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The Wealth-Building Mocha Account
by Chris Olson

In the business of money people usually complain about never having enough of it. This is quite true of me. Each time a bill arrives in the mail I moan and groan about having just a little bit less for me. Once I think I’m getting ahead I’m “surprised” by another big PAYMENT DUE notice and there I go to “O” again.

One way of avoiding this erosion is to think of your savings as a monthly bill. You should get at the front of the line and pay yourself just like you would any other bill. You must think of yourself/loved ones/future as an account that regularly comes due each month. You must pay yourself regularly and systematically if you expect to tuck anything away for a future goal or dream.

Here’s how I did it. I am a caffe mocha addict. My drink of choice is a triple shot grande. These go for $3.50 a pop. If I drink one each day that comes to more than $100 each month. $100 to coffee that could be going to my retirement fund. I decided to take $50 of my coffee money and set up a systematic bank account withdrawal into an investment savings plan. Over the course of 10 years I will have $9,000 saved (thanks to the compounding factor discussed in last month’s column). It is true that I have to drink my mocha’s only every other day now. I can suffer since I know I’m getting a whole heck of a lot more out of that $50 than a coffee buzz.

The most important aspect of this $50/month coffee account is that it comes directly out of my bank account. I don’t even see the money so I’ve learned to not need it. It is the very first bill that gets paid on my behalf each month and I don’t even have to lift a finger to do it.

Saving systematically can be painless. You will be tickled and proud of yourself each time you get an account statement that shows your new, increasing balance. You’re accumulating money for future dreams you never thought you had.

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▼ If I’m too strong for some people, that’s their problem.

Glenda Jackson, b. 1936
English actress
Hiding Bigotry Behind the Bible

In recent months a number of Southern Baptists have taken it upon themselves to spread “the word” about gays and lesbians. One such is Dale Sauls, whose letter “Disputing a ‘Lie From the Pits of Hell’” appeared in the Journal on July 19. In the interest of even-handedness, I’d like to add some observations of my own.

Throughout history, in all places and societies, there have been people who were homosexual in orientation. Attraction to members of the same sex is neither a deliberate choice nor an illness subject to correction or cure. It’s simply a fact of life for a significant portion of the human race, and always has been. Most societies have found ways to accommodate it. Only the Judeo-Christian culture condemns it out of hand.

A growing body of scientific evidence attests that homosexuality is in fact a physiological trait (see Newsweek, Feb. 24, 1992). Its origin might even be genetic. Certainly most psychologists would agree that a person’s sexual orientation is set prior to the age of five. If it isn’t a matter of personal choice, then it can’t be a moral or ethical issue either.

Let me emphasize the point: Homosexuality is an orientation, not a matter of choice. Like the color of one’s eyes, skin, or hair, it’s a God-given characteristic. Who, then, can condemn a person for being gay — that is, for being what God created him or her to be? Only bigots.

Almost all of the arguments against homosexuality are based on the fact that a few passages in the Bible condemn it. But the ancient biblical writers had no concept of homosexuality as an orientation. They simply categorized it as a form of licentiousness or promiscuity. Certainly any sexual encounter in which one person uses another’s body merely to satisfy his or her own selfish lust is to be deplored. And faithfulness to one’s partner is the bedrock of any sexual relationship.

But God is love (1 John 4:8). Surely God does not condemn any deeply committed and loving relationship between two human beings, whether heterosexual or homosexual. Rather than denying the legitimacy of same-sex unions, the laws of our society should recognize them as real marriages.

The only specific prohibitions of homosexual conduct to be found in the Old Testament are two often-quoted verses: Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13. What Bible thumpers neglect to mention is that these passages belong to a primitive code of conduct no longer observed by any group in existence today (not even Baptists). If it were enforced, almost every Christian would have to be excommunicated or executed. For example, the Levitical code commands the bloody sacrifice of bulls, goats, lambs, and pigeons; forbids the eating of pork and shellfish; requires that employees be paid daily; forbids the wearing of clothing made of more than one fabric; forbids charging interest on loans; and condones slavery.

And by the way, the Levitical code only condemns homosexual conduct between men. Apparently it creators weren’t even aware of lesbianism. Elsewhere in the Old Testament, if you reread the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19, you’ll find that it doesn’t specifically mention homosexual acts. The men of Sodom wanted “to know” the visitors in Lot’s house, but the meaning of the verb “to know” (Hebrew yada) is a matter of interpretation. Many scholars believe that in this instance it doesn’t refer to sexual contact at all. The primary sin of the Sodomites appears to have been inhospitality to strangers, whatever the form it may actually have taken.

In the New Testament, almost all of the references to homosexuality are attributed to St. Paul. But Paul had little use for sexuality of any kind. In 1 Corinthians 7:7, he wrote, “I wish that all were as I myself am” — that is, celibate. (By the way, Paul also endorsed the subservience of women and slaves).

Jesus Christ, on the other hand, as far as we know, said nothing at all on the subject of homosexuality.

The Bible is made up of the theological speculations and ethical aspirations of the people who wrote it. But theirs are the views of a primitive, pre-industrial, pre-scientific age. The Bible doesn’t contain the sum total of all wisdom, nor does it provide a reliable blueprint for every tough decision we have to make in our modern, technological world. By all means, let’s make use of its insights. But let’s also avail ourselves of all the scientific, material, and spiritual advances humanity has made since it was written 2,000 years ago.
So, pardon me if I don't bow down before every word of scripture. To attach more importance to a literal interpretation of the Bible than to the love of God and our fellow human beings is a form of idol worship. There's even a name for it -- bibliolatry.

The time has come for us to recognize homophobia for what it is -- a form of bigotry every bit as evil as racism and sexism. Hiding behind the Bible won't change that fact. There are those who believe that "there is no such thing as a homosexual Christian." On the contrary, there are thousands of them. They sit in church pews every Sunday morning (even in Baptist churches). But because of religious bigotry, they're afraid to reveal their sexual orientation.

There have always been two categories of organized religion: that which is inclusive, and that which is exclusive. Inclusive churches welcome and value human beings for who and what they are, for what God made them to be -- black, white, handicapped, whole, male, female, straight or gay. Exclusive religions exclude everyone who fails to meet their narrow, restrictive requirements for membership in the "in" group.

Mr. Sauls has announced the kind of religion to which he belongs. Perhaps he should take another look at the words of the prophet Micah, who wrote, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

Rev. Michael Thompson
Shreveport

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Reprinted as received, in case you wondered when the tidal wave of hate was going to hit. Perhaps a note expressing your feelings about hatemongering and disinformation. . . .

Alaskans Opposed to pro-homosexual policies

Dear Friend,

It is absolutely critical that you read this letter and consider your role in affecting the future of our city and state.

Over the last year we have witnessed what can happen when pro-homosexual policymakers control the seats of power. Despite the outcry from the American public and Congress against special homosexual rights, the Clinton administration has instituted pro-homosexual policies in almost every major branch of government, including the military!

None of this should be a surprise; after all, Mr. Clinton appointed twenty-two homosexuals to high level policymaking positions.

Last December Alaska faced the same kind of threat when the Anchorage assembly passed an ordinance providing special rights (not equal rights) based on homosexual behavior. Only by removing those who had voted for the ordinance were we able to reverse the direction they wanted to take Anchorage, and ultimately, the rest of Alaska.

In preparation for elections this April, homosexuals and their allies are rallying to support pro-homosexual candidates for Mayor and the Anchorage School Board.

That is why I am personally writing to ask you to make your strongest commitment to help us protect equal rights (not equal rights) in Alaska and to stop pro-homosexual candidates from being elected to these critical policymaking positions. Several mayoral candidates have told homosexuals that they will support a new "sexual orientation" ordinance and placement of pro-homosexuals on the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission.

We do not need another fight over special rights in Anchorage and we can stop it from happening by defeating pro-homosexual candidates in April.

So please, we need every individual reading this letter to send a $15, $25, $50 or even $100 contribution today to help defeat pro-homosexual candidates. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Michael Johnston, Chairman[sic]

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Puzzles 1994 By Ken Kenney and Jonhy Lister

ACROSS
1. Beta alternative
4. Santa’s helper
7. Harry Hamlin flop, Making
11. The Scarlet Pimpernel actor
12. Deborah Kerr film, ___ and Sympathy
13. Irritating
15. Firestein film, Torch Song
17. Not verso
18. Director Preminger
19. Big deer
21. Toddler
22. Exploitation film, ___ of Lone-ness
25. Capital of Norway
27. Desire
30. Bell Riv Devor, e.g.
32. Canal of song
35. Michael Caine thriller
36. Great [dog]
39. Actor Coward
40. Redford/Hoffman flick, ___ the President’s Men
41. Mail
43. Driller’s acronym
44. One card
47. Curve type
49. Power units
53. Knocks out
55. Cult classic, The Rocky Horror __ Show
58. Negative correlation
59. ___ carte
60. He stayed with Sodomites
61. Enzyme endings
62. Ran into
63. Oz aunts, et al.

ACROSS (Cont’d)
31. Wedding words
33. Sickly
34. Pipe elbow
36. Observe
37. Ankle
42. Cheep dwelling places?
44. Perch
45. Doctoral degree abbreviation
46. Fame singer, Irene
48. Lunch meat
50. Superb one
51. High school dance
52. Coteries
54. Unit
56. ___ de France
57. Putter

DOWN
1. The Celluloid Closet author Russo
2. Red deer
3. Tinty
4. Be’s WWII domain
5. Part of a journey
6. Hommy Deenah’s Downey
7. Capers
8. Unwrap, poetically
10. Inside (Gin)
11. Received
12. Cut off
20. Took booty
23. ___ A Wonderful Life
26. Albanian coin
27. Append
28. Cork radical
29. Prison film, Fortunes and
30. The Invisibles

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Janna Gingras
Connie Judd
That's how is was, and how it is... (Remembering)

Chapter 10: The Pink Lady
by Dan Cook

On the train, Vince told them that Cha Cha knew everyone in Hollywood. She was the party giver -- she arranged meetings and getaways, she knew the personalities (extroverts all), but they were all insecure and needed Cha Cha to open doors. Vince had been drinking on the train, so Steve and Mike thought he had been stretching the truth, but he hadn't been. She was even more than Vince had said. That fact become evident at the Castaways.

It had taken months to put Charles Farrell's birthday party together, and she invited the guys to come along. She had said that they could get a room at the hotel in Avalon, the only town on the island of Catalina. Mike insisted that they supply the transportation. They both felt good about the arrangement: after all they hadn't spent a penny at the Castaways, and the beach house was courtesy of Vince and Cha Cha. The next day Vince arrived by himself and they all drove to Long Beach. They looked at a lot of cabin cruisers -- 25-30 feet in length, strictly transportation. Then they spotted the Pacific Queen, an 80 foot yacht sporting a For Sale sign with a phone number. Mike was hoping that whoever owned it would take them to Catalina, drop them off, and then pick them up in 2 days.

The man on the phone said he could be at the dock in 15 minutes but his minimum was 4 days charter at $150.00 per day. This included meals and a crew of three. Even though Steve and Mike had money, in 1929 that was a bit excessive. At first Mike said no, but the man offered to show them the Pacific Queen. Mike thought it would be fun to see the inside of this beautiful boat. The outside, after all, was gorgeous, all wood, highly polished and reaching 30 feet from the water line. There were 2 1/2 decks with 2 promenades plus the bridge.

The captain arrived and led them up two flights of stairs to the bridge. In the front was a small dining area and a bar. In the middle was a small galley and restrooms, while in the rear was a lounge with a stairwell that led to the promenade room, a party room to say the least! It was decorated with wood and brass and had brocade drapes. It screamed QUEEN. The large bar was empty (prohibition) but the captain told them that if they wanted it stocked, it was no problem. In the front was the dining salon complete with a large table and 8 high-backed chairs. The large galley in the center was stocked with silver, crystal and china. The captain said that the chef was the best available. From this room down a narrow staircase was the cabins. Two smaller ones which shared a common bath and at each end were two large suites almost identical with private baths, beautiful closets with full length mirrors and wood everywhere. They had photos of everything except the crew's quarters and the engine room which were below.

During the tour, Vince asked why he had never seen the Pacific Queen, and the captain said that they had just pulled into port 2 days prior. He had bought her at an estate sale in the Bay Area, and had her gone over from stem to stern. Vince told the guys that this yacht would be a hit in Catalina, but it was a lot of money for only 4 days and nights. Steve thought it would be so romantic, Mike thought he could buy a tractor with the money, but they really hadn't spent much due to Vince and Cha Cha's generosity so they said yes and gave the Captain a deposit.

Cha Cha was to Hollywood what Elsa Maxwell was to New York. If you wanted to meet the right people you had Cha Cha arrange it. It wasn't cheap, but she always got the job done. She called the beach house that evening and was thrilled when Vince told her that it was likely the most beautiful yacht on the Pacific. She wanted to pay for it, but the guys would not hear of it. She insisted on taking care of the liquid refreshment, at least, so they agreed. She also asked if they could use the boat for a little business while they were in Catalina and the guys agreed that she could be the hostess.

If it was pink, it was Cha Cha. This was true not only for her clothes, but her house as well as her car, a Jordan roadster convertible which was known by everyone who counted. Vince even said that the drink called the "Pink Lady" was named after her. She asked to arrange a few things with the Captain and asked permission to call him. They called the Captain and informed him that a Miss Cha Cha would be handling all of the arrangements for the voyage. He must have known who she was as he was overjoyed that his party of four was being hosted by the one and only Cha Cha.

This was on Sunday. By Tuesday morning they had a call from Vince who said he had some great news
and that if he could come over they could "do lunch."

Vince arrived with a huge pink flower arrangement. The card kept in their album all of these years read "Darlings our gratitude for life," signed Vince and Cha Cha. "What's all of this about?" Mike asked. It seems that Cha Cha and the Captain were now in business together. She was his one and only booking agent. She had convinced him to rename the yacht "The Pink Lady."

At lunch Vince told the guys that the only way the boat could be chartered was through Cha Cha. She had promised him a minimum of 200 days of charter, which was more than he had expected, and together they were going to make a mint. All of the smaller parties would be planned around the yacht and instead of 4 day's charter Cha Cha and the captain were doing a shakedown cruise to San Diego and Mexico and wanted the guys to come along.

Cha Cha wanted to arrive at 5pm on Friday, knowing that all of the Who's Who's would be well into their own parties. Monty was allowed to go along as part of the crew and gave Cha Cha all of the gossip from the chauffeurs and household staffs. After seeing him the captain asked Cha Cha to put him in the spare cabin and not in the crew's quarters.

CHÁ CHÁ, STEVE & MIKE STANDING AT THE BOW, CHÁ CHÁ'S HUGE HAT AND SUN SUIT ALL IN PINK AND THE GUYS IN WHITE. Everything was choreographed. She knew who would be at Charles Farrell's birthday party, after all she arranged it at the Casino. Mary Pickford would be on the Hearst yacht, and Douglas Fairbanks and his cronies on the Sea Quest. Errol Flynn, with at least one starlet on his sailing yacht the "Sea Witch." Mr. Mayer had sent his company's yacht the "Metro" and that would be a good spot for them to be near. For once in her life, she had kept something secret and the stage was set.

Cha Cha stayed behind the curtains in the dining room, giving the captain orders. She could see everyone straining at their binoculars to see who had the "Pink Lady." They were moored between the "Selznick Yacht" and Barry Fitzgerald's "Pelican" which was a good spot for them to be near. For once in her life, she had kept something secret and the stage was set.

Vince had told the guys to enjoy the show. He couldn't go out on deck until Cha Cha had made her grand entrance. They all knew who Vince was, and that would spoil "Act One."

Mike remembered Wallace Berry standing next to Mr. Selznick. Vince had instructed them not to point or stare, but to wave casually and not act like a tourist. As soon as they were anchored the two crew members ran up a pink flag which read Cha Cha, as the door of the second deck swung open and pink chiffon for days billowed out. Even that dog wore a pink bow. She stepped out and looked out over an empty ocean and waved to Steve and Mike. The three toasted each other with pink Champagne.

"More Champagne, my darlings she said, still not looking left or right, even though she was getting a round of applause. She had heard her name called by Selznick and only then did she turn in acted surprise and wave. She wasn't in the movies, but she knew how to make an entrance and they loved it.

MIKE, STEVE & BABA RUTH. Charles Farrell came out to Pink Lady in a beautiful speed boat. With him was Baba Ruth. He was a hero and the stars wanted to meet him, and he wanted to meet the stars. It would be up to Cha Cha to see that he met the right ones. Cha Cha had been told privately that he was a drunk and a womanizer but he was Mayer's guest and he didn't want a scandal. She asked Mike and Steve to show Mr. Ruth around the yacht while she took a spin with Charles Farrell. They circled around and drew near the Fairbanks boat. She knew that Parker, Fairbanks, Flynn and Barry played poker and would have plenty of women on board. They pulled along side as Cha Cha asked "How would you like for me to do you a favor? I'll see if I can get Ruth to join you after Charles' party." And that's how she worked it. Scott said "I owe you," Mayer gave her a fee, and the Babe was very grateful. "If I can ever do anything for you just call" he told her, and she knew she could take that to the bank.

8 X 10 SIGNED "THANK YOU... THE BABA" was given to Cha Cha along with a baseball card, also signed. She gave them to the guys. Mike and Steve were in La La Land. The only time they were on shore was at the casino. Only once did Cha Cha come by, and even then she was interrupted. When they finally sailed, and left CATALINA AND THE TOWN OF AVALON behind, Mike remarked "Thank God we have pictures, no one at home would ever believe us!"

Turning the page....

Cherresse AKA Dan Cook was Empress I of Eugene, Oregon, Empress 18 of All Alaska and very active in gay politics over 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 Cherresse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.\v

\v You grow up the day you have the first real laugh at yourself.

Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959)
American actress
Awards Will Honor Gay, Lesbian Achievements
by Bruce DeMara

Toronto's gay and lesbian community will honor its own through the second annual Pink Trillium awards.

The awards are modeled after similar events in other major cities such as San Francisco, which has the Golden Cable Car awards, says organizer Kevin Sheard. "The main intention of the awards is to celebrate and honor Toronto's gay and lesbian achievements. This is something that's been missing from the community for far too long," says event co-producer Dave Ross.

"There are other awards in the community . . . but these cover the whole spectrum and are done in a formal presentation in a proper theatre," Sheard says.

Six nominees in each of 36 categories were announced last week.

Winners will be decided by a community vote held Feb. 18 and will be announced at the Betty Oliphant Theatre in the National Ballet School Feb. 27, Sheard says. "(The awards) cover as much of Toronto's gay experience as possible," Sheard adds.

Labatt Breweries contributed about $1,000 to pay for the awards, Sheard says. RAM Graphics was the other major corporate sponsor involved in the event.

Categories include the outstanding contributions in various sports, artistic contributions, community events and fund-raisers.

EyeE magazine, owned by Toronto Star Corp., is among six nominees in the category of outstanding community publication.

Four individuals were nominated posthumously, including AIDS activist James Thatcher in the category of outstanding contributions to gay and lesbian rights.

Other nominees in the same category include Crown Attorney Michael Leshner, whose human rights case scored a major victory in the area of same-sex spousal benefits, and Toronto city Councillor Kyle Rae.

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Where in the World?
by Bob De Loach

IGTA Las Vegas

We were able to join other IGTA travel agents and wholesalers from across the country at the end of January in Las Vegas for the quarterly board meeting and fam trip. It hasn't been that long since I was in Vegas, but there have been so many changes and additions in the last couple of years.

One of the highlights of this trip was an inspection of the brand new Luxor Hotel which opened in October of '93. This property is billed as "The Next Wonder of the World." Constructed in just 18 months at a cost of over $350,000,000, this glass 30-story pyramid is a jewel set in the already glittery Las Vegas Strip. The entrance of the Luxor boasts a 10-story tall replica of the Sphinx of Giza. Crowning the apex of this glass pyramid is the world's most powerful beam of light which shines it's 315,000 watt brilliance straight up into space. It is claimed that this light can be seen for a 250-mile radius from Las Vegas on a clear night, and was reported to have been seen by the Apollo astronauts from space.

Inside this structure the wonders continue. All of the over 2,500 rooms and suites are on the outside, with glass opening onto various views of the city. The casino covers over 100,000 square feet and there are 7 restaurants as well as all other amenities one would expect in this type of property. Take a cruise on the river Nile (which is inside the pyramid!). The world's largest atrium where nine 747 aircraft could fit comfortably and see the ornately carved obelisk which stands 120 feet high and from which fantastic laser shows emanate. All of this and a 3-part Luxor special effects adventure which was designed by Douglas Trumbull of the "Back to The Future" ride fame. Even the elevators in this property are unique. First of all they are not elevators, but "Inclineator" and swiftly transport hotel guests at a 39 degree angle from the main floor to the (chosen) floor level. Once on your floor a look over the rail of you hallway outside your room is not recommended for the faint at heart because you have an unobstructed view of the entire center of the pyramid with no visible means of support for the floor on which you are standing. There are many more surprises awaiting you are the Luxor. And they have reasonable rates for this class property. At least if you visit Las Vegas, take the tram from Excalibur into the hotel and enjoy.

Speaking of the Excalibur, this is also a fairly recent addition to the Strip. It features a "Knights of Old" motif and twice nightly you can enjoy a dinner show while watching King Arthur's knights on horseback joust for the hand or a maiden, or watch Merlin the Magician perform his wonders.

Treasure Island has outdoor battles about hourly complete with the sinking of a full rigged sailing ship by pirates. The Mirage Hotel not only sports a volcano which erupts every half hour after dark, but also is home to a free exhibit of white Bengal Tigers which star in their headliner showroom in one of Vegas's most expensive continuing shows -- the Siegfried & Roy Show (at $75 per seat for the cocktail show it's a bit spendy but many consider it worth every penny). Circus Circus Hotel and Casino is one of the most fun places to stay and one of the least expensive, with rooms starting at $24+change for a double.

Food in Las Vegas is a real bargain, if your just know where to look. Almost every major hotel and Casino has buffet or other specials starting at $1.99 for breakfast buffet and running to $4.99 for buffet dinner. We had a great NY Steak-and-two-lobster-tails dinner at the Sands hotel on the strip for $8.99. There's lots to do besides gamble in the city and The Liberace museum is a real treat. All in all, Las Vegas is a fun destination which can offer you some welcome warmth, and even a fun time on a budget if you just check around.

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.
Anti-Gay Bill Passes in Hawaii House of Representatives
by Herman C. Coen, Jr.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1994 the House Judiciary Committee heard testimony on HB2312, Chairman Terrance Tom's Bill to limit marriage rights to those couples who "... appear, by virtue of their sex, to present the biological possibility of producing offspring from their union." This bill, which has been widely criticized by many groups including advocates for post-menopausal women, was introduced following the Hawaii State Supreme Court decision that preventing same gender marriages was illegal because it constituted sex discrimination. In addition, testimony was heard at the same time regarding a bill authorizing a vote on a constitutional amendment defining marriage as "the legal association wholly reserved for the lawful union of one man and one woman as husband and wife.

Over 100 people testified in person at the hearing, which began at 1:30 pm and continued until nearly 10:00 pm, and over 1,000 people submitted written testimony. During the hearing, doctors, lawyers, professional groups, and many individuals voiced concern over the state creating a law to remove a constitutional right from a group of citizens.

As was expected, supporters of the measure fielded a number of prominent religious objections, most notably, the day before the hearing the Bishop of Honolulu for the Catholic Church released a statement supporting the bill. One of the most heated exchanges of the day came when Daniel Dinell, personal representative of Dieter Huckenstein (Chairman of the Board of Hawaii Visitor's Bureau), submitted Mr. Huckenstein's personal testimony written on HVB letterhead. The testimony, which was objected to by Representative Annelle Amaral, including excerpts from letters Mr. Huckenstein had received in opposition to same gender marriage. When questioned later, Mr. Huckenstein's staff asserted that about 50 letters were received in opposition, and not one in support.

At the end of the day, the committee, which is primarily made up of white heterosexual men, voted to approve HB2312, over the objections of the committee's female members. It then delayed voting on the constitutional amendment. The bill immediately was taken up by the full house, and while the public wasn't allowed to testify, the debate became quite impassioned at times. Representative James Shon, who voted against the bill, characterized the bill's passage as an endorsement of intolerance, and likened the bill to legislation which once prevented interracial marriages, and prevented women from working: "If those standards were upheld today, I would not be allowed to marry my wife...", he said.

Rep. Amaral, in one of the most emotional moments had this to say; "I know that people look at me and say, "Amaral's queer, everybody knows that. Short hair, strong, independent. Got to be queer.' I am not gay, but I will tell you that I will stand until my dying day to speak for those who do not have a voice...and if that makes you label me, then I accept your labels." She also cautioned that the wording of the bill would set up barriers to marriage for opposite sex couples who cannot procreate.

Rep. Tom, House Judiciary Chairman, said "I'm tired of people making this out to be a make-baby bill," he contended that the bill's reference to "advancing medical technology" allows that it is possible for older couples and biologically or surgically sterile people to produce offspring, and that because the state respects the privacy of its citizens the state should not inquire whether an opposite sex couple is able or willing to have children.

The bill now moves to the State Senate, where Rev. Maggie Tanis of the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project expects swift action. The Marriage Project is urging Hawaii residents to submit testimony as soon as possible on the Senate Bill, # 3141. In addition, supporter of same gender marriage from other states are being asked to get involved as well. The two ways that Alaskans can be most helpful are:

1. Write to the Hawaii Visitor's Bureau and let them know that there is support for this issue. Their address is 2270 Kalakaua Avenue, Suite 801, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815.

2. Monetary donations to the Marriage Project are always welcome. Social change doesn't come cheap as we all know. Donations of any size can be mailed to: Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project 1820 University Avenue, Suite #8, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Herman C. Coen, Jr. is on temporary leave from his Alaskan friends while he works his magic on the Hawaiian Idyll.
Metropolitan Community Church Hit by the L.A. Quake
an open letter from the Rev. Troy D. Perry

Dear Saints:

As you know, Los Angeles, California was the scene of a 6.6 earthquake last week. We, the Fellowship headquarters staff, give praise that none of our employees was injured and most of our homes suffered only superficial damage.

Even though the building next door to headquarters had every window broken out of it, the building we are housed in seemed to ride out the earthquake without any problems. When we arrived at headquarters after the earthquake we found only one piece of equipment broken: our fax machine. It had fallen and the paper tray had broken. While mail, files, books, framed pictures were all over the floor, we are in good condition compared to what has happened to others in Los Angeles.

About three hours after the earthquake, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson called to tell me that they had received a telephone call from Ms. Jan Stone, Vice Moderator of the MCC-LA Board of Directors that the Mother Church had sustained major damage. I told Nancy that Phillip and I would meet her and Paula at the Church. When we arrived at the Church, we could see that the dome had collapsed and had crashed into Washington Boulevard, taking part of the front wall of the sanctuary with it. Elder Larry Rodriguez and Kees, his other half, were already there helping Church members remove office equipment from the Church.

One day after the earthquake, a report reached headquarters that Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey and her lover, Ms. Jane Kuder, had lost their home to the earthquake and fire. It took four more days before Jeri and I could speak to each other. She reported that she and Jane lost not only their home, but everything: their furniture, clothes, computer, keepsakes, everything. Jeri Ann was in Oklahoma City visiting her sick mother when the earthquake hit. She also immediately flew back to Los Angeles to be with Jane.

Since the earthquake, headquarters has received hundreds of telephone calls from members all over the world, asking what they can do to help. I have made a list of how you can help.

First, pray for all the citizens of Los Angeles. With all the aftershocks, everyone in our city is on edge.

Second, please realize that the earthquake has caused a back-up of correspondence from headquarters and has slowed up our response time by about a week and a half. Also my correspondence is now a month behind because of my trip to India, as well as the earthquake.

Third, while Jeri Ann and Jane do have insurance that will help them rebuild, Jeri Ann is having to cancel her Spiritual Renewals for the next few months. As you know, the honorarium and love offering she receives for conducting Spiritual Renewals is her only source of income. To help Jeri Ann and Jane, I request that if Jeri's ministry has been a blessing to you or your Church, send a love offering to them to help, until Jeri Ann can start conducting Revivals again. Their address is: Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey Ms. Jane Kuder 15455-172 Glen Oaks Boulevard Sylmar, CA 91342.

Fourth, the Mother Church has sustained substantial major damage. As I write this letter, I can tell you the city of Culver City, where the Mother Church is located, has temporarily condemned the building until city engineers can tell us if a portion of the building can be saved, or if the congregation will have to demolish the entire building. It is the initial opinion of a representative of a licensed structural engineering firm that the Church has hired that we will have to demolish the entire building. Because the sanctuary of the building was still under construction, it was impossible for the Los Angeles Church to secure earthquake insurance. As a result of that, none of the structural damage will be covered by insurance. As most of you know, earthquakes are viewed for insurance purposes as "Acts of God", the same as war, and insurance companies will not pay off on those. At this point that means that the congregation of the Mother Church owes $310,000 on a piece of property where the current building is unusable. Last Sunday the congregation met in a television studio sound stage in Culver City. There was a strong spirit of support and hope among the 250 people present. We even had an altar area that looked like a Church, thanks to the borrowed set of the Christmas episode of a popular U.S. television series, "Home Improvement."

I ask every Church in our Fellowship to prayerfully consider a cash pledge to help the Mother Church rebuild or buy new property in Los Angeles. This is the congregation that gave birth to all of us who are a part of the Universal Fellowship.
As Mother has helped us in the past, let's do our best to help Mother during this time of need. Please challenge your congregation if you are a Pastor. If you are a member of a local MCC, challenge your Pastor to challenge your congregation to help in this time of need. If you are an individual who has received this letter because you are on our mailing list, please help—because every penny counts, as we give the Mother Church in Los Angeles a tangible gift of faith. Please make checks out to MCC-LA and send them to MCC-LA, 5879 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.

The Reverend Troy Perry is the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church.

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Letters to the Editor

"In The Life" Coming to Alaska? It's up to you!
"In The Life", the first television show to deal, solely, with gay/lesbian issues, and feature an all gay/lesbian cast of comics and musicians, is coming to Alaska. Or at least it can.

I spoke with the station manager at KAKM, the local PBS affiliate, and he has promised me, that if we get 2000 signatures on a petition, he'll pick up the show.

Imagine that, a measly 2000 people. I've seen almost that many at the Memorial Day Picnic, alone. Time to come out of the closet (pardon the pun), and stand up to be counted.

The petitions can be found at the Alaska Women's Bookstore, Apollo Travel, and at all Real Talent Productions Concerts.

Let's get together and get this done.
Karyn Mucklow

Dear F. Kenneth,
Thank you for sending your wonderful magazine to me as an exchange. It's thrilling to see such a vibrant community up there, and your magazine seems to serve it so well. Bravo to you for all the work that goes into it. Actually, I feel that non-profit efforts such as yours deserve to be supported, so that is why I am enclosing a $25 check for basic membership for 1 year. I actually have some subscribers in Alaska, by the way. Anyway, thanks again for doing so much for your local community. Give my best to all those sexy Alaskans up there!

Sincerely,
Fred Bercovitz, Publisher, Dragazine, "The Magazine For Halloweeners and Inbetweeners"

Dear NorthView,
Any homosexual who has not seen the movie "Schindler's List," should do so and realize that the same events happened to homosexuals. History can repeat itself. The Neo-Nazi party is alive and active. The religious right is well funded, intelligently organized and single-minded in its attack on homosexuals.

The lesbian and gay community should pick a single candidate to support for mayor. The recent Russian elections should be persuasive enough to wake us up to the idiocy of multiple candidates. You don't think the religious right is laughing at us? Listen again; as long as we have more than one candidate, we cannot win. We need to support one candidate who can win instead of diffusing our energy through "protest votes" or "statement votes".

Identity and Equal are doing nearly the same set of activities with two different sets of people, all of whom have the same objective of social harmony and civil rights equally. To conserve our energy, put best use to our talents, Identity and Equal should begin discussion on how to merge and support the Dandelion PAC.

Gary Deming
Tom Wilkinson ▼

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE
258-4777
The Amazon Trail:
The Good Old Days
by Lee Lynch

Whatever happened to the good old days? It’s sometimes tempting to romanticize our oppression before Stonewall. There wasn’t all this wrenching hope and gruesome suspense then about how politicians, court cases and ballot measures will or won’t improve our lot. The gay ghetto was comprised of millions of tiny, interconnected closets and we knew how to live in them.

And what closets they were! I will never forget, and perhaps never again feel, the intensity of excitement I experienced as each straight week wound down and the gay weekend approached. My anticipation would begin on Thursday nights, the last night of my weekly het charade, with bubbles of possibility rising to entice me. Sometimes it was the thought of seeing a girlfriend, sometimes plans to go into New York where anonymity equaled freedom. Sometimes it was having time to research the lesbian history that hid between lines of poetry or lay buried in musty biographies. Sometimes it was simply having the choice to go to a bar, or dress in slacks and spend time with gay friends. The excitement was greatly enhanced by the rush of my young and lustful hormones that could transform the most sordid setting to a paradise.

During the seventies and eighties there were few places where I would hesitate to kiss a woman on the street, yet my memory stubbornly returns to the sixties to envisage a certain seedy motel. We feared to ask for a single bed, entered and left under cover of darkness, and had neighbors as stealthy as ourselves. I can’t recapture that terror of discovery, but only remember a glamorous loft drenched in moonlight, heated by passion, a backdrop for graceful seduction and voluptuous words.

I now have no need of motels, but cautiously guard my home address. While banks grant mortgages for our own private homes, we’ve had to post no trespassing signs because cars full of so-called Christian protesters in suits and ties inspire me to raise the drawbridge and aim the cannons. Except that we traded in the cannons for gay flags in the liberation years.

Today, I can research a plethora of guides and pop into a gay bar, bookstore, twelve-step club, or festival almost anywhere in the world. Still, it’s thoughts of the old Parkway Bar that warm my heart. That little corner dive with its Formica tables and cracked vinyl seats, its bitch-of-the-century drag queen bartender and sassy heterosexuality lady owner, its never-old-enough beer and always-too-long bathroom line — that’s the secret bower of bliss I found in my late twenties. It was a secret.

Though I lived only blocks away, years passed before I knew The Parkway existed. When I got word of it, I knew I had arrived.

This year, before it even got into the guides, Sisterspace, Mississippi women’s land operating apparently too openly, has stunned a sleepy town that thought it was safe from proving its Christian tolerance. My goodness, you’d think Jurassic Park had relocated to Ohio the way the straight folk are carrying on.

Outside Austin, Texas poor Apple Computer created a ruckus just acknowledging queer relationships. Gay pride parades, the outest-of-outness, are being used against us in meanly edited videotapes of cranky children and men acting, well, like rowdy men. No wonder The Parkway, a seedy neighborhood oasis, now sparkles like a poorly lit underground Land of Oz in my imagination. Being out feels more, not less, dangerous than it felt thirty years ago.

And the people from the days of yore! Half real, half myth. Sammie, in her natty clothes and military posture, wasn’t she the Lesbinova, wooing and winning every new femme in town. Actually no, she was a woman with a pattern of terrible relationships who needed help to fill out applications or to read written instructions, and who felt desperate enough to be fired from jobs for dishonesty. Ah, Sammie, your posture came from a back and your stature covered a terror that you, in your uncompromising near-drag, wouldn’t be able to survive, but I like to remember you as smooth Sammie who held her cigarettes with elegance, transformed a game of pool into a ballet and talked so easily we shy butches studied your style.

It makes me miss the good old days when which movie star was one of ours was a trade secret, so to speak, instead of headline news. When making a silk purse out of a sow’s ear made life less painful. Living openly in the world, gaining acceptance at warp speed, I’ve come to expect progress and the privilege of more openness. It’s all the more devastating when hate radio urges mass suicide and out heterosexists run for office on anti-gay platforms.

This battle of the backlash that we’re going through has driven my mind to simpler days when we hid in our vast ghetto of silence. But I know that living in an underground community has its charms only if you can survive it. The world wasn’t safe for Sammie’s style then and it isn’t now. There is a vast difference, though, between the fear that keeps us hidden, and that healthiest of fears — fear of the closet — that sets us free.

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 16 papers, in all) and is the author of ten books. Copyright © Lee Lynch, 1993.
My Cat Pees in the Bathtub and Other Embarrassing Pet Stories
by Jen Kohout

I don’t know why. If I knew why my cat acted the way she does, I'd write a book and make the cover of Newsweek (or at least my cat would). But I certainly spend a lot of time trying to figure out what goes on in her little kitty brain. It’s actually kind of embarrassing. What sane person would lay awake at night trying to figure out why the cat is so wigged out that she has abandoned her litter box for the bathtub drain. Maybe she doesn’t like getting kitty litter between her toes, or maybe she figures she’s good enough for white porcelain, or maybe she’s fed up with Science Diet, or maybe . . . Maybe I should just face the fact that trying to read the mind of animal with a one word vocabulary is not terribly promising.

The other day I ran out to pick up something at Carr’s and I left the radio on, specifically for the cat. As I was perusing the canned vegetable aisle for red tag specials, I wondered whether the cat cared that the radio was on. For all I know, she hates “the Breeze” — easy listening music reminds her of the vet’s waiting room and what she’d really like to hear is Pearl Jam’s greatest hits blasting from the living room. Why do I contemplate these things when I should be concentrating on the comparable prices of stewed tomatoes?

I didn’t have pets growing up. My parents informed me at a young age that we moved too much to have pets. My folks didn’t get their first dog until a couple weeks after I left for college. (“Jen’s gone, Honey, let’s get a dog” — it made me wonder). Anyway, I came to understand this fascination with fur-covered carnivores much later in life than most of my peers. But there are still some aspects of the feeder-feline relationship I have yet to fathom. Like why, when I stroke the cat behind her ears, she purrs and purrs then suddenly digs her claws in to my unsuspecting fingers. I sense utter betrayal. The cat probably just said: “thank you, I’m done now.” When I sit down to type on the computer, why does the cat, having ignored me all afternoon, waltz up and down the keyboard. My body language says “go take a nap” and the cat thinks “time to play with the cat toy that humps.” It’s a vicious cycle.

It has, however, been a valuable learning experience. I’ve learned several important lessons. First, to be properly understood in the world, I should probably use more than one word. Second, cat hair adheres to everything. And finally, never step into the tub without inspecting it first.

Jen Kohout’s cat is really her partner’s cat who was evicted from her midtown apartment for feline indiscretions (the cat). Why she (Jen Kohout) lives with her partner’s cat and not her partner is currently under discussion.

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 form 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 10476, 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 AKPig Follies 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.
Women With HIV Get Compensation
Toronto Globe and Mail

Toronto — In what is believed to be the first award of its kind in Canada, three women who contracted the AIDS virus through sexual intercourse have received about $10,000 each from a provincial compensation board.

Although the man who infected them, Charles Ssenyonga, died before a judge could rule on whether he had committed a crime, members of Ontario's Criminal Injuries Compensation Board said they are satisfied that he was criminally negligent.

They emphasized, however, that their decision doesn't oblige the board to honor any other claims arising from infection with the human immunodeficiency virus, which is linked to AIDS. "It is important to note that what has been found criminal is not the transmission of HIV per se," the two-member panel said in its order, but Ssenyonga's "wanton and reckless disregard" for the women's lives by lying about his health.

The panel members also said the women were partly at fault for not being more vigilant in protecting their own health.

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Mark W. Jackson
Anchorage resident Mark Wayne Jackson, 32, died Feb. 8 at Alaska Regional Hospital.

Mr. Jackson was born Nov. 8, 1961, in McKinney, Texas, and moved with his family to Glendora, Calif., in 1966. He graduated from Glendora High School, then attended Citrus Junior College and Long Beach State College.

In 1985, Mr. Jackson moved to Denton, Texas, to be with his grandparents. He earned a degree in business management from North Texas University in Denton. He moved to Alaska in May 1992, where he worked for Host International at the Cheers and Upper One bars in Anchorage International Airport.

Mr. Jackson joined the 4 A's where he worked as a volunteer since arriving in Anchorage. He was involved with AIDS prevention and education for many years. He was also well-loved and respected by the people with whom he worked.

Mr. Jackson had been attending the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Nursing. He was a stained-glass artist and enjoyed the outdoors, photography, music and animals. He saw the beauty in nature and in other people, his family said. He served on the board of directors of the Imperial Court and was very involved in community service.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his partner, Ross Crich of Anchorage; parents, Bob and Marijo of Glendora; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Rick Sabeth and Jeannie and Lee Spengler, and his brothers and sister-in-law, Michael and Susan Jackson; six nieces and nephews; and two grandmothers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association, 730 I St., #100, Anchorage 99501.


Jane Owens
Jane Owens, community member, died at home on January 25, 1994, at the age of 40.

She was born in Troy, Alabama, and moved to Anchorage at the age of 13. She graduated from East High School in 1971, and operated Apache Glassworks which specialized in stained glass. She is survived by her mother, her sister Suzanne Walch of Anchorage, her niece Katie Jane Walch of Anchorage, her father R.B. Owens and his family of Alabama, and her partner, Alison King of Anchorage.

Jane loved the outdoors, enjoyed spending time at her sanctuary in Nuka Bay on the Kenai fjords, and was a gardener as well as an artist. In recent years she developed her talent for original stained glass art which expressed her pride in her Apache heritage. She regularly displayed her art at the downtown Farmer's Market, the Alaska Women's Bookstore, and variety fairs.

Jane's family described her as a person of tremendous passion who gave of herself to her friends and many furry companions. She was adept at manual things, skilled and artful with her hands and mind. She will be sorely missed by her family and many loving friends whose lives she touched.

A memorial will be held in honor of Jane on February 25th at 7pm in the sanctuary of The Anchorage Church of Religious Science (7th Ave. & 'A' St., across from the Anchorage Museum).

Those who knew Jane or who wish to make a donation in her name may do so to the following organizations: Anchorage Zoo, Bean's Cafe, Apache Indian Nation. Donations may also be channeled through Identity, Inc.

Valerie Ann Kamerooff
Valerie Ann Kamerooff, 27, died January 16, 1994 at home. She was born November 6, 1966, in Anchorage, and spent most of her life here. She graduated from West High School and attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for two years. She was a drug and alcohol counselor for the Women's Resource Center.

A member of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., Val was vitally interested in her Native culture, according to her family. In her leisure time, she enjoyed writing poetry and songs. She especially loved the outdoors, including camping, fishing and hiking.

Val is survived by her mother and father, Christine Kamerooff and Larry Tarbert of Palmer;
two sisters, Gail David of Palmer and Joyce Schoecke of Fontana, CA, and many friends.

Anchorage Daily News, 2/21/94

Richard Allen Goins
Former Anchorage resident Richard Allen Goins, 34, died Jan. 7 at the San Diego Hospice in San Diego, Calif., after a brief but valiant battle with AIDS.

He was born Aug. 16, 1959, in San Diego and later moved to Alaska for about 10 years before returning to San Diego.

He worked for Carrs grocery stores from October 1984 to September 1988 as a bakery and deli manager, most recently at the store on Northern Lights Boulevard.

His family said he dearly loved his job as well as his co-workers. "He was a natural comedian who had a great love of life and a contagious laugh. He loved dancing, cooking for his friends, traveling, fine arts, and gardening. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him."

A bedside vigil was held during his last days while he became a born-again Christian. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy of North Pole.

He is survived by his friend and partner Tony of San Diego; his father, Ed of North Pole; his brother Jim of San Diego; his sisters, Marcella Goins-Rice, Janet Johnson and Gloria Schein, all of Anchorage; and numerous special friends, nieces, nephews and relatives.

Anchorage Daily News, 1/19/94.

Michael Callen
One of the nation's longest surviving AIDS activists, singer Michael Callen died Dec. 27 in Los Angeles of complications from the disease. He was 38.

From the onset of his diagnosis in 1982 with what was then called Gay Related Immune Deficiency (GRID), Callen was involved in establishing the concepts of safer sex, community-based research groups, and buyer's clubs. He coined the term "people with AIDS" (PWAs) to replace the frequently used "AIDS victims," laying the foundation for the PWA self-empowerment movement.

Callen was a founding member of the People with AIDS Coalition, the PWA Health Group, the New York City Mayor's Interagency Task Force on AIDS institute. He testified before the President's Commission on AIDS, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the New York state Legislature, the New York City Council and the Australian AIDS Council.


As a performer, Callen toured and recorded on his own and with The Flirtations, an all-gay a cappella group. As a songwriter, he is best known for "Love Don't Need a Reason," which he co-wrote with Masha Malamet and the late Peter Allen. Shortly before his death, Callen completed vocal tracks for a new CD to be called "Legacy."

Callen is survived by his companion, Richard Dworkin, his parents, a sister and a brother.

It’s Hard to Cross a "Burning Bridge"
by Dan Carter

An historic event occurred in Anchorage on January 20, 1994. A political forum sponsored by Identity and EQUAL took place at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This was the first mayoral forum sponsored by and for a predominately gay/lesbian group. Almost 100 people took time out of their Thursday night schedule to meet with four of the candidates hoping to become mayor of Anchorage. After fielding questions from the audience, the four candidates -- Mark Begich, Heather Flynn, Jim Kubitz and Joyce Murphy -- joined the audience in a less formal social gathering which gave individuals a chance to discuss issues with the candidates.

In talking with the candidates afterward, I found it very interesting that they seemed to have gained as much knowledge from our questions as we learned from their answers. More than once, I heard how impressed they were with the variety of issues discussed and how comfortable they felt in this forum. One of the candidates, in his opening remarks, made it very clear of his lack of knowledge as to what would be of interest to "this group." Perhaps I should be happy that he chose to appear and show more understanding for his expressed concern but, to me, it was an almost fatal mistake! I’m sure after answering questions for over two hours he knew our communities concerns are almost identical to our straight neighbors - the economy, the environment, bus service, education for our children, etc. Our community also very effectively questioned the candidates about a concern that does have a greater impact in our community than it has for other segments of our city - discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The election on April 19 will decide if Anchorage returns to a more progressive path or remains stagnant -- or returns to the past -- as we have over the past 6½ years. Possibly more than any other minority group, our community recognizes and actually celebrates diversity. Our diversity is truly our strength. Although the gay/lesbian/bi community has a wide variety of candidates to choose from, I am quite confident the vast majority will be supporting one of the four candidates attending this forum. Personally, I feel comfortable with three of them.

As Governor Hickel revealed to us in the last election for governor, the conservatives/far-right extremists have realized they can win elections in Alaska by joining forces while the progressive candidates fight among themselves. In the event of a run-off, which is almost certain in Anchorage’s mayoral race, there is often animosity toward both candidates from supporters of the eliminated candidates. This often results in a lower voter turnout for the final election - the election actually choosing the winner!

Our community needs to be as unified as possible after the first election and be enthusiastic supporters of whichever progressive candidate makes it to the run-off. For this reason, it is very important to avoid "burning bridges" between the supporters of the various progressives. I’m not suggesting we be less supportive of our first choice for mayor. I am suggesting that we campaign positively for our candidate(s) without attacking other progressive candidates. After all, I’m sure most of us already have made our decision as to which candidate we will vote for on April 19. But just as important, we will almost surely be voting again in May. If you have spent the entire campaign criticizing "candidate A" and then this candidate is the only progressive in the run-off, you may find it difficult to convince others -- or even yourself -- to vote for her/him.

This election for Mayor of Anchorage could be the most important election we have had in decades and could determine the kind of city we have well into the 21st Century. It’s important to keep our mind focused on the final goal -- making Anchorage a better place for all of us to live. For me, it’s very simple. Get rid of the likes of Tom Fink and elect progressive candidates to office. Candidates who understand and support people -- all people, not just the wealthy or owners of business.

We should also find out as much as possible about the candidates running for School Board. The so-called "Christian Coalition" has targeted school boards throughout the country in an attempt to further the "fundamentalist agenda." Their failed attempt to gain control of the Kenai Peninsula School Board should have been a wake up call for all of us.

Find a candidate. Support him/her with positive efforts. Be sure to vote. Elect a progressive in May!

Dan Carter is a gay activist in the Anchorage community.

▼ It is sad to grow old, but nice to ripen.
Brigitte Bardot, b. 1934
French actress
Politicians: “Cheaper” by the Dozen?

by Dan Carter

As I write this article (4 February), we have 74 days until we vote for a new mayor (and several school board seats). After 6 1/2 years of Mayor Fink's "leadership," a period when almost every aspect of our city has deteriorated, a dozen candidates have expressed their interest in replacing him (he can't run for reelection this year).

For some, the number of candidates makes it more difficult to determine who is best to lead Anchorage during the last few years of the 20th Century. This election is extremely important for our community, as well as for the entire city of Anchorage. For all of those who say that one candidate can't make a difference, I ask you to consider how different this last year would have been if a progressive mayor had supported and signed the sexual orientation ordinance into law rather than vetoing it.

Another comment frequently heard is one vote can't make a difference. Look at the results from last year's Assembly races and think of what could have happened if the progressive element of this community had made a determined effort to "get out the vote." Consider the following from the past 4 or 5 elections: Neo-conservative Representative Terry Martin defeated Ann Spohnholz by 10 votes (you may remember Ann's appearance at an Identity potluck); Democratic Representative David Finkelstein won his seat by 6 votes; and two rumored to be from our community - Senator Tim Kelly won his election by ONE vote while Senator Rick Uehling won by 17 votes out of almost 15,000 votes cast. YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO VOTE ALSO!

Although the campaigns have barely begun, contact the candidates you are considering with any questions you may have. Listed below are the names of mayoral candidates and their phone numbers:

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For more information about the Dandelion Movement contact Ann Milton (345-5922) & Dan Carter (274-9226)

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Comments by F. Kenneth Freedman.
Barbara Johnson lives in a Maryland suburb with her lover of eighteen years, WordGaymes creator Kathleen DeBold, where she creates fantasies to counteract daily life editing NASA computer manuals.

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810: The mother of a schoolgirl accuses Marianne Woods and Jane Pirie, mistresses of a boarding school for girls, of "improper and criminal conduct" with each other. The British courts debated whether a sexual relationship between women was even possible. Lillian Hellman used this plot 120 years later as the basis for her play The Children's Hour.

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Gay Teens and the Public Schools
by Fred Hillman

Gays in the military have been the subject for a lot of controversy, editorial commentary, political debate and moralizing over the past year. Yet there is an issue of far greater importance that has received almost no national attention, even though it concerns far more people, is far more intractable, and is far more scandalous. This is the plight of lesbian and gay young people in our public schools.

The City of Seattle in 1988 appointed a commission to investigate the problems of gay youth. Dr. Robert Bidwell, a specialist in child and adolescent medicine and a member of the commission, wrote that, for some adolescents homosexuality is a natural and valid developmental outcome. Unfortunately, when such teenagers grow up in a hostile, anti-gay environment, they are effectively denied the normal adolescence which is their right.

The Seattle commission based its findings largely on public testimony. A research-based study by the U.S. Public Health Service, published in 1988 in four volumes, filled in the stark details. Violence and harassment against gay students are regular occurrences in most public schools. Gay students feel excluded from normal school activities. As a result, about 28% of gay young people drop out of school altogether. Moreover, 26% of gay youth are forced to leave home due to conflicts over their sexual identity.

Even more alarming are the data on youth suicide. Suicide is the leading cause of death among gay male and lesbian youth. Half a million young people attempt it annually. Of these, 30% of completed youth suicides are by gay youth. They are about three times more likely to do it than their non-gay peers. The Report also comments, “Gay youth face extreme physical and verbal abuse, rejection and isolation from family and peers.” Apart from victimization, discrimination, and family difficulties, gay youth are at greater risk for alcohol and other drug abuse, HIV infection, and homelessness. The authors recommended a number of interventions at the community level.

Gov. William Weld, the Republican governor of Massachusetts, read the report and appointed a commission to study the problems that gay young people face in schools. In February, 1993, they issued their report Making Schools Safer for Gay and Lesbian Youth: Breaking the Silence in Schools and in Families. They found that the plight of gay students in Massachusetts paralleled that of the rest of the country. Nearly a third of the young people who committed suicide were gay. Only one public high school had a support program for gay students.

The commission urged several policies. Schools should: 1) make their own plans to protect students from harassment and discrimination; 2) train staff in the prevention of violence and suicide; 3) include gay issues in curricula, especially in health courses; 4) start support groups for gay and non-gay youth; and 5) provide school-based counseling for the families of gay teens. On the basis of the report Gov. Weld initiated a voluntary program of training sessions for both students and staff in the state’s 300 high schools.

Meanwhile in the state legislature, a bill to add sexual orientation to the list of banned discriminatory acts in public schools remained bottled up in committee. The governor’s commission organized groups of student activists to lobby the legislators and trained them how to lobby. The students reached each of the legislators. Thirty of them lobbied the top aide of the state senate’s president. The bill passed out of committee, passed the legislature on a voice vote, and Gov. Weld, a Republican, quietly signed it into law — the first such in the nation.

The Massachusetts law reads: “No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against an admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.” Congratulations to the lesbian and gay teens of Massachusetts! Congratulations to all the people of Massachusetts!!

David LaFontaine, Chair of the Commission, recalls for us a lesson taught us by Shakespeare. “Romeo and Juliet” tells of the bitter and senseless hatred between two families that caused the death of two young lovers. “This love story could be applied to young gays and lesbians. . . . The families of Romeo and Juliet, and the community around them, only relinquished the ancient prejudice after the deaths of their children. But do any more young gay and lesbian people need to die before we, as a society, similarly let go of our own bigotry? The loss of even one young life to suicide is too high a price to pay. We have already lost too many young people to this age-old hatred which was not of their making.”

Fred Hillman is a retired physician and occasional Gay activist.
HIV & AIDS News

New Treatment Approved for Pneumonia
A new treatment has been approved to help people with AIDS and others with damaged immune systems fight off pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. Approved Dec. 20 by the Food and Drug Administration, the drug will be used as an alternative therapy for those who cannot take other drugs. Trimetrexate glucuronate, or Neurexin, should be available the first week of January, according to its manufacturer.

November AIDS Cases Stable From Last Month
The number of new, confirmed cases of AIDS in Los Angeles County in November remained stable from October, according to Supervisor Ed Edelman's office. A total of 425 new adult cases were confirmed during the month. The October figure was 424. The year-to-date total stands at 6,167. Of the number, Caucasians accounted for 47 percent of AIDS cases; Latinos 29 percent; African-Americans 22 percent and Asians two percent.

Antibody-Rich Blood Appears To Slow AIDS
(AP) --French researchers say swapping antibody-rich blood plasma between people with AIDS appears to significantly slow the advance of the disease. The approach, which doctors call passive immunotherapy, reduced the number of new AIDS symptoms in people already afflicted with advanced disease, they reported Dec. 15. The results were so dramatic that the study was stopped when only about half of the intended number of patients were enrolled. "A distinct slowing of AIDS progression was observed," said Dr. Daniel Vitecoq of Paul-Brousses Hospital in Villejuif. However, this approach, even if it is confirmed to work, has a drawback: the limited source of blood. It took regular donations from 150 people to provide enough blood to conduct the study.

Hemophilic Case Shows New Hurdle in Tracking AIDS
(AP) --A hemophilic who passed HIV to his younger brother, probably through a shared razor, actually gave the teenager two strains of the disease, researchers reported Dec. 14. The two strains do not affect the youth's prognosis, but the case illustrates a new hurdle for scientists trying to trace the source of HIV infections. Testing for more than one strain in transmission isn't routinely done. Although certain the brother was the source of HIV infection, scientists were puzzled by the fact that the dominant HIV strain in the older brother's blood did not match the dominant HIV strain in the younger brother. This prompted researchers to map the genes of all the HIV in both brothers. Each had two strains that matched, except the dominant strain in one brother was the major strain in the other and vice versa, said the CDC's Dr. C.C. Luo. Most HIV patients carry more than one strain of virus, which mutates often. Until now, however, scientists thought people passed on the dominant variant, so they searched just for that in documenting infections. Although spreading HIV through casual contact is still considered very rare, the CDC emphasized using caution in blood exposure -- Lauran Neergaard

Tests Being Developed to Disclose Quantity of HIV
(AP) --Researchers are trying to develop widely-available blood tests to show how much HIV people have in their bodies. Such tests not only could help doctors monitor the effects of AIDS treatment, but perhaps provide earlier diagnosis of HIV infections. The tests now in wide use reveal only the presence of HIV antibodies, which are the body's reaction to an HIV infection, but not the virus itself. Two new generations of tests are under development, both based on greatly streamlined versions of polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, a sophisticated lab technique that expands tiny amounts of genetic material so it can be easily detected. The latest innovations, outlined at a scientific meeting Dec. 14, may be useful for diagnosing infections in their earliest stages. Ordinarily, this can take weeks until the person begins to produce HIV antibodies. The DNA test also should be useful in pinning down whether infection actually exists in adults who have gotten ambiguous results from antibody screening.

Penis-less in Chicago
by Janet Romig

With all the brouhaha about Lorena Bobbitt and empowerment and deep dark years of hidden issues, has anyone talked about what we all really want to know? Give it to us straight, Doc... "will he ever get it up again?" Come on, get honest America. We all want to know. To women it is as though a living creature was cut from John Wayne Bobbitt's body and we want to know if it has a life of its own anymore. Will it ever go bump, hot and hard, against someone's leg in the middle of the night or is it in essence just a urine drain? Will John Wayne Bobbitt ever again grasp it in his sweaty palm, moaning, eyes closed, while visions of whatever turns him on dance before him? (and we can pretty much bet that does not include his estranged wife, bound, gagged, and helplessly crying out during a mock or real rape) Does one third of it get hard and the rest flop over like a deflated balloon? Does it hurt, John?

As a lesbian with a powerful case of penis envy I wonder if John Wayne and I harbor the same frustrations with the gentler sex? Granted, I never had a penis to lose but not for lack of visualization techniques. John and I may both clench our fists together and curse God or Chicago Cutlery for our inability to consummate, in the most vulgar, animalistic and erotic sense of the word, our relationships. I've had many years of living penisless and without doubt have had many satisfying, sexual and emotional relationships without one, dear God let me be honest here, I would love to have a real, live throbbing penis. What fun! No latex. No hard rubber or leather straps. A feeling, extension of my sex. I wouldn't want it all the time because, God knows, I think penis's are sort of gross, but let me just once pee MY initials in the snow. Let me, one time, be inside and outside, kissing, licking, feeling and consuming a woman. Let me kneel behind her, hands in her breasts, and worship her forever. Chest heaving, nipples hard and raking her back, kissing and biting the nape of her neck, a part of me swallowed inside her warm ocean of sex. I want it all. Bad. John Wayne Bobbitt, I may not like you but I think I feel for you a little bit.

Janet (I may not have a penis but I've been accused of having balls) Romig. ▼
Calendar

If you have any dates/events/information to put in the Calendar, please call Ken at 248-7722, or Angie/Linda at 337-0253, or Michael at 258-0516, or call the Identity Hotline at 258-4777

Feb. 16, Wed:
* National Condom Week.
* 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.
* P-Flag (Anchorage) at AUUF, 7:00 call Fred at 562-7161 or Sylvia at 562-4992
* Blue Moon Boy-Associate Review, 9:30PM $3

Feb. 17, Thurs:
* Equal meeting at the AUUF 7PM, call 566-0930
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM (non-smoking.)

Feb. 18, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 'I' St. 276-1400.
* Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A. St. at 7PM (non-smoking)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave. 8PM-9:30
* Sky Is Blu at Cyranos Offcenter Playhouse, 8-10:30 PM.

Feb. 19, Sat:
* Feminist Sing-A-Long, 6:30PM. Call 337-3543
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Feb. 20, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1PM (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4PM.

Feb. 21, Mon:
* Gay, Joyous and Free, 1231 W. 27th at 7PM
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9PM, call 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Feb. 22, Tues:
* Identity Board Meeting 7PM at AUUF
* Fairbanks gay men’s support group, call Jeff and Andy at 457-6511.

Feb. 23, Wed:
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s. 2-4PM.
* Blue Moon Boy-Associate Review, 9:30PM. $3

Feb. 24, Thurs:
* Anchorage Garden Buddies, 7PM, 258-4777
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM (non-smoking.)

Feb. 25, Fri:
* Identity Potluck (See Ad)
* Massage by appointment at FourA’s, call Nora at 276-1400
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 'I' St. 276-1400.
* Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A. St. at 7PM (non-smoking)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave. 8PM-9:30
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Feb. 26, Sat:
* Women’s Coffee House, 8PM, call 277-0713.
* Libby Roderick Concert (Juneau) call 586-4938
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Feb. 27, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM. call: 258-5266
* Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance, call Lynne at 338-5253
* Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1PM (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team @ Park Lanes, 4PM.
More Calendar,

Feb. 28, Mon:
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th at 7PM
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9PM, call 786-4846, make on-air requests

Mar. 2, Wed:
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s, 2-4PM.
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover

Mar. 3, Thurs:
* Equal meeting at the AUUF 7PM, call 566-0930
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM (non-smoking)

Mar. 4, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 'T' St. 276-1400.
* Live & Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A St. at 7PM (non-smoking)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave, 8PM-9:30
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Mar. 5, Sat:
* Buddy Training (1 of 2) 10AM-4PM at 4A’s, call 276-1400.
* Women’s Two-Step Dance at the Pioneer School House, 7:30 - 8:30.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Mar. 6, Sun:
* Buddy Training (2 of 2) 10AM-4PM at 4A’s, call 276-1400.
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4PM.
* Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1PM (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM

Mar. 7, Mon:
* Gay, Joyous and Free, 1231 W. 27th at 7PM

* Alaska Women’s Political Caucus, First United Methodist Fellowship at 7PM
* Women’s music show on KRUA 88.1 FM, 7-9PM, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Mar. 8, Tues:
* Fairbanks gay men’s support group, call Jeff/Andy: 457-6818

Mar. 9, Wed:
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s, 2-4PM.
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover

Mar. 10, Thurs:
* Massage by appointment at FourA’s, call Nora at 276-1400
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM (non-smoking)

Mar. 11, Fri:
* Man Alive Workshop Weekend, call Bill at 345-6600
* PLWA lunch, 12-1PM, FourA’s, 730 'T' St. 276-1400.
* Live & Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A St. at 7PM (non-smoking)
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave, 8PM-9:30
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand.

Mar. 12, Sat:
* Man Alive Workshop Weekend, call Bill at 345-6600
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11PM-3AM, Palace Saloon in AlaskaLand

Mar. 13, Sun:
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45AM, 7PM, 258-5266.
* Man Alive Workshop Weekend, call Bill at 345-6600
* Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4PM.
* Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1PM (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM

Mar. 14, Mon:
* Gay Bar, legal Q and A, 7-8:30, call 279-5001.
* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM
**Just a tiny Bit More...**

**Mar. 15, Tues:**
* P-FLAG (Fairbanks) 5:30PM. Call 479-4944

**Mar. 16, Wed:**
* Free HIV TEST at FourA's, 2-4PM.
* P-Flag (Anchorage) at AUUF, 7:00 call Fred at 562-7161 or Sylvia at 562-4992
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30PM $3 Cover

**Mar. 17, Thurs:**
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7PM (non-smoking.)
* Equal meeting at the AUUF 7PM, call 566-0930

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The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association of Fairbanks (AGLA) hosts regular meetings every Monday with Gays, Lesbians, and their allies. For further information about meeting time and place, contact Pete at 457-0246.

The Alaska Gay Women’s Political Caucus meets each Monday at the First United Methodist Church (Anchorage) at 7pm. For more information, contact Pete at 457-0246.

The Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB) is a social group for Gay men exploring an alternative to the “bar scene.” For more information, contact Pete at 457-0246.

The Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) meets every Sunday at various locations (usually Susan’s). Adults, children, Lesbians, and newcomers are welcome. Call Lynne Marison at 338-5253 for more information.

Berdache Society of Anchorage (BSC) is a group for transgender persons. Berdache has been active in the community -- particularly at the Blue Moon on Wednesdays at the 9:30pm show. Please look in the NorthView Directory for the Berdache address.

Equal, Inc. has been meeting regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, usually at 7pm at the AUUF Church in Room A. Equal is a politically active group addressing such issues as the Mayoral race coming up this April, Gay/Lesbian Rights Ordinance at the Municipal Assembly (last year) 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 Fairbanks AIDS Support Office at 2210 S. Cushman, #210. For more information on upcoming activities call 452-4222, or call Jeff at 457-6818.

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

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group: for more information contact Jeff or Andy at 457-6818.

Fairbanks Lesbian & Gay Choir: for information call 479-7187.

Fairbanks Think Tank: joint lesbian and gay group that formed earlier this year. Come join Fairbanks’ newest “think tank” by contacting Jeanie or Debbie at 479-8242.

Feminist Sing-a-Long, women only: Third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Cir. (maps available at the Alaska Women’s Bookstore) or call Lucy at 337-3543. Non-singers are welcome. 6:30 potluck, 7:30 singing (from the KK. Thanks!) Gay Bar: free legal question and answer sessions on issues of interest to Lesbians and Gays. Second Monday of every month, 7:00-8:30pm at 845 K’ St. 279-5001.

Identity Potluck Social: held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm and program at 7:30. See the Calendar for this month’s guest speaker.

Imperial Court of all Alaska (ICOAA): is a social and support group that contributes to our community by being active in many causes; we plan and present wonderful entertainment, and donate money to needy organizations for them to carry out their important goals. See Calendar for this month’s planned activities, or contact Empress XXI at 243-6905.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA): offers medical and dental program assistance, “buddies” (volunteers who help HIV & People Living With
AIDS), 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.

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC): holds Sunday services at 10:45am and 7pm at 615 Hollywood Dr. There is a study group on Tuesday evenings -- "The Bible and Gay and Lesbian People." Call 258-5266.

Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club (MMc(4n)C): is a social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. Look for upcoming events in the Calendar, or 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 (PFLAG(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.

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THE EYE
NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THOSE TOES

In what might be described as a tasteless display of flaunting, it is said that the following exchange took place in the following setting sometime in 1974 (history lesson, folks, and remember, this I pure hearsay): a person who is now prominent in rabid right church doings, sat down at a local greasy spoon (restaurant) with some rather sleazy looking characters. With nary a care that others might be listening (indeed, our spies were sitting at the very next booth), he is alleged to have said, regarding a business deal through which he was trying to ooze his way, "better not let this out: there are some who would question its legality." Could this be the rock upon which a portion of our religious education is based? EYE suddenly found EYE's self praying to the porcelain. ▼ There's more. Now you really must get your air-sickness bag. In a recent television advertisement for his Sunday Sermon (same person referred to above), this preacher (if EYE may loosely apply that term), mentioned the Los Angeles earthquake. The gist of the announcement was that viewers needed to hie themselves to his house of, how shall we say?, worship, in order to find out what to do with our sinful ways in order to be spared from such catastrophic events in our lives. EYE is constantly amazed at the depths to which some people will stoop to feed greed, toss aside integrity and prey on others' superstitions to bolster their own popularity rating. ▼ In another totally unrelated event, thank Goddess, EYE was informed of an evening at a local (friendly) eating and drinking establishment where several parties of differing orientations were conversing. Seems the conversation was touching (you should pardon the expression) on brief if not pungent descriptions of some S&M activities. Not all at the table were completely comfortable with such lurid references, but one, in spite or herself, was overheard to have said (with considerable frustration in her voice) "I hate it when I get horny." Honey, listen to EYE. We all do, even though EYE never breaks a sweat -- too athletic, dears! So much for the myth of women (in this case non-Lesbian) not being sexual. ▼ Item alert! EYE wants to know if K & J are really an item! Gracious EYE! The sheets weren't even cool at R's, dear. Please call with facts -- EYE loves to manipulate them! And if this rumor is vaguely correct, EYE hastens to point out that R is now available. Take a number, get in line.... ▼ EYE knows you're resisting darkening the door of that paragon of architectural transmogrification at C and Northern Lights. But if you do, look for J -- heard he was gracing one of the departments. EYE is too modest to point a lacquered nail, but J is too cute to miss. ▼ Disaster Averted Department: seems R (no, a different one), was tooling down the Parks Highway and happened across a slower moving vehicle. Couldn't stop, tried to swerve, rolled the truck. R and L were unhurt (except for a bump from a binoculars case (alas, poor L)). No photo op, but EYE is glad health was maintained! This is getting rolled the butch way, no? ▼ Also heard that R (the same one) makes a mean borscht! ▼ Looking for an alternative to the PAC? Look no farther. 'Entertaining Mr. Sloan' (shameless free advertising) is playing at the Orca loft. Call TOAST for information, then go put your hands together for L (the old man). EYE found out he's available (as in single)! And a fine catch! ▼ Just got wind (pardon the expression) of H's new appointment in our sister state to the south. Scuttlebutt is that he's tied up in red tape, or is it red leather? and is the Nuuanu District Coordinator for the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project. (Oops. So much for anonymity on that one!) ▼
The List
by Karen Carlisle

"I have an imaginary list of characteristics my next lover must have/can't have," Casey said laughing, but she was more than half serious. She stood with Maggie; shivering in the windy, wintry parking lot in front of the women's bookstore commiserating about Maggie's newly begun and newly ended relationship. What else?

Maggie said, "It was such a surprise. I had no clue. Everything was going so well."

Obviously not with Jenny, Casey thought to herself, but she was not so indiscreet as to say it aloud.

Aloud she asked, "What did she say?"

Maggie replied, "She just said I don't want to be in a relationship."

Casey felt sympathetic - and removed. She had been out of a sexual relationship for two years, 4 months, 8 days, 2 hours, and 21 minutes, but who's counting? Her scars had fallen off but she still wasn't making any forays into that hell again. The list kept her insulated against any temporary lapses of memory that occur when she stumbled across a certain physical type of woman - dark, usually tall and intense. Without her list, her brain tended to shift location. Definitely her memory did not govern.

"Tops on my list this week is finding out what a potential lover does when she's angry," Casey laughed, but she really was serious.

"We didn't have any fights. She wasn't angry; I wasn't angry."

"You weren't together long enough to get angry. See, I figure the veil of lust clouds every defect for at least six months, and by that time when you find out your sweaty is an ice queen when she's mad, you're stuck trying to change her. " Casey laughed again.

With a wounded air, Maggie replied, "We talked about all of that. We seemed like a match."

Casey snorted, "Get real, Maggie. If a prospective lover said to you, Maggie, darling, tell me all of your faults so I can decide if I want to do it with you, what would you tell her?"

Maggie laughed too, "Yeah, I guess we show our best selves when we're trying to reel someone in."

"Right," Casey continued enthusiastically. "So here's my plan. The next time my heart and other body parts start throbbing too hard to be ignored, Here's what I'm going to do - I'm going to piss her off." Casey waited to see Maggie's reaction. Maggie's eyes widened in disbelief, and a smile spread across her face. "And when I see I've succeeded, I'm going to turn the screw and push her over the edge."

Casey was enjoying this. "If she doesn't act angry - you know, yelling, red in the face - , if she just sits quietly and acts reasonable or doesn't say anything, I'm going throw a pizza in her face and run the other way."

By now, Maggie was laughing so hard, her sides hurt.

There was no stopping Casey. "Maybe I'll print my list in the Klondyke Kontakt. 'Dear women who are potential applicants as Casey's lover; here is a list of characteristics and qualities you must have to be considered. You must be anything but dark, tall, and intense - maybe short, round and blonde would be best. Maybe an attraction might develop. You must be working class - then maybe you'll yell instead of stuff your anger. You must want oral sex - giving it, getting it. No internalized woman hatred is acceptable.'"

By now, tears were running from both their eyes, and freezing on their faces. "Goddess, that's funny," Maggie spat.

Good, thought Casey. I've made her laugh. We take all this shit too seriously. The two women hugged and parted.

As Casey walked away she thought, maybe I really will write a list and publish it in the KK, and she was half serious.

Karen Carlisle to whom relationships are a mystery.
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 K2K at 337-0253.

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Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE

258-4777
A View From the Street:
American Mythology
by David Williams

Gays and lesbians have been around ever since Adam first laid eyes on Steve and Eve started chasing Evelyn. But only in the past few years has anyone really noticed. As it blacks, women, Jews, Indians, and anyone else who wasn't white, heterosexual and male, the establishment would probably still be snickering at us if we didn't force our way into their board rooms and plopped ourselves down in front of their Apples. There is some truth to the old belief that power—not money or love—is the only thing most men respect.

You'd think, however, that higher exposure would bring deeper understanding. Unfortunately, what people don't understand, they tend to make myths about. It's a psychomental safety valve that relieves the pressures of confusion. In many ways we're not much removed from the Greeks.

I've been hearing a lot of gay and lesbian myths being a-born of late. These aren't the same old ridiculous myths that keep popping up in fundamentalist propaganda ("All gay men are child molesters; they only think all a lesbian needs is a loving husband"). Why worry about people who still believe the earth was created in 168 hours? In saving their souls, they lost their minds. The cost to humanity is incalculable.

No, the myths I'm hearing are far more sinister and dangerous, because they have just enough ring of truth to raise doubts among the general public. In refusing to dignify them with a response, we may be cutting our own throats. To some, our silence signifies assent.

See how many of the following weeds you've spotted growing in your garden recently. Only time will tell what power these myth-perceptions will have over the course of our lives.

"Gays are promiscuous and kinky; they had AIDS coming to them." How easily straight people forget.

This myth, I suppose, is a convenient way for all of heterosexuals to rid themselves of the guilt they feel at having copulated their way through the '70's and '80's.

Certainly, gays and lesbians were right there in front of the sexual revolution: who among us dares ponder the first stone? Some parts of gay life were particularly debauched and would've gotten wilder had we not received our wake-up call in the '80's. The sexual revolution was the natural outcome of 50,000,000 babyboomers all discovering sex at the same time. Our youthful energies simply overwhelmed our sensibilities.

But even at the height of that mass orgy known as the '70's, most gays (and straights) were much more chaste than the new myths would indicate. Anyone who stood around a gay bar night after night in the '70's can tell you that. When people think of gay sex in the '70's, all they can think of is the bathhouses: they forget about the discos and all those closets.

Gay rights are special rights. This myth stems from the belief that homosexuality is a choice not an orientation. As our opponents see it, kinky sex (see previous myth) should not be protected by law.

(Their ultimate fear is that gay teachers would be allowed to wear dresses to gym class). These arguments scare some otherwise intelligent people. Only the courts, I'm afraid, will be able to deflate this myth.

Gays can change if they want to. The standard retort, of course, being, "But who would really want to?" I've seen enough gay and lesbian parents to know that we can learn heterosex if we have to; but why force a good key into the wrong hole?

Homosexuals are destroying the family. Sorry, I've seen too many instances of gays and lesbians trying to keep their families together, only to see those same so-called Christian families tossing them out into streets or treating them like dust balls. And how welcome are their lovers and friends? About like Kurds in downtown Baghdad.

The main culprits here aren't gays and lesbians, but the cult of the individual, our easy divorce laws and our horrible welfare system. Accusing gays and lesbians of destroying the family is like blaming Mexicans for the drug epidemic. Someday we'll learn how to integrate the rights of the individual with the rights of the family: but not today.

Gay rights are an assault on traditional values. Which values? Freedom of the individual? Freedom of assembly? Freedom of speech and belief? Equal protection under the law? Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Fundamentalists are trying to twist gay rights into something it is not. For the sake of the Constitution, we can only hope Americans do not grow fond of looking at the world through wool glasses.

America is in moral decline. Let me get this "straight": first there was Reaganomics, then two administrations that ignored the homeless and people with AIDS, then the Stealth bomber, then Jim and Tammy Faye, then Jimmy Swaggart, then Oliver North, then the rape of the S & L's, then skinheads, then hate crimes, then mass murders in restaurants,
then crack and speed then the rise in rape and child abuse, then Tailhook, then Desert Storm, then Pat Robertson and Pat Buchanan, then the 1992 Republican Convention, then Amendment 2, then Oregon, then the Christian Coalition, then the National Rifle Association.

But no one thought the country was in moral decline until gays and lesbians started holding hands in the streets? Sounds like the rooster calling the cock a slut.

You can't be gay and Christian. In the depths of the AIDS epidemic, I've seen more Christian charity in the heart of one gay man or lesbian than in entire congregations of fundamentalists. Let them build their multi-million dollar spiritual mausoleums; they don't fool the real Christians in this country.

If the purpose of myths is to explain the unexplainable, to make sense of the senseless, then the Gay 90's are proving so far to be especially fertile ground for the myth makers. Maybe we stayed in the closet too long: it allowed the fears to become far greater than the realities warranted.

But the gay and lesbian community cannot sit idly by and hope these myths somehow recede by themselves. The public needs to understand we're not an invading horde of ravaging khans, but their next door neighbors, their fellow employees, their own sons and daughters.

No human should be mythed away at the expense of his or her humanity. All of us—straight or gay—deserve much better than that.

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For tickets and information, please contact any Mt. McKinley member or the MCC.
The dinner will be Saturday, Feb. 19 (yes, this is short notice), so call Cherresse at 561-8744 or the MCC at 258-5266.

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A gay in the life. by John Sieruta ©1993

Let's go in there. I have to get a birthday present for my niece.

Aww look! This is sooooo cute!! It's absolutely adorable!! It's so soft and cuddly! It's precious! Darling!! I love it! I'm gonna get this!!

Great. Let's go.

...wait a second. I still have to get something for my niece.

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Why do I get the funny feeling that we're going to miss the next issue of "THE NORTHVIEW"? And I just renewed my membership, too!
EYE discovered chivalry recently. Witnessed at the Closet Ball: K and S standing around (having arrived too too fashionably late), looking for a seat not terribly distant from the stage. K asked if a single seat in the middle of an otherwise full table were taken, but voilà, it was free. Whereupon S was invited to sit, but wait! Two leather-clad persons sitting at the same table stood and offered their seats. S&M or not, the gesture was too très gallant to not mention. ▼ At that same function, it was SRO. EYE noticed MakaD resplendent in that startling white hair. D presented Baka (the tallest and most elegant DQ seen around here in quite some time), who became the Closet Queen of 1994. EYE was many times pleased at the classy presentations by all contestants. And glad to see VakaT (presented by Jakal) as Closet King. (P.S. did you know that MakaD and Jakal have been "mother of the year" 3 years in a row, i.e., they’ve presented the successful Closet Queen and Closet King respectively.) ▼ Couldn’t help but notice ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters there. It’s splendid to see Our Community represented (or attended) by diverse cultures, especially ones not often seen. ▼ Hard-to-Match Department: an anonymous donation of $500 was made to the 4As (in memory of F) for our current reigning Emperor to repeat his rendition of "Twilight Time." And they call Philadelphia the City of Brother/Sisterly Love. ▼ EYE tips a toupee to N for graduating from Charter. Medical Technicians, EYE believes, was the degree. ▼ Soapbox Department: EYE noticed a wonderful attendance at the Mayor’s Forum at the Unitarian Fellowship. Some 97 were alleged to have braved the political enmui to show up. On the podium, four candidates showed up, including Heather Flynn, Jim Kubitz, Joyce Murphy, and Mark Begich (who was ably represented by Deborah Bonito until he arrived after opening his HQ). EYE couldn’t help but marvel at the fancy footwork everyone but Joyce Murphy managed to do. The audience came up with some very focused questions and none save Joyce answered directly. Most answers were a disappointing "I’d really need to put some study into that," and "yes, that’s something that I’d really want to support assuming there was legal precedent," etc.

None save Joyce could say without hesitation or second thought that equal rights for Gay men and Lesbians was not a contestable issue. All save Joyce waffled by saying the Assembly needs to study this and the Assembly needs to study that. EYE couldn’t help but marvel at the manner in which the other three would not state unequivocally that civil rights was not to be voted upon or put to the public for an opinion. EYE doesn’t believe for a New York minute that such a statement would ensure equal rights. EYE would like simply to know that the waffling candidates had a personal stand and would fight for it, regardless of the obstacles or outcome. EYE wants the Mayor to be for Integrity -- even if it can’t be legislated at present because of a political climate that retains discrimination as its shibboleth (cloaked, of course in a suit of clothes strikingly similar to the ones (not) worn by the famous king). ▼ On a lighter note, Jim Kubitz was wishing pseudo-nostalgically that there were a magic wand he could wave to fix the Equal Rights "problem." K was quick to say that there was and he (K) had it. As the audience laughter began to subside K (no, a different one) said, "and I want it back!" EYE knows it’s not funny in the retelling -- HTBT* ▼ J finally made it to Chicago. Seems there was only a bed and computer in the apartment upon arrival. What more does one need, EYE would like to know? J reports loving the town but is dismayed at the separate bars for Lesbians and Gays. Queries J: why do we do it to ourselves and then complain about hets doing it to us, too? ▼ Twice, now, K happened to be at the BM when the Wednesday night shows were in full, um, swing. Couldn’t help but notice LakaT looking ravishing.

* Had To Be There ▼

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Conservatively Speaking
by Marvin Liebman

Lambda Conservatives

When I "came out" publicly in June of 1990, I had a number of objectives I wanted to accomplish, but I had only one imperative. I wanted to serve as a role model for other conservatives, young and old, to help them come out. There is no disagreement on the necessity of lesbians and gay men, who are in the closet, to come out and take their part in our community and in our common fight for equal rights.

I gloried in my own entry and participation in our community. Because of my varied political and activist background, I found myself working with many individuals and groups -- from the log cabin Republicans to queer nations. I was enriched by the diversity, enthusiasm, and new friends I discovered. But, during my own activism over the past three and a half years, I forgot one thing. I forgot the enormous diversity in the gay and lesbian community which, unless it is experienced and explained, can strike terror to our brothers and sisters -- my children and grandchildren -- still in the closet. There are very few young men, still in their closets of social and sexual insecurity, who want to immediately be part of the drag queens and leathermen they see on TV coverage of gay pride parades. There are very few women, with their own fears and insecurity, who want to come out to the stereotypical Dykes on Bikes or the bare-breasted, pierced nipple Lesbian Avengers. While these people are very much part of our divers community, we have to realize that they are difficult images for both closeted homosexuals and heterosexual Americans to understand -- at least at first. There are very few older gay men and lesbians who are ready to be associated with the more flamboyant excesses of our community. Not yet. Certainly not publicly.

These are the people we desperately need, the millions of "straight" gays and lesbians still in the closet, if we are to prevail in the political and social struggles ahead. For the most part, they have been ignored and thus remain, frightened and unsure, in the living death of the closet.

Last year, on July 21st, I celebrated my seventieth birthday, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., with about 150 of my conservative and gay and lesbian friends. They mingled together warily, at first, but most civilly. It was at this occasion - seeing present and past lives meet - that I decided to attempt to build an organization which, I believe, can be critical to the gay and lesbian community, those who are out and the uncounted number still in the closet, and to the direction of the conservative/libertarian philosophy in the United States -- the Lambda Conservative Foundation (LCF).

I have worked at such causes for most of my professional life, organizing some thirty-five different public-interest charitable, anti-Communist and conservative groups over nearly four decades, this time -- instead of for Tibetans or Hungarians or Chinese or Congolese or Vietnamese or whosoever -- it will be for my children and grandchildren in the gay and lesbian community and, no less important, for the soul of American conservatism.

The purposes for which the LCF was organized are: to educate the gays and lesbians to the proposition that the classic conservative/libertarian philosophy offers a valid alternative to the prevailing liberal viewpoint in our community; to counter the stereotype of all conservatives as know-nothing bigots; to demonstrate to the straight majority that gay men and lesbians do not necessarily fit the stereotypes too often promulgated, and that they too can, in fact are, conservative -- economically, politically, and socially; and, most important of all, to give closeted lesbians and gay men a place to go, to come out, and some role modes to emulate.

This will be accomplished by utilizing all forms of media, concentrating on print, video, and public appearances. This can be realized only if those of us, bound by a common philosophical approach to society, begin to reach out to each other -- straight to gay and lesbian; gay and lesbian to straight. Together, we can help bring the missing diversity and compassion to American conservatism that is necessary if it is to have any broad, positive, and lasting impact on our society.

There are many in our community who are disenchanted with the liberal approach to American politics and society, and who scorn the bigotry and social blindness of many self-styled "conservatives". They are dissatisfied with the usual politics, they are unable to ally themselves any longer with the Democrats, the Party which has promised us much but delivered very little. They feel uncomfortable (in spite of the efforts of the Log Cabin Republicans) in the Republican Party which has done everything to keep them out. The are sick and tired of all politicians with their empty promises and venal and pathetic posturing. They are represented in every facet of American life. They remain in the closet,
too frightened to come out, threatened by the stereotypes of gay men in drag and lesbians on motorcycles. There are thousands, tens of thousands, of American men and women who desperately want to acknowledge their homosexuality, but all too many are put off by the public, "in-your-face" actions of the minority in our community. It is this closeted and silent majority who need the lesbian, gay and straight role models and institutions to whom they can relate. Our community has to make room for these role models, these institutions, has to make room at our table for our own conservatives. We have to welcome the timid, the frightened, who take the first steps out of the dark of the closet into the light of truth.

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