Identity NorthView

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Official Notice

The Identity Annual Meeting is April 22nd, 1994.
To vote or run for a Board position you must be a paid member of Identity, and can join at any time before the meeting/elections.
Five Board positions are open. If you wish to run for the Board please contact Ruth at 583-1324 or Kurt at 248-0425 before March 10th.

Celebration of Change!
Saturday March 19th 7:30pm
Discovery Theatre (AC)
Dante @ Sheraton after
ALL are welcome
Special room rates for overnighters with
Special Breakfast at Josephine's
Dear Mr./Ms. Editor,

Thank you for another great edition of NorthView. It continues to improve with every issue!

In the Letters to the Editor section of the February issue, a couple suggested the merger of Identity, Equal and the Dandelion Movement. As a member of EQUAL and one of the of the two founders of Dandelion (Ann Milton is the other), I would like to provide a response to this well-meaning suggestion.

Although Identity and EQUAL have some of the same goals and objectives, there are differences in our organization, particularly with EQUAL continuing its evolution into a full-fledged political action group. The writers may not be aware but Identity and EQUAL have worked closely in the past on joint efforts such as the recent Mayoral Forum (attended by almost 100 people). NorthView's willingness to provide EQUAL and Dandelion with space on a monthly basis is another example of our ability to work closely together.

Additionally, some people may not realize the Dandelion Movement is part of EQUAL. I will take the blame for this as I have assumed that when I write the Dandelion page, your readers would remember past articles which described Dandelion as EQUAL's Education/Information project.

I greatly appreciate the interest shown by this couple in trying to help our community meet its common goal - equality for all people! I encourage your readers to become active in one or more of the fine organizations in our community and strive to increase the cooperative efforts of all of our community groups.

Sincerely,
Dan Carter, EQUAL Board of Directors
P.S. *Sorry, Michael, it's obvious from the fundraising letter you sent to your "sheep" that you are monitoring our writings/meetings. I hope I didn't offend you or your mentor, "Dr." Prevo, with my use of the word, "evolution" in the above letter.

Dear NorthView,

I believe in believing.

And on that premise, I believe we must strive for a prejudice-free environment in our daily lives. Unfortunately, we all have dealings, be they tangible or not, with facing this challenge.

The other day, a co-worker asked me about getting some help with a sociology paper. "I want to write about deviants," the co-worker said, "about homosexuality and how wrong it is."

Well, in addition to my chin dropping off my face, I had no immediate reaction, besides hurt. I explained, after a pause, that I wasn't put here to be a judge. Because I truly believe that.

Now, this is a person who frequently pats me when walking by and who by admission would stay far away from someone who is admittedly gay. Well, this cannot be in our line of work. I decided against confrontation.

I wanted to leave my oppressor thinking about what I said rather than hating me for my sexual preference.

Two statements always come to mind when dealing with prejudice.

The first comes from a person I served with in the military. If someone has one prejudice, my friend said, that same someone probably has additional prejudices.

And the next statement comes from a speaker I saw at Congregation Beth Shalom. A Holocaust survivor, the speaker was an inspiration. There was a great deal to listen to that evening, but there are always those statements that you know are going to stay with you for the rest of your life. "AS LONG AS THERE IS AN US AND A THEM, THE speaker said, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN AUSCHWITZ."

I believe in those words; I believe in them with all of my heart.

K.Y.

Dear NorthView,

A friend of mine gave me a copy of the Jan '94 issue (#34) of NorthView. I'm real happy to see that Alaska finally has "a vehicle by which everyone in the State can communicate." The diversity of articles you offer makes for enjoyable reading and helped me realize that our family is much larger than just the few members I have gotten to know here in Fairbanks.

If possible please send me your February '94 issue and put my name onto your roster, but more importantly, onto your mailing list. Enclosed is a check for 20 bucks to help cover some of the costs.

Thanks for being,
E. Walton, Fairbanks
P.S. Just finished speaking to a friend of mine and he would also like to be on your mailing list.
Dear Editor:

While driving today I had the displeasure of seeing something that totally shocked and offended me on the back of another vehicle. In bold black letters were the words, "Annoy PreVo... fine be a faggot!"

I fully understand and support our rights to express what we feel. However, must question an individual's taste and intelligence when they choose to voice their opinion in such a disdainful, inflammatory and antagonistic way.

I have to wonder what would be said if I had a bumper sticker that read, "Equal rights for Niggers, Kikos, Whops and Honkys!" I seriously doubt I'd be able to get away with such language.

If the woman driving that car has that opinion she has the right to express it, but I also have the right not to have to read such trash.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Mathis

Dear Editor:

My request is addressed to you, and the community at large. My situation seems to be best described as "Stage II Coming Out." I'll describe what this means to me after stating as clearly as I know the purpose of this letter is intended to effect: I need help, attention, nurturing, protection, guidance, mutuality from a mentor, sponsor; someone who has been where I have been, am now, and seem to be going. A person who has some time, or persons who have time, to encourage my safety while reaching out. Phone contact, writing, at some point being able to meet to talk and to look at what is possible. I don't want a sexual predator, or someone who cannot appreciate a core of vulnerability enshrouded by an exterior that most people see as strong and capable. I need a friend, not a lover while I find out who I am and who I can love.

My first sexual experience at age 11 included cousin Debbie (16) and David (12). David and I touched more, but Debbie seemed to be the first person who ever "touched" me, actually cared for me, tho' we never had sex. I am now realizing how sad that was/is, considering the loving family I supposedly grew up in. So, I was imprinted by both sexes, men to touch more, women to love more. Hence, I must be bisexual. Sex = people. People = sex. Not too functional, a basis upon which to operate. Little or no discrimination.

Later, when I was about 12, I took a friend's pants down with intent to touch, like with David but the feelings of Debbie. He was too young, I couldn't proceed. They say because Debbie was older what happened was mis-use, abuse; I didn't want that with Mickey.

In my early 20's I was chosen by a man to lose my rectal virginity. That one night "ruined" me to ever be anything near heterosexual and confirmed my bisexuality. Unfortunately, he, it, did not stop with that night. I finally had to say No!, and got
date raped, torn and infected. This was '72-'73 so not HIV but warts grew; and grew; and grew. The treatment by the first Dr. was either grossly incompetent or viciously negligent. The growth was way past acid treatment. After treatment, I would be paralyzed with pain below my waist. Finally, a second opinion. Immediate surgery, the cauliflower like growths were inside me. The next six months were hell once a day, and after that distressing.

I married a woman, then a second with whom I had a daughter-child, then a third. What followed was too much anonymous, furtive sex at porn shops. Now it seems I "belong" to Debbie whom I imprinted on (she died young of M.S.), and Jim who brought more hurt into my life than I thought possible. As a result of this (thumbnail sketch) of my development, my heart belongs to images like "Dill" in The Crying Game. I go all silly and adolescent at the thought of images of she-males.

About three years ago that happened, in Anchorage, I got "rolled" couldn't say no to sex, and had to be tested for HIV a couple of times. I was so desperate to be understood, to feel safe, I would and did do anything to gain acceptance. Now I am really cautious, to the point of going slowly, crazy, alone.

I do have a female partner who is also feeling pain from this ongoing identity crisis and we'll resolve the conflict or quit the relationship or, who knows, work out a way for me to exist in this world without being torn apart or dead inside.

I promised I would not reach my next birthday and have no hope. I will not pile more pain on the 30 years worth I've already accumulated.

Thank you for your time.
Scott Wheat, P.O. Box 2353, Homer, AK 99603-2353

Dear Mr. Waybourn:
Thank you and your colleagues for your letter of February 9, 1994. Like you, I am committed to the fight for equality of all Americans.

All people in our society must enjoy the opportunity to be judged on their merits. Sadly, as you point out, this simple principle of justice has come under assault in several states this year.

Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other grounds are gravely mistaken about the values that make our nation strong. The essential right to equality must not be denied by a ballot initiative or otherwise.

I commend the broad-based coalition of leaders from the religious communities, labor unions, environmental groups, gay and lesbian organizations, women's groups, senior citizens, communities of color, Republicans and Democrats, and many other groups who have demonstrated through your actions and your diverse membership that this is not an issue of "special rights" for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Dear NorthView,
I am a thirty-something GWM living in Dallas, Texas, who has had a fascination with Alaska for many years. Although I have not had the opportunity as of yet to visit Alaska, I have studied the history of the state, have maps hanging in my home, read books (fiction and fact), subscribe to the Anchorage Daily News (Sunday issue), and in general just devour anything I can about Alaska. However, one thing is missing — contact with real human beings living there. Specifically gay brothers not only in Anchorage and the larger cities, but those who live in smaller towns or provinces, as well as, in the wilderness.

Corresponding has always been my favorite way of communicating with friends and family and I am faithful and lengthy writer. I have interests in everything from music to pet care, from philosophy to vulgar humor. So, if there are any men out there who would like to have a correspondent buddy in the Lower 48 who respects and loves Alaska, and who enjoys conversing on any subject, please contact me at the following address: Ferrell, 1060 West Frankford, #203, LB 169, Carrollton, Texas 75007.
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The Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA) is here. Johnston and Prevo notwithstanding, there is a strong movement against Lesbians and Gays and it's gaining strength across the US. Mike & Jerry's statements recently in the Anchorage Daily News (non-gays have to organize to put us down because we didn’t "learn our lesson" at the Assembly hearings last year) should shake you to your core. Do not believe that you can just continue as you are. You will soon have to face the specter of legal hatred and discrimination.

Why there is so much hatred against us? Probably because “they” believe we're recruiting their children. That's first. They really believe that no child on her/his own could possibly come to the conclusion that they’re Lesbian/Gay unless they had some experience from an older person (read molester). (I, for one, never knew anything about other such people, thought I was the only one in the world, and still knew I was a homosexual. Since I was 5!) The second reason is money. It’s a great way to raise cash. Threaten your flock with death, death and dissolution and then blame it on some group (not protected by law) and they’ll cough up cash in a rush to defend against the perceived menace, which, of course, only the head honcho can stave off. And third, because Lesbians and Gays, they believe, are responsible for all the ills of the world, from unwanted pregnancy to bad education in the schools, from the floods in the midwest to the California earthquake. Such power they give us!

Don't be fooled by the levity. The Mike & Jerrys of this world are marshaling their considerable forces and their revenue. When there is single-minded hatred against any group, the hundredth monkey syndrome kicks in (that's the one in which one monkey figures out how to open a clam by smashing it on a rock. Then another. After the 100th figures it out, suddenly there seems to be a universal consciousness that prevails, and ALL monkeys know how to open clams on rocks). So, while the OCA may have had a set back or two here and a gain or three there, there will be no stopping them in their virulence and hatred after the 100th anti-gay law gets passed. Would that they might turn that incredible energy to positive things, like drugs, crime and homelessness, not to mention illiteracy and the environment.

The organizing is already here in Anchorage, and while it may not be as immediate a menace as the referenda in Oregon and other states Outside, it's here and it directly affects you. Were you mindful of the recent Assembly hearings (at which Mike & Jerry were present), wherein the issue was presented as one of masturbation and homosexuality (not at all the primary focus of the book in question). I.e., the issue is being loaded, bit by bit, piece by piece, until the vote can be put on the ballot that homosexuality must be outlawed, and the voters will resoundingly answer YES because we've been portrayed negatively for so long and not answered the charges with anything but "no, that's not right." "They" need to know who we are in order that "they" can remind themselves (think for themselves) that no, Lesbians and Gays are not like the hateful portrayal of the homercers.

Open note to Michael from this writer: any time you're ready to abandon this hatred and self-loathing and return to the people who love you, come on over. There's only love on this side -- more than can be said for the emotions over your way.

If we ignore the signs and get lulled into the "I don’t think they’ll go that far" sentiment, we’ll be legislated out of existence. Not that we’ll go away. But the law will provide all who cotton to the idea to go on a Lesbian-Gay bashing spree. If we adopt that attitude, we’ll end up nursing our victim mentality in a state of siege. We’ll be pariah and have no recourse. We’ll be the other ones the history books will have described as the "sheep to the slaughter" because we didn’t believe that in this day and age such draconian laws and social strictures could actually be imposed.

If our detractors hate us that much, wouldn’t we be remiss if we didn’t answer with community building? If the Jerrys & Toms of this world recognized and got to know their own lesbian and gay sons and daughters, wouldn’t there be a chance for diversity to thrive? If diversity weren’t seen as a threat to someone's "lifestyle" wouldn't "they" be a tad more inclined to give a listen?

Our mission, as I see it, in part, is to step out of our attitude of "we’d better not speak up too loudly because we’ll lose our job/apartment/friends" and into the Community that can truly create "a world that works for everyone." We can become aware that community-building does not mean an abrogation of individual rights and freedoms but rather a joining with others' strengths and creativity.
to enlarge and enrich the many cultures of the
world, including Lesbian Culture and Gay Culture.
We have used this column before to suggest
involvement. We have said before that the only way
to combat the hatemongers is to counter with
education, love and being out (the cultural water
brigade). Whether you get involved in a
Community organization (the KK, NorthView,
Dandelion, Identity, Equal, LGBSA, ALFA,
Fairbanks Support Groups, Feminist Sing-a-Long,
the Court, the MCC, P-FLAG, and more) or come
out to friends, family, co-workers; whether you join
HRCF's Speak Out program, give to NGLTF or the
Victory Fund, you must stop believing that you'll be
safe if you stay in the closet, stay in the background,
stay hidden. Embrace your Culture. It is the
Community-Building-Bridge-Building Culture, the
one that can, unlike all others, promote diversity,
and bring peoples from all other Cultures to the
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F. Kenneth Freedman, Co-Editor ▼

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Organizations from around the State
compiled by Kurt Parish

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As): offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons at their offices, 730 1st St., Suite 100. Friday at noon is a luncheon for People With HIV and AIDS. We are always looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals. If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteering with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at 276-1400.

Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association of Fairbanks (AGLA): a UAF Student Organization, has regular meeting open to Gays, Lesbians and allies, every other Friday. For further information about meeting time and place, contact Pete at 457-0246.

Alaska Women's Political Caucus: meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the First United Methodist Church (Anchorage) on the first Thursday of every month.

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

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

Berdache Society of Anchorage: a group for transgender persons, Nora Jean facilitates; Berdache has been active in the community – notably 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 or call 566-0930 for more information.

Fairbanks Gay Men's Support Group: meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Interior AIDS Association office at 2210 S. Cushman, #210. If you'd like more information on upcoming activities call 452-4222, or call Jeff or Andy at 457-6818.

Fairbanks Dance Club: the Palace Saloon in Alaska land is still the hottest spot in town to meet. You can go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00pm 'till the wee hours of the morning. It'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 call 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 more than 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 Tiger Lilly 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.

Last Frontier Men's Club: a members only club for the Leather/Bear communities of Alaska. Meetings once/month, campouts & week-end trips, too. Write T.L.F.M.C., P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99520-2054.

Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club (MMc(na)C): is a social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. Look for upcoming events in the Calendar, or call Dan Cook 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 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin (Noble & 5th). Contact Nancy at 479-4944 for more information.

PFLAG(Southcentral (P-FLAG(SC)): holds meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For information call Sylvia at 562-4992 or Fred at 562-7161.

Women's Coffeehouse: every 4th Saturday, 7:30-9:30pm, Grandview Garden Cultural Center, 1325 Primrose (near corner of DeBarr & Bragaw, same building as Out North's headquarters). Sliding scale, suggested donation $2. Call Barbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. (Closed May-Sept.)

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

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Minutes for Mar 3, 1994:
recorded by Linda S. Kellen

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Minutes for NorthView: Linda S. Kellen
Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month.
The next meeting is April 7, 7pm, Room A at the
Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Meeting held March 3rd:
ANNOUNCEMENTS: New Meeting Schedule:
Equal will now be meeting on the first Thursday of
every month only, including the board. We hope
this will facilitate more participation.

DISCUSSION: Treasurer reported that we have
received the Incorporation paperwork back from the
State of AK so Equal is now incorporated as a
501(c)(4) non-profit organization -- the first
Les/Gay/Bi Non-profit (c)(4) in Alaska!!!!! We are
still waiting for the return of our paperwork from the
IRS -- they have cashed the check for the
processing fee so it should only be a matter of
time...gov't time, that is!!! (tick, tick, tick...)

The treasurer also reported that Equal received a
commitment of $3,000.00 from Alaskans for Civil
Rights, which generated much discussion. For our
faithful readers, here is a short explanation of a
501(c)(4), what we can and cannot do:
1. A 501(c)(4) not-for-profit Organization
   promotes "social welfare." Equal does not
   have to pay taxes - however, donations to us are
   NOT tax deductible. (We are still accepting
donations!!!!)
2. Equal may lobby without limitation and spend
   up to 49% of its budget on electoral politics.
3. Equal MAY NOT make direct or indirect
   financial contributions of $1,000.00 or more to
candidates for federal office. In the State of

Alaska, if we want to make donations to candi-
dates, we must form a PAC to do so. At this
time, Equal will not be forming a PAC, how-
ever, we will do so in the future if we feel it is
necessary.

Equal will be sending out information to all those
on the mailing list regarding the various candidates.
(If you wish to be on the list, send your information
to the address on the top of the page.) The
Dandelion branch of Equal (Dan Carter & Ann
Milton) has created a questionnaire covering several
important issues and we will report the responses.
We will also be conducting a voice poll of the
School Board Candidates and will be reporting those
results before the election.

In remembrance of last year's March On
Washington, Equal is planning a potluck - D.J.
dance on Saturday, April 30th, 6:30 pm, tentatively
at the Spenard Recreation Center. If you were at the
March, please bring pictures, slides, videos,
articles, buttons...wear the clothes you wore at the
March!!! If you were not there, bring your food,
enthusiasm, and your dancing shoes!!!!

ATTENTION ARTISTS: Equal is sponsoring a
"Design an Equal T-Shirt" contest! If you come
up with a design that our panel of distinguished
judges chooses, not only will your handiwork be
displayed on chests across Anchorage, you will
also be $50.00 richer! Send your entries to the
Equal address at the top of the page, or call the
Equal number. Entries must be received by April

Due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e.
State Gaming Regulations) Gay Bingo is on hold.

The Equal Sledding Party did not happen
February 6th because of, you guessed it, NO
SNOW!!!!!

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PARENTS to attend School Board meetings. It is
IMPERATIVE that we are there to help frame the
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LETTER WRITERS -- Anchorage Daily News,
Anchorage Bypass, Equal Rights Commission,
Anchorage Assembly, etc...

SPEAKERS -- Anyone interested in being a
member of the Equal Speaker's Bureau, please call
Equal at 566-0930 and leave your name and
number. Thanks to those people who have!!!!

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that you need enlightened? Call Equal and let us
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the system to change the system! ▼
The Scene: the BM, a Wednesday evening, The Show about to begin, lots of milling about, including those in dress and those in dresses. V chatting up M and asking where’s M’s partner BakaJ. Says M, right beside you. Whereupon V turns to see a tall, besequined and quite done-to-the-nines JakaB serenely surveying the crowd. "Oh! Oh!" cries V. First time EYE’s known V to be, how shall EYE put it, speechless. ▼ Heard the one about H? Seems he was spending time in NH (don’t ask) and ended up at a leather function (EYE doesn’t have to know about these things first hand to gossip about them) and there was H prancing around in nothing more than a teeny bit of male cover-up and a long blond wig (EYE would naturally avert EYE’s eyes!). And was being followed by a person of the younger persuasion (but legal!), who was, all agog, snapping photos! Gracious EYE! Puppy love — such nostalgia! ▼ Seems K was seen at an AGB meeting recently wherein he was shamelessly trying to sell a ring. (No, EYE doesn’t think K tacky enough to sell his own ring (EYE thinks K doesn’t actually have one at present, hiss, meow.) And yes it was a beautiful ring for those who might have seen the classified last month.) So, one K (another one) asks to see it, mayhap to show it to J (yes, the same one in last month’s EYE), and suddenly J shows up with this ring stuck on his finger (looked good there), but sweating and pulled and finally got it off. Now if EYE got someone to wrap diamonds around EYE’s ring finger, EYE’d prance down to Nordies in a New York minute and register that china pattern. Yes, EYE would! ▼ Then there was the one about T showing up at that same AGB meeting with M in tow. Brothers, they claimed. Rreally? When asked about the singular lack of family resemblance, they each (independently) confirmed that “it was a long story.” Only clue EYE was given was that they have a sister in common. "Sister," indeed. EYE isn’t fooled easily and will expect some EYE Loyalist to dish the dirt. Work the phones, folks! ▼ Heard the one about Mayoral candidate Mystrom at the UAA forum? Allegedly, in hot pursuit of the Prevo vote, he came out strongly against Gays and then went on to mention that they were all rich. Promise, Rick? EYE doesn’t mean to be nasty, but have you heard of Lesbians? ▼ This is not a commercial plug. That said, EYE feels PC in saying that the Community conscious folks at O’Brady’s have upped their coupon contribution to Identity to $4.00. See the back page of this rag and run, do not walk, to your nearest O’Brady’s! ▼ Couldn’t help but notice all the talk around town about cleaning up the streets. Haven’t heard? Seems the Garden Buddies and Identity have been honored by the MUNI and have been granted street-cleaning privileges. Yes, it’s true. Those streets are perilously close to a notorious house of, um, worship up Baxter way. Come spring, you put on those Pride sweatshirts and turn out in force. Watch this rag for times and dates! ▼ EYE practically couldn’t stop laughing. After all EYE has heard and seen about people of the straight persuasion bashing, killing, maiming and otherwise punching us (Lesbians and Gays) out, the straight-bashing version tickles EYE’s whiskycallit. Here it is. Straight-Bashing: where a gang of homosexuals runs around town, grabs straight people, holds them down, and does their hair. ▼ EYE loved hearing from a contributor (L) who just got a laptop. Now EYE knows some people like to name things, like their, ah, cars and microwaves, but this laptop’s name is Radclyffe Small. EYE loves it. ▼ Seems there was this group of, well, musical men, shall EYE say, gone to see “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?” Don’t say it! And as the seven of them took over a row of seats, the woman (with a man, short) in the row behind said, “I hope you won’t put someone tall in front of me.” And she was assured that, no, no such would happen. Whereupon L joined (having lagged behind, you see) and being of the short persuasion L was convinced to sit in front of the woman, such that she would have an unobstructed view. Thankful, she leaned forward and said, “You know, it’s better to have loved a short man than never to have loved at all.” Whereupon, a chorus from the seven, um, musical men sitting in THE row chimed in, “we know exactly what you mean!” P.S. when she was told that such things could end up in the EYE, she requested a card so she could mayhap call for a magazine! ▼ In the step-beyond-outrageous department EYE was dumbfounded to witness the following: at Thai Kitchen (you know, the great little restaurant up by the great little Capri Theatre), there was an equally large group of, er, musical men having dinner. In strole one J (now, EYE knows you’ll all try to figure this one out, but you can’t. So, don’t try. J is a mucky-muck in the breathing business (you’ll never guess) and isn’t, well,
musical, if you get the drift). Cut to the chase. He nonchalantly drops a menu in K's lap and says "hold this." K looks up, recognizing J and says something not too snappy, being surprised, you see. Whereupon J asks if K is buying dinner (mind you, the 4, um, non-gay folk are now at a completely different table, having come in as a group), and K, not to be out maneuvered, says, sure if you'll sit on my lap and kiss me. You can guess the rest if you're consciousness is connected. J promptly plumped himself in K's lap and, well, not quite kissed him. Air kiss, you know. So, K paid for only a reasonable modicum of the meal, but had to tip his hat to a hot ally who electrified the whole restaurant and didn't bat an EYE. Gold star for J!
Insure the Goose that Lays Your Golden Eggs
by Chris Olson

Women are the fastest growing segment of our population that find themselves below the poverty level. Women have not, traditionally, been taught how to plan for their financial future. In many cases this has been done for them or it has not been done at all. My own sister didn’t have a bank account or even know how much money she and her husband had until they divorced at age 68. My brother-in-law had managed all of their money for decades and both of them were professional business people with sizable incomes. This month I will talk about protecting your income.

The status of women’s income has changed dramatically in the past 20 or so years. Single or not, male or female, your most important asset is your ability to work and earn an income. Any unplanned break in income can be devastating to a household that has depended on that income to maintain a comfortable lifestyle.

A 25 year old who earns $25,000 a year now can expect to earn $1,000,000 in her lifetime. This is figured without any increase in wages! The million dollar goose will lay 40 eggs each worth $25,000 in her life. A 35 year old with an annual income of $45,000 will earn $1,350,000. Statistically speaking, these women have a 30% and 21% chance respectively of having a long term disability. Those are horrible odds when you think about it. In the world of insurance you talk about protecting against risks. The risk of dying is 100%. In life it is also true that you have a greater risk of becoming disabled before age 65 than you have of dying before age 65.

I know it is corny but shouldn’t you really insure the goose that lays these eggs rather than the eggs themselves? Your house will burn down once every 114 years yet you insure it to it’s full replacement value and rarely have a claim to collect.

This has everything to do with women’s income. If you have no need for life insurance because you won’t leave a financial burden when you die you will have a great need for disability insurance if you lose your ability to earn an income while you are still living. You are dependent on yourself for maintaining your standard of living.

I believe that disability income replacement insurance is a vital part of any woman’s financial plan. You cannot meet any goals that require money if you lose your ability to earn an income.

Chris Olson is a fully licensed insurance and securities representative, has lived in Alaska for 13 years and welcomes new clients and referrals, especially from the Gay & Lesbian Community.
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This 1965 classic opened the Capri in its present location in 1979, winner of 5 Academy Awards. It is the thrilling story created by Nobel Prize winner Boris Pasternak. The life of Yuri Zhivago, doctor and poet is told against the great tide of the Russian Revolution. Benefit for Alaskan AIDS Asst. Ass'n. $5.

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A conservative, homophobic personal injury attorney finds himself taking the case of a gay lawyer with AIDS who was fired from his firm on the grounds he was incompetent. Academy Award nominee Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Mary Steenburgen and Jason Robards star in the film directed by Jonathan Demme.

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A true-life adventure story, telling of the remarkable men (James Carville and George Stephanopoulos) who guided Bill Clinton's presential campaign. A compelling and enlightening look inside the shrewdest, funniest, most sophisticated political machine. Special Engagement.

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After losing her husband and child in a tragic accident, the wife of a renowned composer is forced to confront the personal and professional pieces of her husband's life. Directed by Krystof Kieslowski (The Double Life of Veronique), starring Juliette Binoche (Damage & The Unbearable Lightness of Being). Winner of the Best Picture and Best Actress prize at the Venice Film Festival. Rated R, French w/sub-titles. Special Eng.

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Even Cowgirls Get The Blues
Gus Van Sant's film of Tom Robbins novel is about a Virginia girl - whose disproportionately large thumbs greatly facilitate her ability to hitchhike - signs on as a cowhand at an all-female South Dakota dude ranch. R. Special Engagement.

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The Lesbian And Gay Parenting Handbook: Creating And Raising Our Families by April Martin, Ph.D., $15.00
Reviewed by Joann Contini

Estimates suggest there are between 3 and 8 million lesbian and gay parents in the United States raising somewhere between 6 and 14 million children. April Martin, the author, has spoken with hundreds of lesbian mothers and gay fathers through her own private practice as a psychologist, intensive family workshops and in-depth interviews. She has also conducted extensive research into the fields of law, psychology, medicine and education as they relate to lesbian and gay parenting. The result is a wealth of information for anyone who is a parent, who wants to be a parent or who wants to understand more about parents who are lesbian or gay.

This book provides practical information about parenting as well as the reflections, thoughts, feelings and desires of parents. Although the vast majority of lesbian/gay parents have been and continue to be lesbian women the book also offers specific details for gay fathers.

In the first chapter the process of deciding to have a family and the common questions and concerns that accompany that decision are explored. Chapters 2 through 4 review the various methods of becoming pregnant such as heterosexual sex, donor insemination, alternative insemination, sperm banks, and surrogate. The book provides a wealth of information in Chapter 5 on adoption including public, private, independent, foster, international and transracial. Within each of these chapters are details about the specific how-to’s interspersed with stories by families that have chosen different options. Chapter 6 sheds light on the legal concerns surrounding these various decisions and offers guidance on how to avoid potential problem areas.

The second half of the book deals with the reality of families: how to be a good parent; how to raise healthy and happy children. Answers to questions like, “where did I come from?” “who’s my mommy/daddy?” and decisions about what to have the children call you and what last names to use, are dealt with in Chapter 7. Family roles and responsibilities, co-parenting, single parenting, stepfamilies and communication are discussed in chapter 8. Chapter 9 deals with changing relationships and the breaking up of families. Chapter 10 gives insights on how to work through family crises such as miscarriage, birth defect and death. Chapters 11 and 12 talk about working with the parent’s own families of origin in their acceptance of the decision to parent and also of being out publicity as a gay or lesbian parent in such arenas as schools, medical settings, work, and neighborhoods.

The final section of the book offers resource lists of parenting organizations, insemination and fertility groups, adoption information and support, plus sample donor insemination agreements, co-parenting agreements and donor screening forms.

An excellent resource for this fast growing segment of our community: lesbian and gay parents. Available at the Alaska Women’s Bookstore in paperback.

Joann Contini is Co-Owner, Alaska Women’s Bookstore.

Reviewed by Lee Lynch

I admire the almost raw energy of this second novel. Kristen Garrett’s particular talents seem made to take on the world of gay women jocks. Her writing sprints with enthusiasm, vaults with intensity and sprawls like an exhausted athlete after a major event, panting, triumphant, self-satisfied, on.

In Garrett’s first novel, You Light the Fire (Rising Tide, 1992), randy, rowdy Mindy Brinson romped through a plot too meager to contain her. Lady Lobo has more flesh on its bones and a whole host of quirky characters with Mindy’s energy. Garrett’s good at catching the flavor of language. Southern speech patterns are a definitive aspect of Mindy. Casey Ellison, star basketball guard in Lady Lobo, “was never much for talking. She was more for doing.” The narrative sets the tone here, with the kind of sports casting simplicity illustrated by these three paragraphs:

“Casey didn’t say anything.
No scoring punch.
One game for herself."
The zany punk triad with which Casey gets herself involved sprinkles its speech with mega-yucks and bitchin' and like, like, like.
Garrett writes great basketball action scenes and writes all her other stories like games. That is not a criticism. The style is absolutely congruent with the character and the story. It's risky and Garrett sometimes fumbles, but overall it works, transforming the reader to a cheerleader rooting for the home-town player.

Pace is another distinctive and powerful element in this author's writing. Her books read fast. Where that was disconcerting in the domestic scenes of Fire, plummeting through words at a free fall rate perfectly matches the action of Lady. I would love to see a whole new genre of lesbian jock novels emerge, with Garrett and Canadian author Judith Alguire (All Out, about a runner, New Victoria, 1988) leading the pack.

I'm an ex-P.E. major from an era when women's sports got about as much respect as the tiddley-wink championships. Garrett confesses in an Author's Note that she is depicting an era we can only hope is the future for women's sports, an era of gigantic crowds in the stands and un stinting budgets for women's athletic programs. It is to her credit that I never questioned her facts. She created a wholly engrossing world which is all many readers demand of their writers.

Part of this world is the insanity of college freshman life. Casey is thrown into a situation where relative independence and rigid rules clash like volatile chemicals. She's a plain-speaking jock, no frills, with a healthy sexual appetite and few scruples about feeding it. The team dykes are denied and forced to be closeted. As in real life, this leaves the baby dykes with no guidelines, no older and wiser ear to ploy with questions and, despite an obvious need to balance the stresses of her new life with release, not a clue about self-imposed restrictions. I worried about the unprotected sex, because Casey is a walking hormone and sex-ed is not part of the author's projected reality.

I can't say that Casey is a knock-out character. She's just a good, hard-working kid with a talent for basketball, long-term coaching ambitions and a traditionally jock response to almost everything:

"Okay-fine." Garrett did not romanticize Casey, but kept her as intensely focused as most successful people must be.

Kristen Garrett writes with broad strokes. Her canvases are noisy, colorful, funny and, in Lady Lobo, filled with action. Casey Ellison is a touching portrait of a baby dyke jock whose doggedness is uncannily real. In her Author's Note Garrett talks about the on-site research she did and her admiration for the women athletes who "always gave all they had to give." That is Garrett the writer. And with Lady Lobo she scores.

Available through the Alaska Women's Bookstore.
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The Directory

This directory is a fledging "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 AK at 337-0253.

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

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

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

Alaska Native Networking:
(G) Kita Consulting, Roy, 272-1334

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gatekay, Ketki/Jainini, 561-7327
(A) The Ole Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372

Amusements:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0064

Architectural Design:
(G/A) Lipson/Brown Design, 274-0913

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

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

Bakery:
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457 (see ad)

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

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(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Aurora Winds, Janes/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 235-5945
(L) The Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 808-966-7956
(L) Garden Cottage (Orlando, Fl), Lisa, 407-894-5395
(G) Gingerbread House, Yves (Montreal), 514-597-2804
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 235-2265 (see ad)
(I) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bomie (Fl. Lauderdale, Fl), 305-565-8437
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeds, 278-2106
(G) The West Cook House, Doug, 277-3862

Bicycle Repair:
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

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(I) Alaska Women's Bookstore, Joann/Marlia, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaskan, Gena, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599

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(A) Big Bob's, Mark, 561-2121
(A) Don, 349-1065

Catering:
(G) Alaska Best Catering, Maurice, 339-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-8828

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(G) Kid Zone, Andrew, 337-3082

Chiropractic:
(G) Andrea, 561-6081

Churches:
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Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0064

Computer Bulletin Board:
(A) Myths Reality (Berdache), 333-3425, 338-2869
(A) The Wilde Side, 333-4039

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

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(C) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Ken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6882 (see ad)
(A) Computer Magic, Jim, 276-3928
(A) Helleck & Associates, Terry, 276-3869
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(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) P.C. Connections, Alfred, 337-1546
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(G) Tom, 338-1312

Costume Design:
(G) Every Bloomin' Thing, Jerry, Malcolm, 274-3158

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(A) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(A) Counseling Alternatives, Connie, 562-1826 (see ad)
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(A) Jann, 248-9408
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(G) Kita Consulting, Roy, 272-1334
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795

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(A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0735 tty
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(A) Ward Hulbert, DDS, 248-0022
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(G) The Electric Doctor, Bob, 561-2225

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

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

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(L) Chris, 561-8840/338-3962

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(A) Quality Floors, Bob & Ruth, 248-3900

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(G) Every Bloomin’ Thing, Jerry, Malcom, 274-3158

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(L) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543

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

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(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876

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(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
(A) 36th Ave. Hair Design, Ledha, 561-8967

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(A) Gistekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(L) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(A) The Ole Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
(A) Skin care, Shari, 345-7451

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(A) Hope, 561-2330

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

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

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(G) Watkins Products, Jim, 243-5054

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(L) Connie’s House Cleaning Svc., Connie, 276-3147
(A) Green Valley Cleaning, Tara, 345-4657
(G) Randy, 345-4687
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

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(L) Carol, 271-4620 (see ad)

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(G) Imperial Court of All Alaska, Tiger Lilly, 243-6905

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(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-8582

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(A) Peggy’s Jewelry & Repair, Peggy, 562-1995

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(A) Northwind Kites, Pat, 279-4336

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(L) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543
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(L) Mendi & Huntington, Allison, 279-5001 (see ad)
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Massage (therapeutic, Swedish, Shiatsu, and much more):
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045 (see ad)
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(G) Marion, 562-0012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

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(A) City Mortgage, Lynn LaPerriere, 277-0700 (see ad)

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(L) Oldtime Music Company, Marge, 561-6862 (see ad)

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

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(A) Jane, 563-5151

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

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

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(L) Studio Designs, Ltd, 279-4606

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(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America, Ruth, 333-1190
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(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-8460
(A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
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(L) K&K Investigating, Karyn, 561-3665

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

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(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-7481 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Hillman, 248-2804; 563-5156 (see ad)
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(L) Dynamic Properties, Lucille, 279-7600 (see ad)

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(L) Susan E. Johnson, PhD, 272-4113

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(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Church of the Covenant (Matanuska Valley), Pastor Howard Hess, 746-1089
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, Jim, 258-5266

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(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226 (see ad)
(A) Elks by Iliene (Eagle River), 694-6946
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA), Pete, 457-9246

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(G) Fairbanks Men's Support Group, Scott, 457-6511
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4992, Fred 562-7161
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), Nancy, 479-4944

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

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(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, Cherresse, 561-0661 (see ad)

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with Dan Carter

The 1996 Summer Olympics will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Officials announced the selection of the Cobb County Convention center as the site of Volleyball Competition. Last year the government of Cobb County withdrew all funding for the arts and passed a resolution condemning the gay/lesbian "lifestyle". How can gay/lesbian athletes, or anyone believing in equality, feel welcome in this county? Write or fax your comments to:

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Dan Carter is a Gay Activist

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Chapter 11: "The World According to Cha Cha"
by Dan Cook

Catalina was behind them, San Clemente Island was just ahead. Cha Cha was looking for alternative places for her clients (they thought San Clemente would make a great place for beach parties), but every beach was packed with seals and sea lions. No, this was no place for a romantic rendezvous, unless you were a seal.

At lunch Cha Cha told the guys, her business had taken a major leap forward. "The Pink Lady is booked," she said as she flashed a leather calendar. "The Captain and I want to thank you two." She took the check Mike had given the Captain and tore it up. "This trip is on the house."

She also explained the reason for going to Ensenada. Erroll and his buddies had set up a meeting for Cha Cha. The mayor and the local vendors were more than willing to get their little fishing village on the map. If movie stars came, the rest would follow and bring greenbacks. They knew Ensenada was hardly a tourist town, but after talking to her friends, they convinced her to take a peek at it, and maybe she could turn this spot into a great little getaway.

There were a few hurdles to jump, but her friends knew if anyone could get things done it was Cha Cha. It had only been three years since Pancho Villa's assassination. He has been devoted to the peasant class and they worshipped him as their hero (even though our country had allowed troops to be sent into Mexico (our own General John J Pershing) to chase Villa down). In 1916 Villa had eluded the troops -- and with that little disgrace, President Woodrow Wilson had pulled the troops back home. Even though he was betrayed by one of his own, the rumor was the Americans could not be trusted (a small hurdle) even in 1929.

Madam Cha Cha had a plan even before she saw Ensenada -- if it was as quaint as her friends described it. She had plans for Monty and his family too, as only nationals could purchase property in Mexico.

Monty left El Paso, Texas at the age of 12. His father about killed him for being a sissy. He was still 12 when Cha Cha found him digging in her garbage can and he had asked her for work. She started him doing the gardening, then some painting, slowly he worked his way into the household staff and into madams heart. He could speak Spanish and English, and at that time Cha Cha knew very little Spanish. The staff were all from Mexico. She had one heck of a time giving out orders. If they didn't want to do something they pretended not to understand. That's why Monty came to be the head of the household staff. More importantly Cha Cha trusted him.

Monty was not a real happy camper on this voyage, he had no bounce. He smiled but it was almost as if he was forcing himself. The Captain told Cha Cha and Vince that he had done a first class job as a head steward, but it was still hands off the crew.

As soon as they dropped anchor next to Erroll's beautiful sail boat, a large tug boat came out to meet the Pink Lady. Erroll rounded up the mayor and an assorted group of businessmen. Each one was important to a successful catering business. From the green-grocer to the owners of the two hotels and cantinas, and even the services of the local brothel (it was sleazy, but discreet).

She had dates, and she knew her clientele's deepest wishes. Very little of it was proper -- these movie stars were not looking for a place to take the wife and kids.

Town square, cobble stone road with a park in the center, mission type of church at one end, open market place, with vendors selling anything one might want, small cantinas, 2 hotels, one wholesale store, and a couple of open cafes.

Cha Cha checked out everything, her list included cleanliness. Even spots on glasses caught her eye. Cockroaches in Mexico seemed a little larger than the ones back in LA and they were brazen little bug's that didn't even run and hide like the ones back home. If they wanted her business there were going to be changes.

Mike and Steve thought the food, bands and dancers were great. To the townspeople it
meant money. Esenada was not a tourist village yet, there was very little money, and only barter and trade.

Erroll said the Cantina Royal was no place for Cha Cha, but that was the next stop. Vince and the guys could give her a report, but she wouldn't hear of it. She wanted to see this show for herself. It was a live sex show. You name it they did it: Mike stopped the show when he pulked. It didn't seem to bother anyone but Steve and Mike. Outside of that everything had been fantastic, but they could keep the Royal, Mike thought. Cha Cha knew there was a place for the Royal and everything else she had seen.

She got up early and told the Mayor what days to expect the Pink Lady, and what she expected from Esenada. Then she went back to bed.

The captain and crew were the only ones awake when Mike and Steve came on deck. The Lady had been at sea for three hours and they heard Monty singing in the galley. "He must be happy we're going home," Steve blurted out just as the door swung open. Monty had coffee and asked them if they wanted breakfast or lunch?

As they were eating Vince came in to the dinning room. "I guess Miss Woman, is getting her beauty sleep." "Coffee Massah?" Monty said with a huge smile as he turned and floated out, singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic." He knew he couldn't be fired, and he loved to rub Vince with the word Massah. As soon Monty came back in Vince asked him if he had had the crew. With a big smile, "I can't tell a lie, I chopped down two cherry trees last night," and as he raised one hand up to the sky, "thank the Lord." He set Vince's coffee down and looked him square in the eye. "Bagels?" and floated out.

Cha Cha finally made it up for coffee just as Monty was bringing in the bagels. Vince quickly told on poor Monty, and her response was, "Well, now we'll have a happy crew won't we."

Their leisurely trip to San Diego got them there just before dinner and they anchored in front of the Beautiful Coronado Hotel. (Note: this hotel stands today and was featured in the movie "Some Like It Hot.")

Cha Cha had two reasons to be there, one was to hobnob at the hotel, and the second was that she was looking for a very special lady.

Amelia Earhart Putman had flown the Atlantic with a co-pilot in 1928, and the rumor was she wanted to do it solo.

Cha Cha wanted to check out Consolidated Airplane Manufactures the next day. She was thinking about buying a plane and learning how to fly. Lockheed and Consolidated were hoping Ms. Earhart would choose their model.

Cha Cha's hero was as big as any movie star, she thought she was one of the girls. Amelia could wear a pair of pants like no one else, and that boyish smile turned Cha Cha on.

Back in LA Mike and Steve tried to pull themselves back to reality. It wasn't easy. Their world had grown in leaps and bounds. The Calico Club, the Castaways, Vince, Cha Cha, Monty and The Pink Lady. Not to mention the movie stars, Catalina and Mexico.

This had been the other world that mother Potter knew about. Now they started to understand her reluctance to give up all the fun of speakeasies. The last 4 weeks would carry them into the real 20th century as men. The last 29 years had been a start, but it was only kindergarten, never looking beyond the boundary lines of life, accepting only the familiar and never taking anything but a well-defined road.

Turning the page...

Cherrresse 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 Cherrresse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.] ▼

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There's an Oregon activist and writer, David Spike Livermore, who thinks it is self-defeating to label people bad or good. He wants to respond to the hale and hearty son of ballot measure nine and its clones in seven other states with a non-campaign.

"The concept is very Zen," Spike wrote in an E-mail communiqué. "Responding to an attack with equal or greater force can only perpetuate the process of fighting and war. The goal is to respond in a way that defuses or depowers the attack by diverting or dissipating the energy in it."

Risky, but plausible, especially here in Oregon where our victory at the polls, and our victory in court after the right won the first skirmish here in 1988, gave us nothing but what we already had. As Spike points out, the far right will never take no for an answer.

"Our options," suggests Spike, "are to engage in a never-ending battle or diffuse the controversy by taking the campaign to a higher level, while at the same time contributing to social change."

We need, he explains, to change the environment which breeds these attacks. We need to give the aggressors the chance to change their minds without losing face or self esteem.

The human dignity group in Spike's area raised $12,000 to fight ballot measure nine. Now they want very publicly to raise at least as much for a local organization to benefit their community.

"The No on Nine Campaign served the purpose of drawing the community's attention to the threat of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance and the radical right. People's perceptions of homosexuality will be changed by social education, not by political campaigns." No one wants to hear all the arguing again. "The perception will be two groups of fanatics duking it out. This is more dangerous for our side, and could cause a loss at the polls."

I've been shocked to hear non-gays comment, "One side is as bad as the other." Don't they understand that we gays are only defending ourselves? That the very foundation of democracy is under attack? No, they see us exactly as the right is portraying us, and we, angry, frightened, look like "militant homosexuals".

Spike points out that a non-campaign could weaken the thrusts of the right simply as a positive example of its opposite. Positive action can generate positive results. Community projects could "out" gay people and others concerned about human rights for what we are, thoughtful, community-minded individuals. The fence-sitters, Spike adds, would have an easier time siding with this face of human dignity.

He does not advocate ignoring the fray, even points out that the radical right's activities can generate focus for our own positive events. Fundraising dances or showings of the Anne Frank Exhibit would provide information about the political issue even as they expose the negative nature of the anti-rights campaign. Non-campaigns would not preclude campaign activities. No one wants to muzzle those outraged by injustice.

In Zen, enlightenment is the direct seeing of one's own "original Nature." Ariel Waterwoman, editor of Just Out, writes, The way we win is to disengage our pain and fear from the far right attack, so that it has no power over us -- and then figure out how to live with it in a way that ensures it doesn't have the opportunity to overwhelm our lives.

Are we serving ourselves well by fighting a war defined by the enemy? The path increasingly being considered by Spike Livermore and other battle-wise veterans, might lead us past seeing in terms of the Other, any Other. In our own ways, all the yea- or the nay-sayers really want is the best for our communities. Would this new path lead us to common ground?

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Diversity is Great... as long as we all think, act and vote the same!
by Dan Carter

Dandilion is EQUAL's political education group representing the entire political spectrum of the gay, lesbian and bi community as well as supporters and friends within the majority community. As you can tell from our masthead, our group includes a very broad range of people:

Activist/Apathetic - as we say, you don't need to "like" politics to be in our group (we would like to help make all of us a little less apathetic and a lot more active).

Conservative to Liberal - like many minority groups, we tend to be more liberal than the population as a whole but there have been and continue to be many conservative members of our community.

Democrat to Republican - much to the surprise of our enemies and probably to some of us, we are not all Democrats. A quick look at registration figures from our voter drive reveals the following party preference (or is it party orientation?): Undeclared - 39; nonpartisan - 36; Democrat - 22; Republican - 19; Green - 8, and Alaskan Independence Party - 3. My God, gay Republicans - we truly are everywhere!

Gay to Straight - it's important that we never forget our friends and supporters in the heterosexual community. No minority group can ever expect to win elections or gain their equality without the support and work of members of the majority.

During this election, particularly the race for mayor, I have heard several people express their concern about campaigning/voting for any candidate other than the one(s) supported by a majority of our community. Although I would try to convince you to vote for "my" candidate, it is more important that you get involved and support your own candidate - WHOEVER that may be. The most important part of our election process is YOUR vote.

The Michael Johnston's and Jerry Prevo's of this world seem to really "get off" on telling people how to vote. People in our community are perfectly capable of making decisions on their own. Occasionally, it might be good for all of us to take a look at our community and remind ourselves of the importance of celebrating our diversity - including our political diversity.

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IDENTITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
BY LINDA S. KELLEN

(This is the monthly spotlight of queer-owned and queer-supportive businesses. This spotlight is of the Alaska Women's Bookstore.)

The Alaska Women's Bookstore, nestled in a strip mall on Tudor Road across from the old Pine's Club, is the only bookstore in Anchorage which specifically caters to the needs of women. They carry the most complete selection in Anchorage of books by, for and about women including extensive selections of books on women's history, literature, health, recovery, sexuality and spirituality as well as special sections devoted to women of color and lesbian literature, movies, periodicals, etc. Co-owner Joann Contini sees their role as reminding the world that "Women's lives are important. People can come here and learn what women have had to say, in history and today." The Bookstore does help spread the word about women...through their informational bulletin board, answering phone calls about women's events, keeping up-to-date on activities at the A.W.A.I.C. shelter, the Alaska Women's Political Caucus and the Alaska Women's Resource Center. The Alaska Women's Cultural Center is also based in the Bookstore, which is the non-profit agency that produces the Klondyke Kontakt newsletter. If it's about women and it's happening in Alaska, Joann and her co-owner and partner, Mariah Redwood, probably know about it.

Another exciting aspect of the Women's Bookstore is its diversity. Upon entering, one is greeted by the fragrance of the latest incense and/or Native American smudge. One's ears will attune to the latest in women's music from the store's extensive CD and tape selection. One's eyes will rest upon the beautiful statues, wall-hangings, and other forms of women's arts and crafts. The jewelry cases are filled with beautiful adornments by both local craftswomen and more famous artisans, such as Jane Iris. The selections are rounded out by all types of candles, shakers, bells and various other spiritual objects, as well as one of the best Tarot Card selections in Anchorage.

Another side of the Alaska Women's Bookstore is its role as Anchorage's hub of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Transsexual information. When asked how being lesbians has effected the store, both positively and negatively, Mariah said,

"Because we are lesbians, more women-centered, it makes us more conscious of women's needs -- what women want." As far as negatively, Joann replied, "Although we had one negative call last year (during the Assembly hearings), I believe that the lesbian aspect of the store is not an issue to our customers from the general public. It is more of a concern to those women we know are closeted lesbians." Joann says that her life as a lesbian "...makes me more open to understanding where other people come from." Mariah agrees and says that, as well as providing the already-mentioned lesbian section, the bookstore has featured an ever-expanding selection of gay books, periodicals, movies, etc...a safe place where gay men can go for information and understanding. The Women's Bookstore will be moving soon to a popular area with the gay community...they will be sharing the same shopping area as the Capri Cinema. Stay tuned for more information.

One issue that is sometimes misunderstood by the male members of the general public is the "women" aspect of the bookstore. Mariah and Joann both laughingly mentioned that men often come in and ask if it is OK to be there. Many men do come into the bookstore to sample the gay section, some for the extensive book selection on recovery, others come in for information on spirituality. Joann states that, "This is a place to learn about women...where everyone is welcome to come and learn about women." Perhaps it can be said that the Alaska Women's Bookstore is a great place for all of us to learn about ourselves.

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Will Fear Stop Us From Electing Joyce?
by Susan Klein

I've recently talked with three or four lesbians and gay men about the upcoming mayoral election, and have been disappointed to learn that they are not supporting Joyce Murphy mainly because they don't believe she is electable. If she isn't electable, then it is due to this lack of faith by the lesbian and gay community, because there are members of the non-gay/lesbian community that are supporting her.

Here we have a member of our community who is articulate, knowledgeable about the issues, has some positive and explicit plans for bringing economic recovery and social justice to Anchorage and we can't support her because she "may not be electable"! Who should we support? Heather Flynn, who waffled during the hate filled assembly hearings last year? Mark Begich who is using this position as a steppingstone to a run for Governor, Senator or U.S. Representative? Jim Kubitz who seems like a nice guy, and had some good responses during the panel discussion January 20th, but doesn't seem to have the charisma to draw enough votes. Those are our choices for "progressive" candidates.

To me this election gives us the chance to put our vote where our mouth is. Support one of our own especially since she stands for what many of us want. If you don't like what she says, fine, vote for someone else, but if you do like what she says, vote for Joyce. This isn't like the last election when we had no real choices (Fink, Boucher and Mystrom, I believe). We have a great choice -- let's not let fear stop us from supporting and voting for her.

If anyone is interested in discussing this with me please call me at 258-3787.

Susan Klein is a full-time Biology student and part-time librarian venturing for the first time into the world of mainstream political support and fundraising.

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Identity Fourth Friday Potluck & Social

P-FLAG: "We are the parents and friends of gay people. They are our daughters and sons, our nieces and nephews, our brothers and sisters, and our long-time friends."

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Date: Friday, February 25th.
Time: 6:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm announcements & program.
Place: Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St.
Program: "We are gay people who are your children and friends. For us, being gay is natural and normal. We are healthy and sane. We were not taught to be gay. We were not recruited."
Fred Hillman and Sylvia Short -- Gay/ Lesbian youth -- how you could be involved -- how P-FLAG affects you.

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Andrew Barron
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Good News
Among Bad News
by The Rev. Howard H. Bess,
Minister

Seems like I am always dealing with both bad news and good news. The bad news is that churches of almost every denomination and every kind are plagued with judgmental, condemning members and leaders. Gay men and lesbians continue to be a favorite target.

The good news is that inroads are being made in almost every denomination, and welcoming and affirming (not just tolerance) is entering into the vocabulary of more religious people.

This is the case in my own American Baptist Churches USA.

For many years American Baptists Concerned for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People was a struggling organization. There were occasional newsletters and small, seemingly clandestine meetings. The organization knew they had a few heterosexual friends among the clergy, but they were as closeted as many of their GLB friends. The organization struggled to be seen and heard at the denomination’s biennial meetings. Long time leader Rick Mixon displayed incredible tenacity to see that the organization survived.

In June, 1991, at the denomination’s biennial meeting in West Virginia, haters won big. An anti-gay Statement of Concern was passed by a large margin. Fortunately, Statements of Concern are not binding on local American Baptist congregations. The rebuff energized American Baptists Concerned.

Gay men and lesbians came out of the closet in significant numbers. Supportive heterosexual ministers broke their silence. Very successful retreats on both coasts and in the midwest are being held. State chapters of American Baptists Concerned have been started in four states.

Most significantly an association of welcoming and affirming churches has been initiated. In order to become a member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, a church must pass a resolution of full acceptance of gay, lesbian and bisexual persons in the life of the church.

On June 23, 1993, during the biennial meeting of the American Baptist Churches of San Jose, California, 23 churches signed the charter of the

Association. The charter was signed in the context of a joyful and tearful celebration of communion.

All but one of the charter member churches were big city churches. There were three churches from Minneapolis, two from New York City, one from Berkeley, one from Oakland, one from San Francisco, one from Chicago, etc. Then there was the Church of the Covenant from Palmer, Alaska.

Church of the Covenant was the first to be called to sign the charter document and to light a candle. As the pastor of the Church of the Covenant, I have never had a more proud moment.

My wife and I received many enquiries about Church of the Covenant. How could this happen in a small church in a rural area? The church appeared to be truly unique. The stories are all stories of struggle with truth and justice, with the meaning of what it means to be a Christian, and with the challenge of being prophetic in a hostile environment.

The next biennial meeting of the denomination will be held in June, 1995, in Syracuse, New York. The Association members will be there in force. We are hoping that the number of member congregations will have hit 100 by that time.

Bad news is a fact of life for GLB’s. I am glad to report some good Baptist news.

Howard Bess is pastor of the Church of the Covenant in the Palmer.
Where in the World? 
by Bob De Loach

As I am writing this, but likely before you read this, we are in the midst of a mini-fare war. As is common for this time of year, the airlines start a round of price reductions to various destinations across the Country. This current skirmish is fairly short lived, but can mean a real savings of 20% or more on some routes from about 2 April to 15 June and the tickets must be purchased by 11 March unless the war goes into extra innings. The experienced traveler watches the papers for announcements of fare wars or better, has their favorite travel agent keep them posted if they plan a trip within the next couple of months or longer. On the other hand, it may be unwise indeed to wait for that "price reduction in the bush" and miss the deadline for a reduced fare ticket. Once again, the lowest price is usually received by purchasing your ticket as much as 30 days in advance, but not less than 14 days in advance. Tickets purchased less that 14 days prior to travel carry a premium over advanced purchase tickets, and tickets purchased less that 7 days in advance carry the stiffest premium price. If you must fly on short notice, be sure to check with your travel agent as many times there are special deals which allow you to travel with no notice (subject to availability).

TOTO to Costa Rica

April 8-18 gay men and lesbians will be exploring the tropical rain forests and beaches of Costa Rica. As those who have the pleasure of visiting this country this Fall, I can highly recommend its beauties. Snorkeling, white water rafting, hiking on a volcano and partying in the capitol of San Jose is on tap for the travelers. Price including air from the West Coast is $1,850. Also on tap from this established Gay & Lesbian tour company is: California Wine Country May 22-30; National Parks of SE Utah for June 12-19; Gay Games /Stonewall 25 for June 17-27; Family Values (Canoeing in Minn./Ont) July 2-8; Swept Away (Rafting the Grand Canyon) July 3-10; Ah, Wilderness (GREAT ALASKA SAFARI) July 3-10; City Slickers (Horserback tour of Banff, Canada) July 29-Aug. 6; French Toast (Barging through Burgundy, France) August 12-22 and Swept Away (Rafting the Grand Canyon) Aug. 14-21st.

For more information see your favorite IGTA travel agent.

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Olympus Vacations, an exclusively gay tour operator, will take over the luxurious Costa Real Hotel on the beach at Cancun from April 16-23. This all exclusive package is only $995 plus air, and includes lodging, meals, events and booze.

Hawaiian Spirit Journeys

Of Santa Fe will continue their popular "commune with nature" series in Hawaii April 17-27th. This group has conducted a whole series of tours all over the western part of the US. Housing will be attractive retreat centers on both the big island and on Maui.

Olivia Women’s Cruises and Resorts

From April 30 to May 6 this great women’s group will take over the Club Med facility at Playa Blanca which features attractive guest rooms, pristine beaches, restaurants and bars and many many activities. All water sports, meals, beer and wine and entertainment is included from $925 - 1,025 per person. See Karyn at Apollo and ask to see the Olivia video of just how much fun an Olivia trip can be.

Skylink Women’s Travel

is hosting a very unique all women’s African Photo safari in Kenya May 27-June 9 for 14 days. Included is air, the tours of Nairobi, the Serengeti, Aberdare National Forest, the Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru, plus all lodgings and meals on safari. Package price is $ 3,599 per person and financing is available.

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.
A View from Dixie
by Burt Pettis

I have found no cotton fields in Alaska and the corn bread, well, it ain't the same, but the folks up here are better than, "southern fried chicken complemented with a delta breeze filled with the odor of a freshly cut watermelon." Their kind hospitality has made my adjustment here bearable. Thank you, GAY ALASKA!

Understanding Alaska, in relation to my past life experiences in Mississippi, has given me an appreciation for Alaskan people and their culture. I have enjoyed my freedom here in Alaska. What a great place to be 100% out, loudly I might add.

I would like to thank Gary Deming and Tom Wilkinson for their wisdom presented in last month's publication of the NorthView. I hate labels, and groups can sometimes be known to label you. I am not even sure I like the "gay" label, I prefer to be called a human being. At the last gay group function I attended in AK a member of our community solicited my support for a CLOSED/HOMOPHOBIC Mayoral candidate. This candidate when asked how she would support the homosexual community in Anchorage replied ignorantly saying, "NO SPECIAL RIGHTS." GLORY HOLE POLITICIANS will gain us no ground and the thought of supporting this homophobic person just because they might be one of us makes my stomach turn. How can we trust someone who is not honest enough to tell us who they are? Which PRO-HOMOSEXUAL group or person should I or we support?

I do know that if we want to get pro-homosexual people in key governmental positions we will have to work as one unified group. Fragmentation of our movement in competing directions will not gain us freedom. Diversity within our sub-culture[s] is one of our main strengths and we should never let any person limit our personal freedom of expression. We as a sub-culture need to aim toward the same goal, equal rights, without sacrificing our integrity. Spineless attempts to place blame on groups within our movement should be immediately exposed.

When I read page forty-four of last month's NorthView I saw a cross-burning in Alaska, an event from my childhood that I thought I would never have to experience again. Mr. Liebman, should be commended for his efforts in reaching a small convention within the Gay community. I realize that all his time in the closet might be what caused his de-

mentia. You Sir, are responsible for your life in the closet as we are ours, your attempt to blame others for your, or other conservative homosexuals homophobia is lethal to the Gay movement. Coming out is hard for us all and we all have things that we could lose, but the choice is there for us to make. If it were not for the Dykes on Bikes and Men in Lea- ther breaking down the doors, our (maybe not Mr. Liebman's) equal rights movement would not have made the progress it has in this country. I refuse to let any person put the word "NIGGER" around my neck or our family's, just because we do not look or act like they think we should in order to benefit them.

This human being boasted of "conservative/libertarian philosophy," but surrounded it with contradictory hate-filled words. Maybe MARVIN LIEBMAN can give us a description of his model "STRAIGHT GAY AND LESBIAN" so his friends can come out of the closet and direct us to their NAZI DEATH TRAIN. FUCK THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It would be easier for me to return to the cotton patch and avoid exposing the HOMOPHOBIC FASCIST within our community, but my freedom would be as illusionary as the closet that Mr. Liebman constructs with his BIGOTRY. I refuse to let the MARVIN LIEBMANS in our world LYNCH members of my community from their patriarchal oak tree, (you know! the old "white one" with the penis). I guess we should direct, repeatedly, the question Representative Pat Schroeder asked at the April, 1993 March on Washington to the LIEBMANS in our gay and lesbian community, "What part of 'all' don't you understand?"

I look forward to the day when we all can swing in that old oak tree and enjoy the smell of a hate-free summer breeze. "We must apply tolerance and avoid using labels with all humans but we should never grant these courtesies to a FASCIST LIEBMAN or a GLORY HOLE POLITICIAN!"
Burt Pettis (human being) ▼
How to Get Ready for the Big Day
(Tuesday, April 19)

1. BE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE. If not, you have to register by MARCH 19 or you'll be left out of the fun. You can register at the Women's Bookstore, and the Library among other places.

2. FIND OUT WHO'S RUNNING and what they stand for. Otherwise you'll end up in a drafty voting booth, with scores of impatient people behind you, and fourteen options to choose from.

3. PICK SOMEONE TO SUPPORT, preferably someone who would support you.

4. GET INVOLVED. Donate your time, money, ideas to the candidate of your choice. Lick stamps, it's good for you. Careful with the envelopes.

5. TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS (family, neighbors, co-workers) ABOUT THE ELECTION and make sure they plan to vote. Make sure they know that it is the incredibly cool thing to do.

6. FIGURE OUT WHERE TO GO ON THE BIG DAY TO CAST YOUR VOTE. Ideally you should vote in your own precinct, but if you need to, you can vote at any polling place. (Almost any school is a safe bet).

7. SCHEDULE A TIME TO GO VOTE ON APRIL 19 AND WRITE IT DOWN. Go with friends, or take a date (why not?)

8. REMEMBER THAT AN ELECTION CAN BE WON IN THIS TOWN BY ONE VOTE. Your vote is important.

9. AND...JUST THINK OF WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE IN ANCHORAGE WITH A FRIEND IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

By Jen and Kathryn, who are looking forward to having Tom out of office. ▼

"Gay Sex Spreads Aids" Says Clinton

"AIDS is spread primarily in two ways, because of drug users using unsafe needles and because of unsafe sex -- primarily homosexual sex," President Bill Clinton told a group of Washington D.C. students Feb. 3.

Activists have said the statement is not only wrong but promotes homophobia. Responding to those charges, White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers stressed the "personal responsibility" content of Clinton's discussion with the students.

Clinton lectured students on the importance of waiting until they are married to have sex and on the need for young people to take responsibility for their actions.

"As a gay man, I am outraged that the Clinton administration is standing by a statement which is an outright lie," said Wayne Turner of ACT UP/Washington.

Thanks to Bob Rodz and Frontiers, February 25, 1994 ▼

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Out Law
by Sylvia L. Short

My thanks to my co-editors of NorthView for granting me a mini-sabbatical and giving you a rest from "Outlaw" last month. I won't dwell on the reason other than to reiterate there's no cloud without a silver lining - I lost 5 lbs!

Looking forward, a review of accomplishments and hurdles by one of the premier gay-lesbian litigation experts, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, gives us clues to what's in store.

Lambda has been vigorously pushing cases relating to four legal issues, of which anti-gay referenda is foremost. Their victory in Colorado preventing their hateful Proposition 2 going into immediate effect is illustrative of the cases upon which they are working. One of the important features of their policy is to attack such measures before enactment, to keep the supporting religious bodies from even a partial victory at the polls brought about by pre-election hate-debate measures. This is a familiar situation in Anchorage where the hate-debate continued even after the Alaska Supreme Court found the initiative process flawed, resulting in the election of some less than friendly Assemblypersons. (See excerpts from article at the end of this column)

The anti-gay military policy has also been actively pursued, one of the latest cases being Doe, Roe et al v. Aspin filed in the Washington D.C. federal district court. The thrust of this suit is that the "new" policy infringes on the seven lesbian and gay service members' constitutional free speech, free association, equal protection and due process rights.

In a number of jurisdictions action has been brought to reform discriminatory marriage laws in relation to eligibility for health insurance, immigration, adoption, and access to the protection of marriage itself.

The fourth issue on the forefront of Lambda agenda is the question of equality of treatment under health care reform proposals. Using the lessons of the HIV epidemic, the uniformity of treatment necessary for constitutional muster is being stressed at all forums concerned with changes to health care.

On another front, Lambda is working with the National Center for Lesbian Rights in investigating a teenager institution in Rivendell, Utah, which is reportedly a residential treatment facility with a heavy Mormon influence geared to work with homosexual teenagers to "de-gay" them. Reports are that the institution forces the taking of neuroleptic drugs, placing the teenagers in isolation, and subjecting them to hypnosis and behavior modification therapies including electrical monitoring of sexual response in an attempt to force a heterosexual orientation. If these reports are substantiated, the practice of the South Pasadena School District and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (through their Individualized Education Placement [IEP] program for children with special needs such as disabilities or mental illness) in sending children to Rivendell would constitute not only a violation of the IEP guidelines but a case of blatant child abuse and deprivation of federal and state constitutional rights.

ONWARD AND UPWARD: The Board of Governors of the State Bar of California has appointed a Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation Bias, a first in the country; The United Nations has granted permanent "non-governmental organization" status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association, giving it participation in U.N. human rights meetings; Foreign educators from the New York University Multinational Education Institute are developing a component on the lesbian and gay civil rights movement in the United States as a part of their curriculum development project.

Finally, to underscore the importance being placed on the activities of the so-called "religious right" with respect to repressive legislation, the following is quoted directly from the article "A Sack of Stones for Throwing" by Lambda Staff Attorney Suzanne Goldberg, who came to Lambda on a two-year public-interest sponsored fellowship before becoming a part of the team.

"The last decade of this century may well be remembered for the hostility of the religious right toward gay men and lesbians and our movement for civil rights. From the anti-gay 'family values' rhetoric at the 1992 Republican National Convention to the fire bombings and murder of a lesbian and gay man in Oregon, the religious right (and those influenced by their campaign) have sought to demonize us, portray our struggle for equality as 'special rights,' and generally push us back into the closet, if not eradicate us all together.

"The well-organized strategy against the lesbian and gay civil rights movement includes the launching of a spate of anti-gay initiatives across the country...designed to prevent states and cities from passing legislation that would protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination.

"In each of the states currently targeted by the right for anti-gay initiatives -- Colorado, Florida,
Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington — groups giving themselves names such as the 'American Family Association' and the 'Oregon Citizens Alliance' are relentlessly organizing.... The propositions vary somewhat in their language but are identical in intent: to adopt in the selected state or city an official and citizen-backed anti-lesbian and anti-gay policy.

"In the final analysis, the real goal that unites these groups commonly identified as the 'religious right' (despite their diversity) is an agenda to infuse government with a fundamentalist Christian-driven ethic. Indeed, the current targeting of lesbians and gay men is part of a much broader program to merge the church and state so that oppressive, fundamentalist rules govern society.

"The initiatives now menacing lesbians and gay men come in two basic forms. One is the Colorado/Amendment 2-style frontal attack, in which the legislation or constitutional amendment being proposed orders the state to 1) repeal existing laws that prohibit discrimination against lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, and 2) prevent future passage of such laws.

"The second type of initiative, which may make for a tougher political campaign because of its greater subtlety, asks voters whether they would like the state to "restrict laws related to discrimination to classifications based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, ethnic background, marital status or familial status." The proposed amendment would also repeal all laws inconsistent with it (i.e., laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation).

"The Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution forbids a state from infringing a fundamental right of any identifiable class of its citizens, unless the state can demonstrate a compelling justification for treating one group differently than another. At this point, constitutional flaws have been found in all four anti-gay initiatives which have come before courts (two in California municipalities, one in Oregon, and Colorado's Amendment 2).

"Interestingly, in at least two respects the religious right has inadvertently served some of the lesbian and gay community's needs...by spark(ing) a tremendous and encouraging growth in activism and coalition-building across the civil rights community.

"In taking on the challenges of litigation and community education raised by these initiatives, Lambda engages directly in our mission -- working
to block direct efforts of discrimination and helping to lead the way toward a better world for all of us."

To which I, as a Unitarian Universalist, can only add "Amen."

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Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip Code: ___________________________

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

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip Code: ___________________________

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

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

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

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

Name of source of assistance: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________ Result (if any): ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Keely and Du
by Mary Elizabeth Rider

Opening night can have its rough spots. Out North Theatre Company's production of Keely and Du, happily, had very few. The script and direction are strong and the performers up for the challenge.

Keely and Du explores the fundamental beliefs of members of the extreme anti-abortion movement and a woman who has been raped and is pregnant. The play addresses the intractability of both the pro-life and pro-choice movements.

Members of "Operation Retrieval" have kidnapped 29 year old Keely, portrayed by Laura Tryon, to force her to carry the fetus to term. Handcuffed in a basement, Keely is under the constant guard of Du (Lily Ann Nielsen), a 70-ish Christian nurse. The women develop a relationship over time and come to understand each other.

Lily Ann Nielsen as Du demonstrated a wide range of emotions in a delightfully uncompromising character. Laura Tryon's opening night efforts at portraying the panic and rage at finding herself confined were understandably rocky. The script demands she alternate emotions with exhausting speed. The relationships among Nielsen, Tryon, and David Haynes as Walter developed believably, a tribute to the three performers and their director.

Haynes could make a living selling snake oil any time. His performance as Walter was at its strongest when preaching his version of Christianity to an oppositional Keely. His condescension towards both women was believable. His concentration slipped a few times in the first act, then stabilized quickly. Without Nielsen's protection, Tryon would have been in physical danger from Haynes as well as from her rapist.

In the second act, the performers crystallize their relationships and the issues. Mark Edwards' performance as Cole is remarkable, and in the short time he is on stage he and Tryon establish a powerful rapport. The last scene brings Tryon and Nielsen full circle in their relationship, and in their beliefs.

The small, steeply raked stage had me wondering at first. However, the intimacy of the play requires a small stage and the performers are clearly comfortable with the rake. Frank Bebe's set is plausible as a seedy and damp feeling old basement. Some problems with the door were distracting in the last scene; they are surely rectified by now. Ann Reddig's costumes complemented the characters.

The script almost requires considerable physicality early on. I found the physical interactions in the first act somewhat limited and rather awkward in the first few scenes. Before the second act, however, the physical relationships were well established and believable.

So why go see a play about abortion? Because Keely and Du forces a dialog between characters epitomizing the strength of conviction on both sides of the issue. Most of us with strong opinions share them with people who agree with us. We miss the dialog, and we miss the opportunity to understand the other side. What is the answer? Is there an answer? Keely and Du doesn't offer any answers; it gives us the chance to experience the dialog, and perhaps to think a little harder and to feel a little more. Go see it.

Thu.-Sat., each week, through August 26th.

Mary Elizabeth Rider has worked in regional and community theaters in New York, Massachusetts, and Alaska. She has degrees in Theater and Social Work.

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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 Helpline at 258-4777

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

Mar. 17, Thurs:
* St. Patrick's Day. Off to the parade?!
* Anchorage Garden Buddies, 7pm, 258-4777
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking)

Mar. 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

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

Mar. 20, Sun:
* AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am "Someone Different in our Midst" A service on diversity.
* 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

Mar. 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.

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

Mar. 23, Wed:
* Massage at Four A's by appointment, call Nora at 276-1400
* Free HIV TEST at FourA's, 2-4pm.
* P-Flag holds a Volunteer & Staff appreciation potluck at the Methodist church 725 West 9th Ave 7pm-9:45pm Pls RSVP 277-6888
* Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30pm. $3 cover

Mar. 24, Thurs:
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking)

Mar. 25, Fri:
*Identity Potluck (See Ad)

Mar. 26, Sat:
* RSVP Alaska call Brian at Four A's for information 276-1400
* Women's Coffee House, New Performers!, 8pm, call 277-0713.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland

Mar. 27, Sun:
* AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am
* 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.

Mar. 28, Mon:
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th at 7pm

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

Mar. 31, Thurs:
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking)

Apr. 1, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, FourA’s, 730 ‘T’ 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.

Apr. 2, Sat:
* Women’s Two-Step Dance at the Pioneer School House, 7:30 - 8:30.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Apr. 3, Sun:
* Easter Sunday.
* AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am, 7pm, 258-5266.
* Millinery Madness at the Raven call Four A’s for information 276-1400
* 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

Apr. 4, Mon:
* National Student AIDS Awareness Week.
* 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 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Apr. 6, Wed:
* Free HIV TEST at FourA’s. 2-4pm.
* Blue Moon Boy-Ree-Alice Review, 9:30pm. $3 Cover

Apr. 7, Thurs:
* Massage at Four A’s by appointment, call Nora at 276-1400.
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking).
* Equal meeting at the AUUF 7pm, call 566-0930

Apr. 8, Fri:
* PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, FourA’s, 730 ‘T’ St. 276-1400.
* Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A. St. at 7pm (non-smoking)
* Mehmet Sanders Dance Co. Lecture/Demonstration at the Anch Museum Tixs at the door 7:30pm
* Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave. 8pm-9:30
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Apr. 9, Sat:
* Country Western Dancing for Women with Donna E. at the Pines Club (now a private club) 2pm-4pm & 6pm-11pm For more info. call 277-5630 Tix at Women’s at Bookstore
* Mehmet Sanders Dance Co. at PAC 8pm Carrs Tix.
* Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Apr. 10, Sun:
* AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am
* Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am, 7pm, 258-5266.
* Cut-A-Thon Noon-5pm at A Head of Time call Four A’s at 276-1400
* 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

Apr. 11, Mon:
* Gay Bar, legal Q and A. 7-8:30, call 279-5001.
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* Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm

**Apr. 12, Tues:**
* Fairbanks gay men's support group, call Jeff/Andy: 457-6818
* P-FLAG (Fairbanks) 5:30pm. Call 479-4944

**Apr. 13, Wed:**
* Free HIV TEST at FourA's. 2-4pm.
* Blue Moon Boy-See-Alice Review, 9:30pm. $3 Cover

**Apr. 14, Thurs:**
* Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking.)

**Apr. 15, Fri:**
* PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, FourA's, 730 'T' St. 276-1400.
* DOCTOR ZHIVAGO at the Capri, benifit for Four A's 4pm & 8pm
* Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A. St. at 7pm (non-smoking)
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Author Defends Book on Lesbian Couples
by Karen Lange

Chapel Hill -- When Susan Johnson's book, "Staying Power: Long-Term Lesbian Couples" was released in 1990, it generated good reviews, but no controversy.

But three years later, a committee formed in response to parent complaints judged the sociological study of lesbian couples together 10 years or more inappropriate for a Chapel Hill High School reading list.

Thursday, Johnson, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, arrived in Chapel Hill to defend her book and question the reasons given for striking it from the list: that it's not "literature" and that it lacks references and annotations.

"Literature can mean a body of knowledge generated by scholars -- that's my book," said Johnson, who drove with her parents from near Asheville Thursday afternoon to meet the press in a back room of the Internationalist bookstore on Rosemary Street. "The book is not written for an academic audience. It's written for regular people -- like lesbians, like high school students. It's a broad, well-done, perfectly legitimate study. It's a well-researched book written by a trained person about a group of women whose are eminently respectable."

Johnson, who will speak tonight at chapel Hill High School, charged that those who judged her book inappropriate for students in David Bruton's 11th-grade English literature class had a hidden agenda.

"The underlying reason it was banned is because it is the first study of long-term lesbian couples," she said. "It portrays lesbians in happy, committed relationships. For people who want to think that we're strange in some way, my book is revolutionary in its normalcy."

Johnson was invited to Chapel Hill by "Many Voices, One Community," the Orange Lesbian and Gay Association, and "Out Right," a Durham-based gay youth group, to speak on censorship and gay and lesbian literature. She and two others will speak at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Perry Deane Young, a Chapel Hill author who is writing a book for young adults on gay and lesbian authors, and the Rev. William Finlater of Raleigh, who serves on the N.C. board of People for the American Way and on the national board of the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Gloria Foley, of Many Voices, One Community, said her group wanted Johnson and the others to speak because members are disturbed that "Staying Power" was pulled off the reading list and that the optional gay and lesbian writers unit the list was distributed for has been suspended.

"When one looks at literature from a group of people that are oppressed one has to look at what they have to put up with," said Foley, who helped form Many Voiced, One Community to support including sexual orientation in a city school's multicultural education plan. "We want to keep it present in everybody's mind that next year this unit should again start."

The gay and lesbian writers unit will remain suspended until Bruton, who created it for a multicultural literature project, reviews the more than 200 books on the reading list which he did not scrutinize before distributing. Bruton said he has identified about 100 titles that would "pass muster in anyone's review" but is waiting for a district policy to complete the task. The superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, the school system's attorney and school librarians are working to develop a specific policy for selecting supplementary course materials, including books on reading lists. The proposed policy will go to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education Feb. 7.

When Bruton created his reading list he had nothing to go on, other than a policy used by the high school library to select materials.

Gene Lanier, an East Carolina University professor who is a nationally recognized expert on censorship, said generally where specific policies do not exist of selecting supplementary course materials teachers turn to the policy used by the school library. If a book does not meet the criteria in that policy, leaving it off a reading list is not censorship, said Ranier, who spoke earlier this month at the high school at the invitation of teachers.

The Chapel Hill High library policy included the following selection criteria: educational soundness, relationship to instructional objectives, timeliness and permanence, importance of the subject and
relevance to real-life situations, appeal, authoritativeness, reputation of the author and reputation of the publisher.

It does not automatically disqualify books because of sex or profanity.

"Rather the decision should be made on the basis of whether the book presents life in its true proportions, whether circumstances are realistically dealt with, and whether the book is of literary value," reads the policy.

Using these criteria and its own judgment, the committee found "Staying Power" and three other books "inappropriate as suggested reading for a high school classroom;" Leigh Rutledge's "The Gay Fireside Companion," which contains graphic descriptions of sex between men and men and men and boys; Rita May Brown's "In her Day," which contains a detailed account of two women having sex; Richard Isay's "Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development."

High School Principal Charles Patteson said "Staying Power" and "Being Homosexual" were deemed inappropriate because they were unreferenced and unannotated, although those specific criteria are not part of the library selection policy.

Johnson and Young called the move censorship.

The net effect of the committee's decision is to keep gay books off a reading list and out of the schools, Young said.

"I would hope that books wouldn't be restricted to academic works by Ph. D's -- which is not literature at all; it's bad writing and it's boring writing, said the author and journalist, who has just completed "Gays and Lesbians and Sports," due out in March as part of a publisher's series for young adults. "Teenagers today are sophisticated. I don't think they need to be protected."

Patteson said the controversy occurred because the district did not have a policy covering reading lists. Worries about censorship should fade once such a policy is in place, he said.

"As long as people work within those guidelines, there shouldn't be endless questioning," he said.

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P-FLAG, 4As, and Ryan White

"P-FLAG" means Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a new acronym in Anchorage, and it is one you'll see more in the future. As its first attempt to fly, this fledgling group will host a potluck dinner to honor the staff and volunteers of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association. Ken Freedman, our illustrious editor of NorthView, will be the keynote speaker. This event will be at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 725 West Ninth Avenue, on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited. Please RSVP at 277-6888, and plan to bring a dish.

Please note that the time and place of this event are both different from those of the usual meetings of P-FLAG.

Serendipitously, this potluck will precede by a few days a visit to Anchorage by Jeanne White, HIV educator and mother of Ryan White. Ryan White was the young hemophiliac who made national news when his HIV infection caused him to be denied admission to public schools in Indiana. The 4As are bringing Mrs. White to Anchorage "to share her story and to challenge Anchorage to look at the way we communicate with our children, neighbors, colleagues and friends about HIV/AIDS." This is analogous to the mission of P-FLAG, which provides a safe place where people can share their personal stories and which asks Anchorage to look at the way we communicate with our children, neighbors, colleagues and friends who happen to be gay.

Fred Hillman is the Secretary P-FLAG Anchorage.

National High School Quilt Program Moves Forward

As part of a national strategy to educate our young people about HIV and AIDS, The NAMES Project Foundation plans to bring the Quilt into high schools throughout the country free of charge. The National High School Quilt Program will help schools to strengthen and enhance their HIV/AIDS education programs.

Christina Sunley, the NAMES Project's Education Coordinator, has received hundreds of letters expressing support for the program from teachers, students, parents, panel makers, chapter members, and friends of the Quilt. The Foundation was honored to receive letters of endorsement from many national health and education organizations, including a letter from National AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine Gebbie.

Proposals for funding the first year pilot phase of the program have been submitted to federal and private sources. The level of funding received will determine the number of school sites to be included in the pilot phase, to begin spring of 1994. The Foundation will be selecting schools that reflect a range of geographically, racially, and culturally diverse populations.

A project coordinator for the National High School Quilt program will begin work in January 1994. For more information about the National High School Quilt Program, please call the NAMES Project Foundation.

The following national organizations have agreed to support and participate in the National High School Quilt Program: AFL/CIO American Psychological Association American Red Cross American School Health Association National Association of People With AIDS National Association of School Nurses National Association of State Boards of Education National Center for Health Education National Education Association National Minority AIDS Council National School Boards Association.

Thanks to the NAMESletter, Winter 1993.
Andrew Wisemore
Andrew "Andy" S. Wisemore, 30, died Feb. 24 at Our Lady of Compassion Care Center.
A memorial service was held at the Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, the Reverend Jim Morgan officiating. We listened to one of the more moving eulogies we have ever heard.
Mr. Wisemore was born March 8, 1963 in Quincy, Wash., and came to Alaska in 1966. He attended Dimond High School and had worked for Anchorage Reprographics from 1990 to 1992 and for Comtec Enterprises from 1992 to 1993.
Mr. Wisemore was a member of the Metropolitan Community Church and enjoyed camping, fishing, and computers. He also enjoyed working with handicapped children and volunteered his services to organizations, including Special Olympics and Hope Cottages.
Mr. Wisemore is survived by his daughter, Marissa Dawn Smith of Wasilla; parents, Ron and Sue of Tuscan, ARiz., brother Thomas Christopher Wisemore of Anchorage; and maternal grandparents, Loyd and Lola Cotham of Quincy.
Mr. Wisemore's cremated remains will be interred at Angelus Memorial Park.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity...
For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and melt into the sun?
And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

The Prophet

Donald G. Rubey
Former Alaska resident Donald G. Rubey, 34, died March 2 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore., due to complications from AIDS.
Mr. Rubey was born Aug. 29, 1959 in Fairbanks. He attended school in Anchorage and graduated from West High in 1978. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.
Mr. Rubey is survived by his mother Twyla, brothers, Robert, Ronald, James and Lee all of Anchorage; sisters Barbare of Los Angeles and Linda Kinnenum of Juneau; three nephews; and one niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles.
At his request, his ashes were spread by his sister, Linda over waters in southeast Alaska.
Memorial donations in his name may be sent to the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association, 730 I St., Anchorage, 99501, for AIDS research.
Cremation was handled by Omega Cremation and Burial Service in Portland.

Randy Shilts
Ground-breaking gay writer dies of AIDS
San Francisco -- Randy Shilts, a driven journalist who broke ground as one of the nation’s first openly gay reporters and whose best-selling account of the AIDS epidemic greatly broadened public awareness of the disease, has died at age 42.
Shilts, who tested positive for HIV in 1985 and announced in 1993 that he had AIDS, died at his home in the Sonoma County community of Guerneville late Wednesday or early Thursday.
The San Francisco Chronicle, where Shilts worked for 13 years before his death, said he died of AIDS.
"He single-handedly probably did more to educate the world about AIDS than any single person," said playwrite Larry Kramer, a founder of the militant AIDS-activist group ACT UP and the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York.

"He demonstrated that you could be gay and still write one hell of a story and play it down the middle and be balanced," said LeRoy Asrons, former editor of The Oakland Tribune and founder of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

Shillit's 1987 best-seller "And the Band Played On: People, Politics and the AIDS Epidemic," was an exhaustive history of the disease, chronicking the neglect of governments and the medical establishmen.

While critical of the Reagan administration, the book did not spare his own community, angering some gay rights activists by accusing them of endangering lives to protect sexual freedom.

Shillit's "Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military," published last year, described the turmoil of gay soldiers who were targets of investigation under the U.S. military's ban on homosexuality. It was also a best seller.

He also wrote "Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk." The 1982 book told the story of the openly gay San Francisco city supervisor who was murdered in 1978.

Anchorage Daily News, 2/18/94.

**Filmmaker Derek Jarman succumbs to AIDS**

By Matt Wolf AP

London - Derek Jarman, the iconoclastic British filmmaker whose homosexuality frankly influenced his work, has died after a long battle against AIDS. He was 52.

Jarman died late Saturday, Feb. 19 at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in central London, a hospital spokesman said Sunday.

Although prolific as an author and painter, Jarman was best known as the director of films that helped energize independent low-budget British cinema in the 1970s and '80s.

He was less renowned for his outspokenness, arguing at one point that Sir Ian McKellan -- an actor and gay activist -- had compromised himself by accepting a knighthood from a Conservative government responsible for anti-gay legislation.

Jarman had made gay life and issues central to his career.

"I am simply trying to demystify areas of life which are very ordinary, such as HIV infection or my sexuality," he told the Sunday Telegraph in 1991.

"Sebastiane" (1975), a life of the martyred saint set during the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian, elicited as much attention for its portrait of unbridled homosexuality as for its Latin dialogue.

In "Caravaggio" (1986), about the 16th century Italian chiaroscuro painter, Jarman turned a knife incident between friends into a lover's quarrel.

"Edward II" (1991), unapologetically addressed the king's liaison with the court favorite, Gaveston. His most recent project, a film to be shown Sept. 19 on Britain's Channel Four television, is "Blue," a spoken account of Jarman's personal experience of AIDS.

Away from movies, Jarman exhibited often as a painter at London galleries. His books include "Dancing Ledge" and "The Last of England," as well as two memoirs: "Modern Nature," in which he spoke publicly for the first time of his HIV status, and "At Your Own Risk," in 1992, intended - he wrote - to rectify "the terrible dearth of information" about himself and about gay life.

Anchorage Daily News, 2/23/94

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Legislature About to Cut Benefits
by Mary Elizabeth Rider

What do you live on? Have you ever needed public assistance? Lots of us have, particularly if we find ourselves single parents, ill, or disabled. Three bills in the legislature will cut benefits to the poorest Alaskans. Below is a summary of the bills and their implications.

SB 72 Delete Hold Harmless Provisions for Permanent Fund Dividends. Currently, people receiving AFDC or APA are required to apply for all other funds they can receive. People who apply for and accept a PFD do not have their AFDC or APA cut. If this bill passes, people would have to apply for PFD—and would lose 45 plus days of AFDC or APA, including Medicaid benefits.

SB 309 AFDC Demonstration Project and Workfare. Sets up a demonstration project in Anchorage paid for by reducing public assistance statewide. Applicants would have to search for work for 30 days before receiving assistance. Requires adults to work for 21 hours weekly without pay in order to receive assistance. Parents would receive child care during their job searches. Parents would have to be employed within two years, or the family would not be allowed AFDC for three years. The bill eliminates some current restrictions on AFDC. Parents with children under one year or individuals who are ill or have disabilities would be exempt from having to search for work—but would still have their benefits cut.

This bill cuts more benefits to individuals than to families. This would increase the level of poverty in which families and individuals with disabilities live. The bill has some positive provisions, but the overall impact is devastating to people who are already poor. The project would cost approximately $209,000 each year. The cost to pregnant women and families with one child will be $77 per month, and $15 per month for each additional child. The cost to individuals with disabilities will be $77 per month.

HB 409 AFDC Demonstration Project and Decrease. Reduces AFDC and APA benefits. Proposes a demonstration project similar to that of SB 309.

Sponsored by Rep. Mark Hanley, this bill decreases benefits for all low income Alaskans with fewer reductions than in SB 309. The bill has some positive provisions, but the overall impact is bad to people who are already poor. The cost to pregnant women will be $9 per month; to families with one child will be $15 per month, and $2 per month for each additional child. The cost to individuals with disabilities will be $9 per month.

What you can do: Call Senator Leman and Representative Hanley. Call your legislators as well. Let them know what these bills will do to you, to your family, and your friends. They think that these cuts will decrease the cost to the state, but they won’t. Children living in poverty have higher rates of malnutrition, which is linked with mental retardation. Families already stressed by poverty fall apart, placing children in foster care (at about $700 per month each), leaving adults and children devastated. This kind of “assistance” will help ill people into costly nursing home care—at $218 per day. Yes, welfare needs reforming, but not at the expense of the poorest people in the state.

Mary Elizabeth Rider works in State Government

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