.

COUNTERPOINT: The largest employer and largest governmental body in the country to recognize insurance benefits for lesbian and gay domestic partners is the New York City Board of Education, pursuant to the settlement of a suit brought by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. This should be a precedent that could affect similar situations throughout the country.

POINT: The early 90’s witnessed some discouragingly discriminatory ballot measures, notably in Oregon and Colorado. Oregon narrowly defeated its measure, but Colorado’s was passed. There are now a number of jurisdictions taking opposite stands on the matter, but the thrust of the bigots is toward constitutional amendments, nullifying enlightened legislation in smaller jurisdictions.

COUNTERPOINT: The Colorado measure has been declared unconstitutional, although not yet finally decided by its highest court. In Cincinnati, Ohio, a preliminary injunction has been obtained halting implementation of an anti-gay act passed by the voters of that city.
POINT: In Chicago a man was fired from his job after complaining about anti-gay harassment and threats of violence from a supervisor.

COUNTERPOINT: The Chicago Commission on Human Relations assumed jurisdiction over the matter, and Lambda was able to settle the case by obtaining damages for the man and requiring that the employer provide training on lesbian and gay issues to its employees.

POINT: Despite an uneasy environment in our local area, the UU Social Justice committee put on a workshop series on understanding and accepting different sexual orientations, with marked success.

COUNTERPOINT: The committee has decided to expand its efforts and is planning a short performance to introduce interested people to the series, will repeat the workshops this spring and is looking toward possibly presenting them in the Community Schools as well as at the request of private groups.

POINT: San Francisco marked the 15th anniversary of the Harvey Milk tragedy, when Milk, a San Francisco city and county supervisor, and San Francisco mayor George Moscone were killed by Dan White, a former police officer and firefighter who was convicted of two counts of voluntary manslaughter, sentenced to an inadequate 8 years in prison, and committed suicide in 1985 after being released on parole.

COUNTERPOINT: The tragedy is now memorialized by a plaque inscribed "You Gotta Give 'Em Hope", from one of Milk's stump speeches. As stated by Wayne Friday, a San Francisco police commissioner who was one of Milk's closest friends and a political advisor: "The legacy of Harvey Milk is that gays and lesbians must come out of the closet. His legacy is that nothing is given to you, you've got to take it."

Sylvia L. Short, Attorney at Law, lives in Anchorage.

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By William Arnold

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* Mayor’s Forum, 7PM, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship--3201 Turnagain STREET. Come meet and question all the mayoral candidates (thems as is willing to grace our presence.
(More info inside)
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* EQUAL meeting at the Unitarian Fellowship, 7PM, call 566-0930.

Jan 21, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourAr’s, 730 'I' St. 276-1400.
* Lesbian/Gay 12-step meetings: AA, 7-8:30PM, 637 'A' St (Anch. Ch. of Relig. Sci.)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 8-9:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call AA phn)
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Jan. 22, Sat:
* Women’s Coffee House, 8PM, call 277-0713.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Jan. 23, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Sky Is Blu plays at the Anchorage Folk Festival, 9:30PM
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call AA phn.)
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4PM.
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Jan. 24, Mon:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9PM, call 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Jan. 25, Tues:
* Identity Board Meeting 7PM at UUF
* Fairbanks gay men’s support group, call Jeff and Andy at 457-6511.

Jan, 26, Wed:
* Winter Concert Series "Music Without the Park" In the 5th Ave. Mall top floor Food Court. Free parking and admission 12-1PM, call Colleen at 276-5015
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s, 2-4PM.
* Social at the Summit Lounge--Juneau.
* Women’s Prerogative, KTOO 9-10PM--Juneau
* Blue Moon Boy-see Alice Review, 9:30PM. $3 cover.

Jan. 27, Thurs:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Jan. 28, Fri:
* Identity Potluck (See Ad)

* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourAr’s, 730 'I' St. 276-1400.
* Lesbian/Gay 12-step meetings: AA, 7-8:30PM, 637 'A' St (old Synergy bldg, now Anch. Ch. of Relig. Sci.)
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  * Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand
Jan. 30, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, call: 258-5266
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team @ Park Lanes, 4PM.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30PM, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Jan. 31, Mon:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM.
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9PM, call 786-4846, make on-air requests

Feb. 1, Tues:
* EQUAL meeting at the Unitarian Fellowship, 7PM, call 566-0930 (new number!)

Feb. 2, Wed.
* Winter Concert Series "Music Without the Park" in the 5th Ave. Mall top floor Food Court. Free parking and admision 12-1PM, call Colleen at 276-5015
* Free HIV TEST at FourA's, 2-4PM.
* Social at the Summit Lounge, 5-7PM–Juneau
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover

Feb. 3, Thurs:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Feb. 4, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 T’ St. 276-1400.
* Lesbian/Gay 12-step meetings: AA, 7-8:30PM, 637 ‘A’ St (Anch. Ch. of Relig. Sci.)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 8-9:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Feb. 5, Sat:
* Women’s Two-Step Dance at the Pioneer School House, 7:30 - 8:30.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Feb. 6, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 1-2:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* EQUAL Sledding Party at Kincaid Park Chalet, 2PM.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30PM, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Feb. 7, Mon:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Alaska Women’s Political Caucus.
* First United Methodist Fellowship at 7PM
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9PM, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Feb. 8, Tues:
* Fairbanks gay men’s support group, call Jeff/Andy: 457-6511.

Feb. 9, Wed:
* Winter Concert Series "Music Without the Park" in the 5th Ave. Mall top floor Food Court. Free parking and admision 12-1PM, call Colleen at 276-5015
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s, 2-4PM.
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover

Feb. 10, Thurs:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Feb. 11, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 T’ St. 276-1400.
* Lesbian/Gay 12-step meetings: AA, 7-8:30PM, 637 ‘A’ St (Anch. Ch. of Relig. Sci.)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Group, 8-9:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Feb. 12, Sat:
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.
Just a Bit more...

Feb. 13, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Midnight Sons Gay Men's AA Group, 1-2:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4PM.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 8:30PM, variety format, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Feb. 14, Mon:
* Valentine's Day.
* Gay Bar legal Q and A, 7-8:30, call 279-5001.
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Women's music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9PM, 796-4846, make on-air requests.
* Valentine's Day Dance. Call Tiger Lily at 243-6905.

Feb. 15, Tues:
* EQUAL meeting at the Unitarian Fellowship, 7PM, call 566-0930 (new number!)

Feb. 16, Wed:
* Winter Concert Series "Music Without the Park" In the 5th Ave. Mall top floor Food Court. Free parking and admission 12-1PM, call Colleen at 276-5015.
* Free HIV TEST at FourA's, 2-4PM.
* Blue Moon Boy-REE-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover.

Feb. 17, Thurs:
* Lesbian & Gay 12-Step, 7PM, open/non-smoking, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

Feb. 18, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA's, 730 T St. 276-1400.
* Lesbian/Gay 12-step meetings: AA, 7-8:30PM, 637 'A' St (old Synergy bldg, now Anch. Ch. of Relig. Sci.)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men's AA Group, 8-9:30PM, 1231 W. 27th Ave. (Call regular AA phn for info.)
* Sky Is Blu at Cyranos Offcenter Playhouse, 8-10:30 PM.

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Pink Pesos, Lavender Liras or Gay Greenbacks, or How to Pay Yourself First by Chris Olson

The 1993 tax year is not over! You have until the day you file your tax returns to open or add to your Individual Retirement Account. The maximum annual contribution is $2,000 (for individuals). If you fall in the 28% tax bracket and deposit the full $2,000 into your IRA you are effectively giving yourself an extra $560 in savings. If you had to pay taxes on this $2,000 you would be giving that money to Uncle Sam and would get to keep only $1440 (2,000 - 560).

My name is Chris Olson. I have been asked to write a column regarding my new chosen career: insurance and investments. I will address various areas that I believe are important when it comes to planning your future. I love money and what it can do. I want my money to work for me and not against me. If my money is sitting in a savings or interest bearing checking account earning 2-3% interest AND inflation is at 2.9% AND the bank charges monthly service fees THEN my money is working against me. The real value of my money is shrinking. This is not acceptable to me.

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"Regular" people don't listen to sales people. You think you will be taken advantage of. Well, maybe you will read this column and decide that these concepts are acceptable and worthy of ACTION on your part. Knowing what you know now you must go out and begin to put your money to work for you.

Chris Olson is a fully licensed insurance and securities representative, has lived in Alaska for 13 years and welcomes new clients and referrals, especially from the Gay & Lesbian Community.
Part 7 (2 of 2):
The 4th of July Party;
Steve's Family;
A Ghost Town Called Purdy
by Dan Cook

[The Editors apologize for leaving this out of the December issue.]

Mrs. Holt and Lucy had become good friends.
Robert and the two maids were standing against the wall, as if their private space had been invaded.
Steve's family knew no strangers, they had gotten the staff to stop curtsying. If Steve and Mike liked it, so be it, but the rest of the family didn't like it, it made them nervous ("Oh my!")
That day, they put together the blueprints for the Fourth of July open house. In order to get everyone through the house, they devised a route, after greeting them at the door, show them to the staircase. Ettas would be standing at Mrs. Potter's bedroom suite, tell them to take their time, but exit out the french doors to the balcony. Go to the left around to the guests bedroom

-- Mary would say the same thing but exit to the right, to Mr. Lane's bedroom to the inner parlor, back out the same door, down the inner hallway to the master bath and Mr. Potter's bedroom; then back to the parlor through Mike's entrance. They were to exit to the right, down the staff's stairwell to the formal dining room, take a right to the kitchen then down the hall to the sunroom. From the library take a right to the formal living room (the staff quarters were off limits on the third floor). Then back out the foyer and back to the formal dining room for food and punch.

The afternoon of the fourth of July, Etta, Mary and their gay friends, Roland and Charles (the first family gay couple they had ever met) arrived. They were invited to stay the weekend and share the little ranch house, the men jumped right in and offered to be guides; "they were great," Steve and Mike agreed.

The first car arrived 5:00pm -- by 8:00, there were 300 adults and the boys had parked over 100 cars. Everything was going as planned. The band switched from chamber music to the Lindy, Charleston and the Tango; everyone was dancing and in their finest. The children had a party in town sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and 4-H -- they had gotten hay wagons and arrived around 9:30 and were all sitting on the grassy knoll by the gates. At 10:00, the men that Mike had bought the fireworks from started their "ooh-ahh" show. Everyone stopped dancing and eating for 30 minutes. When it was over the kids left and the music played on until 1:00am.

These were farmers and ranchers who didn't usually party that heartily -- but they did. It would be one for the good old days they would talk about during the Depression, and that was just around the corner.

Before Steve's family went home to Boise, Mike and Steve invited the sisters on a weekend camping trip. They wanted to show them a ghost town called Purdy, on State Range land, south of their property. They had heard about it, but never had the time to look for it. (Steve had found it on one of the state survey maps and also on a mineral claims map. Now it was state land and beyond the open range.)
Purdy earned it's name because it was so Purdy (pretty). It lay six miles behind the ranch on the other side of the ridge in a small valley. The only way to get to it was to go around and that was about 20 miles (at least they thought at the time). They left the ranch at the crack of dawn, by early afternoon they arrived (and yes, it was "purdy"). There were a couple dozen buildings, most of them flattened by the weather or sheer neglect.

Sixty years had passed and Mother Earth was reclaiming what was hers. The first settlers probably came here during the big migration, using the Oregon Trail. The pioneers cast their eyes on the same mountain peaks that Mike and Steve now saw every day. After staying the night, they wanted to explore a wagon trail that ran West towards their ranch -- it ran parallel along the ridge about 3 1/2 miles to an old mine and miner's house. Whoever had lived there must have had children -- a board swing was on the porch. The house was in pretty good shape, about the same as Mike and Steve's little ranch house when they first bought the ranch. There was a small, well-defined trail that made its way West towards their ranch,
probably made by elk or deer. It ended just short of the ranch on a creek bed that ran into the small lake they loved, it had been there the whole time (more about Purdy in 1931).

The rest of the year went smoothly -- they were corresponding with Roland and Charles and had decided to go the Calico Club on New Year's and then vacation in California, one of many firsts to come. There was a gay world to explore and Victoria had a big surprise -- and the start of the Depression.

Turning the page... to be continued.

Cherisse AKA Dan Cook was Empress I of Eugene, Oregon, Empress 18 of All Alaska and very active in gay politics for a long period of time.

[Note: if you’ve been following the saga of Steve and Mike and are missing sections of the storyline, please write or call Cherisse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.] ▼

Archives Needs a Clip Job

The International Gay and Lesbian Archives, the world's largest gay and lesbian research library, needs your help to make sure that the people who are writing our gay and lesbian history don't forget that there are important issues happening all over the country. Researchers from all over come to the West Hollywood based Archives to have access to materials chronicling the history of our people. The Archives is looking for volunteers to clip gay and lesbian related articles from local papers and send them to the Archives. The Archives hopes to coordinate a network of people across the country who know that there is a gay life in Atlanta, Nebraska, Texas and Alaska and want future generations to have a sense of the continuity and breadth of our movement. If you're willing to make a commitment to make your daily reading of the paper something to benefit us all, please write the Archives for information on how clipping need to be received so they can be most effectively incorporated into the Archives' collection. Send your inquiries to IGLA, PO Box 69679 West Hollywood CA 90069 Attn: Pat Allen. ▼

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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.

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AA:
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

Advertising:
(L) KT Creative, Katie, 278-9174

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 276-1400
(A) Interior AIDS Assoc., 452-4222
(A) Pierce County AIDS Found. (WA), 206-383-2565
(A) S.T.O.P. AIDS Project, Gwen, 278-5019

Alaska Native Network:
(G) Ilita Consulting, Roy, 272-1334

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Architectural Design:
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Astrology:
(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-0582

Automotive:
(A) Courtney's, Michael, 562-1227 (see ad)

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

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 457-8246 (see ad)
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 235-5945
(L) The Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 808-966-7936
(L) Garden Cottage (Orlando, FL), Lisa, 407-834-5395
(G) Gingerbread House, Yves (Montreal), 514-597-2804
(A) Island Watch, Elleen (Homer), 235-2265 (see ad)
(L) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bonnie (FL Lauderdale), FL, 305-565-8437
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G) The West Cook House, Doug, 277-3862

Books:
(L) Alaska Women's Bookstore, Joann/Mariah, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaskana, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599

Carpet & Linoleum Installation:
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Catering:
(G) Alaska Bost Catering, Maurice, 338-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

Child Care:
(G) Kid Zone, Andrew, 337-3802

Chiropractic:
(G) Andrea, 561-6081

Churches:
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Computer Bulletin Board:
(A) Myth's Reality (Berdache), 333-3425; 338-2869
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4039

Computer Supplies:
(A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
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(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Ken, 248-2422
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(A) Computer Magik, Jim, 274-3528
(A) Helek & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(A) LIL Technologies, Logan, 272-7377
(G) Lucian, 272-8328 (see ad)
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277
(G) Tom, 338-1312

Counseling:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(A) Counselling Alternatives, Connie, 562-1826 (see ad)
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(A) Jann, 248-9408
(G) Karen, 248-7722 (see ad)
(G) Kilia Consulting, Roy, 272-1334
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Mental Health Consumers of Alaska, Brian, 277-3817

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

Dental Care:
(A) Ward Hulbert, DDS, 248-0022

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

Electronics:
(A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

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

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(A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9751
(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

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(L) Chris, 561-8040/338-3942

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

Gardening:
(L) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543
Gender:
(B) Berdache Society, P.O. Box 92381, Anch., AK 99509-2381

General Contracting:
(L) R & L Construction, Lita, 279-4606

Gifts:
(L) Alaska Women's Bookstore, JoAnn/Marath, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876

Hair Styling:
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
(A) 36th Ave Hair Design, Ledjha, 561-8967

Health:
(A) Gatesey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(H) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
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(A) Skin care, Shari, 688-2963

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(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, Inc., Connie, 276-3147
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(G) Randy, 345-4087
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

House Sitting:
(L) Carol, 271-4620 (see ad)

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of All Alaska, Tiger Lilly, 243-6505

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

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Kites, Games, Banners, Puzzles:
(A) Northwind Kites, Pat, 279-4386

Landscaping:
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Legal:
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(A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (see ad)

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(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
(L) Leslie, 277-0713
(A) Marion, 562-0812
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

Mortgage Brokers:
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(A) Oldtime Music Company, Marge, 561-6862 (see ad)

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(A) Moon Dance Arts, Rosemary (Wasilla), 373-5353

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(A) Jane, 563-5151

Painting:
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Picture Framing:
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(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America, Ruth, 333-1190
(G/L) EQUAL, Inc., 566-0930 (see ad)

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-0460
(A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
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Private Investigators:
(L) K & K Investigating, Karin, 561-3665

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

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-7481 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Hilman, 248-2804; 563-5156 (see ad)
(L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 279-7611
(L) Dynamic Properties, Lucille, 279-7611 (see ad)
(A) Dynamic Properties, Steven, 279-7611

Reiki/Counseling:
(G) Ken, 248-7722 (see ad)

Research:
(L) Cracum & Associates, 279-3982 (see ad)

Restaurants:
(A) Cymos's Cafe, 274-1173
(G) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Resumes:
(G) Kilia Consulting, Roy, 272-1334

Rooming Houses:
(A) Regina's, 276-4904

Snowplowing:
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Social:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 248-0425

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

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(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226 (see ad)
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, Jim, 258-5266

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226 (see ad)
(A) Files by Ilene (Eagle River), 694-6946

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA), Pete, 457-0246

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
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(Remembering)

Part 9: The BARE State
by Dan Cook

Etta, Mary, Charles and Roland were at the train depot to see them off on Jan. 2, 1929.

Mike and Steve sitting on top of a cart with two steamer trunks, and a red cap pushing them.

Etta and Mary inside the Portland train depot (it still stands today). These beautiful structures stood in the heart of every major city -- some were very grand, but only a few were restored to their original grandeur.

And the steam locomotive with its wonderful sounds, and bell captains, and conductors yelling "all aboard;" the first class staterooms with valet service and first class dining rooms (no club car -- this was prohibition); lounge car for cards, reading, soft drinks (most travelers carried a flask) and snacks; and the bell captain with his chimes declaring that food was being served in the dining car.

The first class cabins were beautifully appointed, private rest rooms, and a marble sink, and brass everywhere. The cushions were velvet and there were shades and curtains for the large windows offering an unobstructed view of the passing scene. There was a small vase which always had fresh flowers attached to the window sill.

The run from Seattle to Los Angeles was just two days (and only seven stops: Seattle then Portland, and next Eugene where they added an engine; Klamath Falls for fuel; Redding California (with the mountains behind them) where they got rid of the extra engine; Sacramento, where passengers disembarked who were headed for the Bay area, and last stop Los Angeles. This was not a milk run, but was the Union Pacific Express 1929.

Waving to their friends, Steve got all teargy-eyed because Etta was crying. "What’s wrong with you two anyway?" Mike barked. "I guess we’re both happy for each other." Steve replied. A big hug from Mike brought on another response (Steve was always ready), but a knock at their door stopped Steve’s advances.

The valet introduced himself and asked them what time they wished to dine, so that he could reserve their table. Valet services included packing and unpacking, shining shoes, pressing clothes, and between 7-9am the first class lounge was reserved for gentlemen only for shaving. They left the valet to unpack the steamer truck and went to visit the lounge car for coffee. This also gave them a chance to explore.

They did not recognize Valerie DuVal, now Vince, as they entered the lounge car, but he, of course knew them. He stood up and introduced himself as Vince, but that foghorn voice was all Mike and Steve needed, and the Valerie Du Val was not necessary. Vince was in first class as well, and over the next two days they ate every meal together.

"We were a little overwhelmed by the Calico Club," recalled Mike. "That’s an under-statement," interrupted Steve. "We were thrilled to know that we were not alone, but a little apprehensive until we met Vince."

(Vince (Valerie Du Val) was married to a wealthy lesbian who was a socialite. They were best friends and used each other as a cover.)

Vince worked as a stuntman and was on call as an extra for various studios. If Chapman was to be hit by a trolley, or had to roll down a hill, it was Vince who did the bit. He was one of the few men who would fall from a covered wagon or horse while dressed as a woman. He also could fill in the chorus line as either gender and was a talented makeup artist. The guys recalled that they had been all eyes and ears when Vince has first spoke with them about the gay world. They had tons of questions, and he had patiently filled them in. He explained that it’s a private world, and a dangerous one too, with police brutality being number one. If your car or house were trashed or if you were robbed, raped or beaten up, you never called the police, for they could get away with murder and you would be blamed no matter what happened. On the other side, there was a wonderful underground movement with the police on their payroll, so that 90% of the time they were warned of a raid. This network kept those in the know informed as to the location of the new speakeasies and other events. It was a three ring circus.

Politicians wanted good copy. Money and movieland gave it to them. Their speakeasies were "hands off" as were their huge parties. You didn’t cut off the hand that fed you. If it hadn’t been for the movies, all they’d have would be oranges.

Vince asked them questions about their lives, but they only told him their professions and that they
had a ranch in Oregon. Vince was a performer, and he had a audience of two. He also had a flask, and the more he drank, the more a whole new vocabulary came out: Fag, faggot, queen, queer, S&M, butch, fem, sissy, dyke, drag, fag hag, steam queens, nellies, and many more. If that wasn't enough, there were all new names for sex. Everything they did had a name, now that was a real eye opener.

There were a few descriptions which confused them, things like golden shower didn't sound like love, but more like someone being pissed off at someone.

Every time Vince started talking about sex, Steve was visibly turned on, and Mike tried to change the subject to movies, California, or anything to cool Steve down. Vince, for his part, got a charge out of their innocence in the gay world. He asked them where they were intending to stay and agreed that the selected hotel was "Top Drawer," but if they wanted some privacy, he had a bungalow on the beach at Santa Monica. He did not plan to use it for the next two weeks, and asked them if they would like the use of the property. He also asked them if they would like to accompany his wife and himself to Catalina after the two weeks. He explained that there were plenty of good restaurants in the area and that the property had a phone and all they would likely need. The deal was done and they spent the rest of the trip learning more about Vince and the gay world around them.

They pulled into LA in mid-afternoon. Vince's wife met them. She was very outgoing, dressed in pink from shoes to hats. She was holding a little dog which never stopped yapping. She was perhaps a few years older than Vince, but didn't look it.

A photo of Vince, his wife, and that nasty Mexican pooh.

Umbrellas, folding wood beach chairs, a changing tent, and the bungalow in the background. Steve, showing his muscles off in the foreground.

Santa Monica had a pier and a boardwalk, and penny arcades of every description. One of them had a photo shop where they had a photo of them sitting on a quarter moon and another of them dressed as a mother and baby, plus a lot of snapshots of them at the beach. After all, it was their first vacation.

"There were orange groves everywhere, and grapefruit as well, but it was the palm trees which really fascinated us," Steve recalled. The guys enjoyed swimming in the warm water, which was much different from Puget Sound.

Vince's wife, who's name was Maryanne, but who wished to be called ChaCha, didn't fit the nickname at all. Her charm and elegance at least should have required a Lady ChaCha. They had been at the beach for three days when Vince called them and asked them to join ChaCha and himself at a speakeasy up the beach where a lot of stars often attended. He told him that he would pick them up and said he was sending his house keeper, a boy named Monty, out to the bungalow to do the cleaning.

Both of the boys answered the door in response to the knock and were confronted by a 5'5" slender boy standing on one foot, the other pointed out in front of him. "Well, well, well," Monty screamed, and bit his bottom lip while scanning every inch of the guys.

"I'm Monty, and who's Mike and who's Steve?" as he offered a limp hand. "I'm here to tidy up, and if you want anything, just -- anything --" as he took another look at Steve's bare chest, "just ask!" Mike and Steve later agreed they both thought "So this is a screaming sissy," apron and all. His elbows never left his sides yet his lower arms and hands were in constant motion. Instead of turning, he swirled, he didn't walk, but floated. his hips worked faster than a tennis ball and every time he passed them he did a twirl. "Queen?" asked Steve, "No, I think screaming sissy -- we'll ask Vince tonight."

They decided to get out of the house and let Monty do his thing, so they put their bathing suits on and grabbed a couple of towels and were just about to go out the door when they heard a scream. They turned to see Monty leaning against a door jam with his hand on his chest looking like he was about to faint. "Sweet Jesus don't let me go blind now, and if I do go, let me feel my way to Glory!" Steve recovered first and said "There's plenty of food in the icebox if you want to have lunch." "Why would I want lunch when the Lord has given me a banquet for my eyes." Steve thought Monty was a riot, but Mike didn't like the way he kept looking at their crotches, and he wondered just what John Day Oregon would say if they saw the likes of Monty.

When they returned from their swim the place was spotless and Monty was gone. Sharply at 8, a beautiful Pierce Arrow Sedan pulled up to the front door. Monty was driving. The passenger section was very spacious for the four of them, even with the yawping dog. ChaCha and Vince explained that they were headed for an estate which once had belonged to Fatty Arbuckle but was now a club for movieland movers and shakers. They warned the guys that there would be lots of producers at the party who might hit
them up for money for this picture or that one, so to be cautious.

They turned off the highway and drove past a "KEEP OUT" sign and came to a large iron gate edged by a brick wall. They were waved through by a uniformed guard who recognized the car. They drove up a long driveway which had old gas street lamps on either side, and finally came to a huge Tudor style mansion called the Castaways. There were so many lights on inside it looked like daytime. Doormen were dressed like Tower of London guards and they were escorted out of the car and inside while Monty parked the sedan. Vince whispered into Mike's ear "look behind you, it's Ronald Coleman and Vilma Banky. And in front of them is Alla Nazimova, the star of 'Salome.'" ChaCha added, "Rumor has it she had a child, not by her husband, but by Valintino."

Through the main house, past an indoor swimming pool with a waterfall, they exited into the central courtyard with a larger pool where everyone was. There were two bars, a band and tables all around the pool. In these two areas there must have been a thousand people. They were introduced to John Gilbert and Delores Costello as well as to two young starlets. One was Janet Gaynor, and the other was Joan Crawford. Miss Crawford had just finished a picture with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. called "The Younger Set." To hear Crawford tell it, she had been the star. On the other hand, Janet Gaynor had been charming. She wanted to know more about the ranchers from Oregon.

8x10 glossy of Janet Gaynor signed 'To my delightful Oregon ranchers. Respectfully, Janet Gaynor.'

The 3 guys sat at one of the bars while ChaCha, the social butterfly left them in the dust. She was putting together a birthday party for Charles Farrell the next weekend on Catalina, a hideaway for Hollywood's beautiful people.

They left the party around 3am and it hadn't slowed down. As they were getting into the car Monty had a big grin on his face. "Whore," Vince snapped. "Is there a problem?" Steve asked. "No, Monty's just a tramp -- she knows all of the young chauffeurs." ChaCha stopped him from saying any more and asked the guys if they would join them next weekend on Catalina for the big party. They accepted, but said that they would pay for the boat trip to the island getaway and their accommodations while there. All was agreed.

Turning the page....
"Remove My Name From Your Rooster!" (The Best of Homophobic Mail) from Kathleen DeBold and George Neighbors, Jr.

On of the joys of working for a gay organization is the singular pleasure we get from reading the daily dose of hate mail. We've arranged our favorite snippets in letter form so we could share with you the best of the Beavises and Butheads of the biblically impaired:

Dear Fagots, Dikes, Sodomites, Lissbians, and Queer Bates:

I recently came across your address in a magazine I was reading and a plea for donations to support your perversions caught my eye. Their is no excuse for you. Your all sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick. Gays are barf-inducing because you know what they do in private. Sex organs are not very sanitarily clean. Regardless of a man's ability as an artist, dress designer or choreographer (3 favorite professions, I'm sure) the bottom line is that he enjoys [a long, explicit and obviously well-researched description of gay male sex]. I'm sure that lesbians engage in similar disgusting acts [no description: they still can't figure out what we do in bed!].

Who is Barry Goldwater compared to God? Check the following versus of scripture: Genesis, Romans, Leviticus and Proverbs. God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. The bible makes it clear that Jesus preferred straight men. That is why God sent you Aides. In our day Aids were helpers in the principals office.

The homophiles are nothing short of a hatred spreading group that has joined forces with the KKK, and brown shirters and anti-semites. Homos have no right to teach in our public schools. You just want to pray on our children and lead them a stray. There isn't a homosexual alive who fought and died for his country like we did.

My wife is not a lesbian and neither is my son. I've never had sex with a man and neither has my wife. I hope that your campaigning for homosexuals is due to your being unknowable rather than you thinking the things they do are just 'sexual preference.' Keep your sexual perversions to yourself and I'll keep my sexual perversions to myself.

I also challenge the word "homophobic" as fear of homosexuals. I'm not homophobic - I have no fear of your type, only contempt. And now you have homophobia to wave around just like the jews have anti-semetic. So lets get rid of the word homophobia: How about "Homo-Blyicccch" (gag, choke, vomit)? Sure, you can call me homophonic if you like but I know what's right and what's wrong. When all you perverts are in hell it will be a much better place.

I am curious about how you got your name. I suppose that's a secret you'll keep buried in your bosom. I do not encourage anyone likely to place me on a mailing list to get more such weird offers. I demand that you remove my name from your rooster!

[Signed]
Satan
Hell Fire Lane
Hell Inc

As you can see, we have met the enemy and they are illiterate.
Kathleen DeBold is a Political Services Coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.
George Neighbors, Jr. is the Public Information Associate of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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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 ______

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I was discriminated against by:

Name: ___________________________

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

Have you sought assistance about the action you think 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: ___________________________
Groups & Gatherings
Circles and Clubs
News from Gay & Lesbian
Organizations from around the State
compiled by Kurt Parish

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 meetings 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 7:00pm at the First United Methodist Church on the first Monday of every month.

Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB): is a social group for Gay Men looking for an alternative to the "bar scene." For next meeting time and place, or to get on the mailing list for AGB, call Kurt at 248-0425.

Anchorage Lesbian Families' Alliance (ALFA): (formerly Lesbian Moms) usually meets every 4th Sunday at various locations (mostly at Susan & Janet's) to socialize and provide support for one another. Adults, children, lesbians, allies, and newcomers are welcome. Call Lynne/Marion at 338-5253 for more information.

Berdache Society: of Anchorage, a group for transgender persons has been more active in the community - notably at the Blue Moon on Wednesdays at the 9:30pm show. Nora Jean facilitates the group. If you want to get in contact, their mailing address is in the NorthView Directory.

QUAL Inc: has been meeting regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening at the AUUF Church in Room A. Equal is a politically active group addressing such issues as the Gay/Lezibian Rights Ordinance at the Assembly, the Municipal Elections and many other areas of concern. Please see Calendar section of NorthView for time, place and current agenda.

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. If you'd like more information on upcoming activities call 452-4222, or call Jeff or Andy at 457-6818.

Fairbanks dance club: The Palace Saloon, in Alaskaland, is still the hottest spot in town to meet. You can go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00pm till the wee hours of the morning. It is a straight, tourist bar at all other times. The DJ will be spinning Country, Disco, Top 40, and Oldies for your dancing pleasures.

Fairbanks Think Tank: Joint Lesbian and Gay group forming in early January. Come join Fairbanks' newest "think tank" by contacting Jeannie or Debbie at 479-8242. And look for future listings in the New Year!

Feminist Sing-A-Long: Women only: Third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Cir. (maps available at the Alaska Women's Bookstore) or call 337-3543. Non-singers are more than welcome. 6:30 pm, potluck, 7:30 pm 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, 7-8:30pm at 845 K St. 279-5001.

Identity Potluck Social: 4th Friday of every month, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St., doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and program at 7:30pm. This month features Rachel Holzworth from Alaska Women of the Wilderness. More -- remember Jan 20 when the Mayor's Forum will also be at the AUUF at 7pm. See Calendar and Identity notes for more information.

Imperial Court of all Alaska (ICOAA): is a social and support group that contributes to our community by being active in many causes, planning and presenting wonderful entertainment, and donating money for needy organizations to carry out their important goals. Jan 29th is "Closet King and Queen Ball" at the Elks club at 717 W. 3rd Ave. February 14 is the Valentine dance. Call Tiger Lily at 243-6905 for more information.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA): offers medical and dental program assistance, "buddies" (volunteers who help HIV + individuals living with AIDS), a meal delivery food supplement program, a lending library and counseling support. If you're interested in volunteering or need
assistance, please call the IAA in Fairbanks at 452-4222. What's in store for '94? The IAA will be sponsoring its Annual Valentine's Day Dance on February 12th. See NorthView Calendar and/or call IAA.

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC): holds Sunday services at 10:45am at 615 Hollywood Dr. Sunday evening Services started on August 1st at 7:00pm. Tuesday evenings is a study of "The Bible and Gay and Lesbian People."

McKinley (non-ascent) Club (MMcNA); is a social group open to anyone gay, lesbian, or ally. The Birchwood Lodge has been rented for a New Years bash which will include dinner, sleep-over, break-fast and fireworks. For more information call Dan at 561-8744.

Northern Exposure Bowling League: 4:00-7:00pm each Sunday, Park Lanes at 4350 Ames Ave. in Mt. View. Come out to enjoy the fun.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Fairbanks (P-FLAG(F)): meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm on the 5th floor Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. Contact Nancy at 479-4944 for more information.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Southcentral (P-FLAG(SC)): call Sylvia at 562-4992, Fred at 562-7161.

Women's Coffeehouse: every 4th Saturday, 7:30pm, Grandview Garden Cultural Center, 1325 Primrose (near corner of DeBarr & Bragaw, same building as Out North's headquarters.) Sliding scale, suggested donation $2. Call Barbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform.

Women's Two-Step Dance: first Saturday of every month. Pioneer School House, 3rd & Eagle, $3. Lessons at 7:30pm, dancing at 8:30pm. Come learn, meet new women, and enjoy. (from the KK. Thanks!)

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OH, THAT'S PAM. SHE'S SORTA MY FATHER. ONLY SHE DOESN'T SHAVE AND I CALL HER PAM.
Letters to the Editor

December 20, 1993

Dear Readers,

My husband and I are the proud parents of three daughters, one of whom is non-lesbian. With Chuck’s help, I’m the Pacific NW Regional Director for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). It is essential that P-FLAG build some more contacts and get more chapters going in Alaska. By experience we’ve found, logically enough, that our locating of parents and other family members depends on gays and lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people referring us to their families. (I suspect that a fair number of Alaskans have gone there to get away from their families! A problem!) However, the radical right is rising in your state, as it most assuredly is all over the northwest and the entire country. Parents can be indispensable allies in the struggle for full civil rights for our family loved ones, and we need to organize.

The strongest P-FLAG chapters combine both parents and other family members, and our G/L/B/T members. And this is where gays and lesbians are crucial. Parents often come into P-FLAG hurting, fearful, hiding and usually abysmally ignorant about homosexuality, HIV/AIDS, and the lives our children lead. We go into our own closets as our loved ones venture out. We are full of our own self centered fears about who might criticize us. We focus on our own pain when we are faced with the fact that we [must give] up the images and dreams we’ve never before questioned about who our children are and will be. We need gays and lesbians to share with us their struggles and their pain, so that we can set ours aside, and act to protect and defend those we love. You can help us to ask the right questions, and find the answers that can help us grow into educators, advocates and activists. My second lesbian daughter told me, “Mom, you need to find some things out on your own. I don’t want to have to tell you everything!”, and I learned I needed to learn without invading her life. It’s safer to seek information elsewhere than with our own kids. And we need to read, read and read! Gay and lesbian members can help guide us in a very new world, and your energy is essential to the momentum of P-FLAG!

At the same time, P-FLAG gives to gays and lesbians. We provide a confidential, safe and loving extended family for those whose own families have rejected them, or are far away. And, totally unfair as it is, we can often speak and be listened to as parents and other relatives, when you as gays and lesbian people, the real authorities, are ignored and discounted. We are living and functioning examples of true family values. We prove irrefutably that the radical religious right can no longer presume to be the sole possessor of family values. They have no answer to us when we speak out of our love and understanding. They’ve told us, “Your kids are forcing you to support them!”, and my reply is that, “Yes they are -- and isn’t the power of love amazing?!”. We shouldn’t have to be your voices, and in a sense, can never fully be so, since we can never fully experience who you are. But in this world, we can "speak truth to power" as no other group can.

As the political scene heats up, more and more parents and relatives come to P-FLAG saying, "I’m OK about my child -- I love him/her, and I know he/she needs no fixing! I don’t need a support group, but now I’m mad! I want to stop this insanity!”. These folk are ready to be out fighting. And what sometimes holds us back? Our "kids" are not out! Sometimes they simply can’t be, and nobody can determine that for someone else when the proper or safe time is to come out. But friends, sometimes your parents and families are ahead of you! Please rethink this, and let us get in the fray by coming out yourselves.

So I’m asking for you gay and lesbian folks, and other sexual minorities, to spread the word to your friends and allies all over Alaska. Please ask them to refer supportive parents and relatives to us, come to P-FLAG yourselves, and we will fight for your rightful place at the table! Write, phone or fax me, and we will start the process for you.

Sincerely,

Candace Steele
Regional Director, P-FLAG
83 N. Wightman St.
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January 1994

Dear Identity Readership,

On behalf of all of us at the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, thank you for your continued support and generosity. We hope
everyone had a nice holiday. Our best wishes to you all for a happy and safe new year.

Many people in the gay and lesbian community provide our organization with leadership, financial support, volunteer labor and professional expertise. We appreciate every hour, every dollar and every word of encouragement you share. We now say goodbye to 1993 and look forward to many new challenges in 1994.

Yes, it's true, we will soon open our Housing Program (after 2 years hard work trying to renovate the buildings, we're now looking for staff to manage the program). We will also be moving our offices this summer into the new United Way building on Fireweed, and we anticipate a few staff changes this spring.

We have more clients in need of more services every day. Our commitment to education and prevention is stronger than ever. Through it all, you, the community, remain our foundation, our inspiration and best friend. Thank you again for all you do.

Peace,
Rebecca Rogers
Executive Director
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association

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January 7, 1994

Dear Members of Identity:

I appreciate your recent invitation to appear at the Lesbian and Gay Community’s Mayor’s Forum, on Thursday, January 20th.

During last year’s debate on the sexual orientation ordinance, I was impressed by the professional approach of the gay community. While we do not agree on inclusion of sexual orientation in the municipal code, I remain opposed to lesbian or gay residents being subjected to personal abuse due to their sexual preference. As mayor I would ensure [that] homosexual citizens receive the same protection under the law as [would] any other resident of our city.

I regret I will not be able to attend your meeting due to a previous commitment. While most gay and lesbian residents may not support my candidacy because of my position on the sexual orientation ordinance, I will be pleased to meet [with you] to discuss your needs and specific issues after the election.

Sincerely,
Craig E. Campbell

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Superbowl Auction

The Raven is once again hosting the SuperBowl Auction for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A’s). The Raven has requested memorabilia from all NFL teams. Last year 15 of the 28 teams donated autographed pennants, footballs, photos and other team logo items.

The Raven has already started receiving items from some NFL teams. Auction items will be on display at The Raven for your review. As last year, this is a silent auction and bids will be accepted for items at The Raven. The winning bidders will be notified on or shortly after SuperBowl Day.

We are told that some of the items purchased last year have already increased in value. Be sure to stop by The Raven soon to bid on your piece of NFL History!

For more information on this or other Four A’s events call Brian Becker at 276-1400. ▼

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Identity Fourth Friday Potluck & Social

Alaska Women of the Wilderness features Dog Mushing, Wilderness Skills Classes, Fishing, Sea Kayaking, Bicycling/Hiking, Glacier Travel, Rock Climbing, Elderhostel and more.

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 openheartedly appreciated.

Date: Friday, December 24th.
Time: 6:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm announcements & program
Place: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain STREET, Anchorage.
Program: Emotional and physical independence in a wilderness situation. Does that strike a chord? Rachel Holzworth makes the Wilderness a human experience by bringing the philosophy and feelings into high relief!
OBITUARIES

Faron Wayne Purget, 30, died Jan. 11 at his Anchorage home. He was born Dec. 21, 1963, in Tahlequah, Okla. and graduated from West Valley High School in Fairbanks in 1981. He moved to Texas but returned to Anchorage in 1985 where he worked as a receptionist for Local 1496 of the United Food and Commercial Workers until retiring in September.

His family said, "Faron was an impassioned AIDS and human-rights advocate and educator who served on the board of directors of the Interior AIDS Association and volunteered many hours on behalf of Democratic candidates in Alaska. His commitment to the health of the next generation was evident in his many presentations at high schools, community groups and university classes."

Faron is survived by his loving companion, John Allen of Anchorage; his father, Olin of Oklahoma; mother Fonda McIlroy of Texas; sisters and brother-in-law, grandparents, nephews and many friends in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Texas.

A memorial service was held at the Lamb of God MCC on Friday, Jan 14. The Rev. James Morgan officiated. Additional services were held at the Palace Theater and Saloon in Fairbanks. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be sent to either the Interior AIDS Association, 4-A's, or Lamb of God MCC. Arrangements were handled by Evergreen Memorial Chapel. ▼
Everyone!

EQUAL
Minutes for Jan 6, 1994:
recorded by Linda S. Kellen

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General Membership Meetings are held the first and 3rd Thursday's of the month. The next meeting is February 3, 7pm, Room A at the Unitarian Church.

Next Board Mtg: Generally, the 4th Thursday of the month at Mendel and Huntington Law Offices, corner of 9th and K St.

Meeting held January 6th:

Announcements:

▼ The January 20th meeting was canceled in lieu of the Mayors Forum sponsored by Identity and Equal which occurred/occurs at 7:00 pm at UUF.
▼ A Republican from Oregon contacted Equal and wanted other Republicans to contact him. If you are interested, contact the Equal phone line and his name and address will be provided.

Discussion:

▼ Discussed the details of the Mayors Forum. 6 candidates reported they were coming.
▼ Treasurer's Report: $193.68 - Donations so far for January: $40.00
▼ Ann Milton was discussing ways in which Anchorage could commemorate the June Gay Olympics in New York - she suggested an "Anchorage March Celebrating Equality of Marginalized Populations." Discussion will continue.
▼ Organization of Gay Bingo is in full swing. The projected date is in April and various folks identifying themselves as representatives of The Imperial Court will be calling for prize donations! Be generous!
▼ Linda Kellen reported that Equal is on the list for a Fly by Night Club fund raiser. The club is presently organizing that list and will let us know what our date is. The fundraiser will involve getting a portion of the door at one of Whitekey's shows (Springtime in Spennard, etc...) and Equal will have to provide 160 bodies for the club to do it. We will let you know the date as soon as we know.
▼ The first Equal Sledding Party is going to happen February 6th, from 3:00 pm until at Kincaid Park Chalet. There is a great sledding run there for kids and one for adults, and it is well lighted at night. The chalet is open and serves hot chocolate! Best of all, on both runs, NO TREES -- so, bring your inner-tubes!
▼ It's official, Equal is now gearing towards its 501(c)(4) (political) status! Alaska will finally have its official gay/les/bi political group!

*******HELP WANTED*********

▼ PARENTS to attend School Board meetings. Support diversity in Anchorage Schools!!!!! The latest headlines of potential book censorship is proof that we need you there!
▼ LETTER WRITERS -- Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage Bypass, Equal Rights Commission, Anchorage Assembly, etc...
▼ SPEAKERS -- Anyone interested in being a member of the Equal Speaker's Bureau, please call Equal at 566-0930 and leave your name and number.
▼ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS - have a group that you need enlightened? Call Equal and let us know where, when, and what topic!

Like to be on panels? Good at speaking to Unions? Want to talk with STAR? Want to be on the team encouraging openly Gay/Lesbian candidates to run? Want to be part of a workshop to help reduce your own homophobia? Have your own idea about what EQUAL might do?

Next Meeting: February 3rd, 7pm, Room A at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. (Future meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.)

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UAA Honors MeiMei Evans

The selection committee for the Alaska Women's Bookstore Award in Feminist Studies is pleased to announce the 1994 recipient is Ms. Mei Mei Evans. Ms. Evans is a published writer of fiction with an MFA from Vermont College. She is an instructor for English and Women's Studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage, having designed two of the courses in Women's Studies. She also teaches at Alaska Pacific University and conducts community workshops in ecofeminism and cross-cultural issues.

Ms. Evans' winning project is a novel that articulates the ideas and values of ecofeminism in a literary art form. One of the basic premises of ecofeminism is that women's voices and feminine values are not well represented in the patriarchal cultures of the world and that this absence is detrimental not only to women, but to all of society.

Previously funded projects were (1) a research and curriculum development project in the literature of Appalachian women, (2) a curriculum materials project of feminist materials for use in school districts, and (3) editing of a book that deals with issues of incest and rape. The 1193 recipient, Susan Braund, is conducting a study of homeless women in Anchorage.

For more information on the Alaska Women's Bookstore Award in Feminist Studies call Shari Olander at 786-6751.

There's a time when you have to explain to your children why they're born, and it's a marvelous thing if you know the reason by then.

Hazel Scott, b. 1920. Trinidad-born American musician

Celebration of Change XI

Poster Contest! Artists! We are looking for a poster to express the heart of Celebration. The 15% Board selects the winner from entries received. The deadline for entries is April 1. Please include your name, address and phone number so we can contact you. You may remain anonymous on your reproduced work if you so choose. The prize is $100.00. If selected, your artwork may be used to advertise Celebration and as all or part of the cover for the Celebration of Change program. Send entries to: The 15%, Inc., PO Box 104746, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-4746, or leave them at the Women's Bookstore.

Director Named. Carolyn Lancaster has been selected by the Board of the 15%, Inc. to be the Director for Celebration of Change XI.

Carolyn has a diverse background in theatre arts, most recently having performed in the 1994 AKPirg Polities produced by Out North. She has directed a three act Neil Simon play and feels comfortable with stage timing and the need to have the show flow.

Carolyn recognizes the unique nature of Celebration and wants to focus on its collaborative dynamics to build a wonderful Celebration XI.
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