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Barbed Wire and Pride

At the Anne Frank opening, we were reminded that oppression is still the password of our society, indeed of most societies. Not a new conceit, to be sure. Why a rehash, then?

Our cue came when Pat Wolf, the Director of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art talked about discrimination. She was the only one who noted that discrimination based on sexual orientation still persists, even in Anchorage.

The surprising part is that the perception remains strong that people who are different, especially Gays and Lesbians, are singled out as the ones responsible for the world’s ills (it was Jews in Hitler’s Germany). The thinking is remarkably Nazi-like in its expression: Lesbians and Gays are responsible for everything from a downturn in the economy to floods in the Midwest to earthquakes in Southern California; we were told this recently by Dr. Prevo on television, Pat Robertson in his worldwide video sales spiel and Michael Johnston in his “gays haven’t learned their lesson” letter. Would that we had such power! The conclusion, however, is that because of this perceived power, we must be eradicated, or in the words of the religious right, deprogrammed (which sounds a lot less like genocide).

Aside from the “what-is-wrong-with-this-picture” question, there is a broader concern. Would the world in fact be a “better place” if all sexual minorities were exterminated/deprogrammed? We won’t dignify that thought with an answer, rather we’ll take it one step further.

As the Anne Frank exhibit poignantly demonstrates, the hatred directed against any group or people is little more than a smoke screen, a smoke screen for self-hatred and fear of other cultures and thought processes. It masks an inability to take responsibility for one’s own life, one’s own sense of right and wrong. For example, why are the folks at the temple of the right not out crusading against rape, against the incredible violence shown on television, against homelessness, against child abuse (surely by now there is no secret that 90% of the child abuse takes place heterosexually, generally a family member against the related child).

The deception comes at the place where Lesbian and Gay people are determined to be the cause of Earth’s problems. That is a smoke screen designed to deflect attention. And to raise money. It is easier to raise money if there is an enemy. And it is easier to avoid responsibility for ones own actions and fears if one believes that killing someone else will fix the pain, fix the societal ill, fix the child who has made a decision contrary to the family’s beliefs.

As we entered the main exhibit, we noticed that the room was ringed with barbed wire. Our vision was that we were next. We are not yet actually surrounded by barbed wire, but if the religious right is elected to offices and councils and assemblies and boards and insinuates itself into the schoolrooms, the barbed wire will shortly follow.

We are told not to answer fear and hatred with our own fear and hatred.

What then?

If, in the face of the onslaught, we react from a place of fear we promote isolation. What happens is that we accept our oppressor’s judgments, withdraw from a broad social presence (into a narrow cultural intercourse), and isolate ourselves from the support that we could attract with a non-fear attitude. That attitude is one of pride. Staying in the closet is one powerful tool the right uses to cut us off from the herd. As we have seen, and continue to see, staying in the closet gives the right tremendous power, because it knows we’re scared to be identified, and thus can it make the hate and scapegoat rhetoric stick.

When we accept the proposition that we cannot be out, then we accept the oppressor’s stance that we have reason to be ashamed. When we accept the life of the closet, then we accept and embrace the judgments leveled against us. When we accept the opinion that we are not fit to teach children, be parents, run for office, be whoever we can be at our very best, and be our Lesbian and Gay selves into the bargain, then we accept the judgment of the Nazis and consequently, those of the religious right.

Are we going too far making that comparison? Some say yes. Some say that it diminishes the Holocaust by applying that memory to modern dilemmas. We, too, wish to hold sacred the tomb of 6 million Jews, and the hundreds of thousands of others killed in the ovens, homosexuals included. Don’t forget the political prisoners and the physically disabled (the term used back then). They, too, went into the graves. And now, there are a growing number of states in the Union that have opted to pass laws that make it illegal to pass
laws offering even the most minimal legal protection to Lesbians and Gays.

What after the laws are passed? What after the forced deprogramming is in place? What after schools teach that it's a crime to be Lesbian and Gay?

When we drop our mantle of fear, the religious right will have nothing more to prosecute. It is our fervent wish that at that time it (the right) will take its considerable power and influence and focus on the real social problems that keep our society from advancing to its highest good.

As we left the Anne Frank exhibit, we saw a quote: "Had Anne Frank lived next door, could she have counted on us for help during the Nazi Occupation?"

Fear is not the answer to the religious right. Pride is.

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**Cheers & Jeers**

**Editorial Page**

**Wrong on rights:** A jeer to Mayor Fink and the Anchorage Assembly for perpetuating a wrong in the field of civil rights. The mayor reappointed, and the assembly confirmed, high-profile anti-gay rights crusader Michael Johnston to the city Equal Rights Commission. During his first term on the commission, Johnston led the drive to repeal the ordinance barring discrimination against gays in city employment.

Citing his religious beliefs, Johnston says homosexuality is a sin. He doesn't believe gays need civil rights protection; he thinks they need to be "transformed" into followers of Jesus. Keeping him on the equal rights commission makes as much sense as having an atheist give the daily prayer in the legislature. Johnston is entitled to his religious views; he's just not entitled to serve in a job that requires an open mind on the subject of civil rights.

Cheers to the five assembly members who voted not to confirm Johnston: Charles Wohlforth, Joe Murdy, Chuck Landers, Mark Begich and Pat Abney.

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**THE MACHO TYPE NEVER REALLY TURNED ME ON.**
"At Least Hitler Did Something Right..."
by Dan Carter

Al, my mother, our friend Mo, and I recently attended the opening of the Anne Frank Exhibit at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. If you haven’t seen the exhibit, called "Imagine a World Without Prejudice," you should make a point of seeing it during its last few days in Anchorage.

Al and I were in Amsterdam last year and went through the house the Frank family lived in while hiding from the Nazis. As a Christian, I was shocked to see a huge Protestant church located only a few doors from Anne’s house. I couldn’t get the thought out of my mind--"Why didn’t these people help? How could they continue to attend church while fellow humans were in hiding, or worse yet, being murdered?"

A few blocks away we stumbled on the "Homomonument." This striking monument is formed of several pink granite triangles stretching from the street into one of Amsterdam’s canals. It was covered with bouquets of flowers left by people paying tribute to those who had died. The monument was dedicated to gays/lesbians who had died at the hands of the Nazis and to "those throughout the world who continue to be persecuted." While we were in Berlin, we noticed the subway station near our hotel had a memorial dedicated to the homosexuals murdered by Hitler.

The Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. also mentions the fact of millions of additional concentration camp victims, including gypsies, Poles, trade unionists, gays, etc. This in no way lessens the horror experienced by our Jewish brothers and sisters, it simply amplifies the total barbarism of the Nazis.

As I have become more at ease with being "out," I’ve noticed very few people understand the pink triangle I often wear. It has become a very good education tool. It is amazing to think citizens living in the most highly educated country in the world are not fully aware of the Holocaust. I suppose I shouldn’t really be surprised people don’t know the significance of the pink triangle; after all, CBS News reported one person out of five (20%) in a recent survey of adults stated they don’t believe the Holocaust ever took place. So much for the idea of an educated society!

By now you may be wondering what Anne Frank, the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities of 50 years ago have to do with you, living in what seems to be a relatively calm Anchorage, Alaska.

As I was so strongly reminded during my visits to this exhibit, there is an anger and hatred lurking just below the surface in this community--possibly in most communities. Although thousands of people come away from the Anne Frank Exhibit with a stronger commitment to equality, others seem to use it as an opportunity to further their idea of racial/ethnic/spiritual/gender superiority.

Two days after the opening of the exhibit, I went back to take a longer look (plan to spend time as there is considerable, and necessary, text with each photograph). The exhibit includes paper, pens and an invitation to post your feelings about the exhibit on a wall. During this second visit, I spent most of my time reading the comments left by others.

Initially, I was very impressed by the writings, particularly since many of them appeared to be the handwriting of students. One of the most impressive stated simply, "What a tragic loss. I wish we could bring them all back again." In many ways, this wall featuring the writings of local citizens became as important as the exhibit. It was a great way to bridge the 50 year gap in time.

Regrettably, the wall also revealed the same dark side of human nature that turned the world to madness a half century ago.

The first one I saw shocked me--"It’s very easy to understand: the Jews killed Jesus Christ so Hitler killed the Jews. God’s justice is swift and certain." As a Christian, I had to step back and read this again. Somehow in this person’s twisted logic, he or she had elevated Hitler to the position of "God’s helper."

And then I saw the message that sent a chill through my body--"Before I came here I never knew the Nazis killed queers. At least Hitler did something right."

As a member of a minority, we must be vigilant to the actions of people around us. We can no longer sit back and think it will get better—if we do, it will only get worse. Remember these words written by another unknown person: "As long as there’s an us and a them, there can always be another Auschwitz."

Dan Carter is a local gay activist. ▼

Let me listen to me and not to them.
Gertrude Stein (1874-1946)
American writer
Howzzat? Department: D, K, K and M seated at the VI, munching. K(1) protests (too much, EYE thinks, that s/he has no gossip! K(2) suggests "try dish." K(1) says, "oh, I've got lots of that." All wait expectantly. K(1) says "oh, I don't have any right now!" or words to that effect. Dang! ▼ Now h'Ear this! The Ear called the Eye--presumably to talk about the Equal Rights Commission fiasco with the information sheets at the Anne Frank Exhibit. Alas, no one could locate the EYE! Too trés much! ▼ Couldn't help but notice it: in the Anchorage Remaining Daily, April 3rd, "We Alaskans", in the Crossword. As bold as day, the answer to the clue was Barney Frank. That's not too remarkable except that it was 69 across. Could it be coincidence? Don't know. Too trés ironique! ▼ EYE was just handed this tidbit about the Tralpine (you know--the house of, um, ill repute). Seems M was over there doing HIV testing--had all her needles out, taking blood and all, when in trumps Anchorage's finest (police, dears). They command her to put that down (thinking she's getting all the denizens high on who knows what). She says "I will when I'm good and ready!" They back off. She finishes. And with a flourish flashes her identification.Oops! ▼ EYE got to wondering why one particular, um, establishment of the ladies of the evening never gets raided. Could it be that all the, how shall we say, bigshots go there? EYE can't confirm, but has it on fair authority, that a gubernatorial candidate owns it.Oops #2. ▼ While EYE is on the subject, EYE can't help but wonder what's the purpose of those 3 consulting firms that opened within the last year. Ownership has been traced to the wife of a prominent very far right religious, well, leader, if EYE must. All that consulting must take it's toll ... and money .... ▼ This just in: seems the rumor mill is heating up. EYE is flabbergasted at the rumor that the abovementioned, shall we say lifemate, is leaving her spouse. No, not for a trip, boys and girls, gone, outthere, good-bye (you should pardon the expression). Trouble in paradise? EYE just passes on the dirt, folks. And it's so much fun! P.S. beware of people (and re-converted sidekicks) with bibles cruising at the BM! ▼ Up out of the mire. This is heartwarming. Life Quest, where Paul Cole (died of AIDS complications last year on the way of The March, worked at Life Quest), is donating one of the bedrooms at the 4As sponsored housing on Government Hill. That's pretty nice! ▼ Questions that cannot be ignored: what famous personage, in a recent fundraising and PR tour in Anchorage, was overheard to have asked (innocently, one must presume), "Where can I find a parka and Jew them down"? Was this the same person who wants Frosty Flakes for breakfast? EYE suggests they take the Twinkie Defense. None else would suffice. ▼ EYE can't get a fix on this note that flitted across EYE's desk; perhaps someone could assist. J (works at one of those midtown behemoth stores) was overheard to have said something akin to "flipping it up and screwing it in." Must be light bulbs, non? ▼ Ran into C and L at the Capri after "The War Room." EYE was bored silly, but then many say that EYE is silly. Anyhow, there was C waxing eloquent about politics, and it was a delight to behold her in her glory. So cute, too! ▼ Silly department, Part II: at the AWB, they were putting Diet Pepsi and Dr. Pepper in the same glass and calling it mixed drinks. HTBT 1 ▼ Here's one even the Ear would enjoy printing. Seems there was a hunting trip involving Tom Phinque (you know the one--our soon to be ex-mayor?). Anyhow this bit of gossip involves the supplies taken aboard--more booze than ammo. EYE isn't clear on the rest of it, including the comment about that particular party being a "bunch of wienies" but EYE prefers a drunk mayor to a killer. Oops. Guess EYE loses on that one, too. Dang! ▼ Saw J and A at the Capri for the 4As benefit and 15th year celebration of the Capri (Yeah!). Now, does EYE understand this correctly? Aren't they a new, ah, item? Looked like love to EYE. And those women were sharing popcorn, too! Uh-huh. A sure sign. ▼ Rumor mill: what must they be thinking about--all that talk about the Underground going Gay. Seems more like Prevo territory--you know, upstairs at the Hellfire. Must be a Gary Larson cartoon in there somewhere! ▼ Item-In/Item-Out Department--subject J & K. You saw the engagement announcement here. Now it's quits. Get in line for two very eligible bachelors! ▼ Naturally there was a stellar turnout at Celebration. R & M were refulgent in their party togs; S said she was very moved--and EYE couldn't help but wonder if other woman was a new, um, friend; L & L have returned (yeah!) and have quite a head of curls. EYE knew California was hair-raising, but this is a different twist; and from the stage itself, D & A were recognized for their 25th Anniversary! Yesss!; and K, charismatic K!; and R, Goddess, she was radiating! Makes EYE glad EYE's a Lesbian, or at least in the neighborhood. ▼ This just in from the Bush. EYE has been informed that K has a new woman friend. It's only been 3 years? 4? Can't say more. This is a test! ▼

1 Had To Be There
Bus Billboards and Social Change (or Something to Contemplate the Next Time You See a City Bus) by Jen Kohout

"Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are!"
Offended? Several city bus drivers were. So much so that they refused to drive buses with a sign bearing that slogan attached to the side. Or maybe it was the stick figure next to the words that shocked them. The one waving its arms in the air -- triumphantly. In any event, EQUAL (the Alaska Gay, Lesbian, Bi Task Force) and Identity's efforts to let the broader community know about National Coming Out Day ran into a significant roadblock this past fall.

Every October there's an intriguing holiday called National Coming Out Day. It is one of the few holidays not invented by Hallmark as an excuse to sell greeting cards. No, this event was started by some lesbian somewhere who was able to visualize the gay equivalent of world peace -- a world where revealing your sexual orientation to your parents would be met with a "that’s nice dear, now finish your string beans"; a world where there was space on the desk for a picture of your partner (or favorite Olympic athlete) regardless of their gender. In any event, National Coming Out Day is a step in that direction. It's a call to gays, lesbians, and others to gather their courage and take some risks. To tell a friend at work, to wear a pink triangle, to hold a partner's hand in public. Certainly not the stuff that revolutions are made of . . .

Or is it? For some reason, acknowledging the presence of different sexual orientations appears to be extremely threatening to a surprising number of folks. If you believe the propaganda you see on Channel 20 or read in the letters to the paper, homosexuality ranks right up there with communism and tooth decay as leading threats to world order. Personally, I'm not particularly interested in social upheaval. I'd prefer to spend my time growing zucchini plants in my backyard and planning hiking trips. As for trying to seduce others into a certain "lifestyle," I'll leave that to modern religion. To me, homosexuality is hardly worth all the attention it engenders but I guess it's always handy to have a scape-goat around.

Back to the coming out signs -- after a long and painful winter, the gay community was ready to do some healing. What better way than a little publicity around National Coming Out Day -- a few roving billboards to remind broader Anchorage that we are an integral part of the community and to give a boost of support to the gay community. EQUAL and Identity paid $539 for the design and production of several signs and signed a seven-day contract to have them placed on five buses in October. Still smarting from the "Pomo Afro Homos" fiasco, city officials knew better than to reject the signs outright. Instead, they accepted the gay groups' tame advertisement, and then consciously placed the signs on the least used buses. And when 2 or 3 drivers complained about driving buses with the signs, city officials permitted the signs to be removed three days before the end of the contract. You can bet Nordstrom's wouldn't be treated in such a shabby fashion. Time warp: it's censorship in the '90's.

Gay representatives were not amused. After several discussions, the city admitted it had breached the contract and offered to refund the money. A small victory . . . but then, isn't that what National Coming Out Day is all about? Until the day a reference to gay/lesbian/bisexuality is met with as much shock as a Matanuska Maid Milk advertisement, I guess my zucchini plants will have to wait. In the meantime, be assured that next time coming out day rolls around you'll know about it.

Jen Kohout thanks Dan Carter for having the courage of his convictions in a tough situation. ▼

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We need everything, but most of all, we need new items that match. Together we can create a home that is comforting, warm and reassuring to the people who will live there. No matter what you do, we need to hear from you.

e do not have storage. We will open the homes over a four month period, unit by unit, and as part of your giving strategy, for that period, please plan storage. We'll open the first unit in early 1994, and the last unit by Spring of 1994. On moving day, we can pick up your items or arrange to meet you for delivery.

Be part of something big. HIV affects us all - men, women, children, our neighbors, brothers, sisters, co-workers and friends. By supporting this housing project, you'll be helping to address one of the most serious health and social concerns in our state - AIDS and homelessness. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of many people with HIV and AIDS.

Now is the time to act. Every contribution helps and is so important to us! Please call and pledge your commitment now.

Adopt a Room. Make your pledge now by calling 276-1400.
As Spring is quickly approaching many exciting things are happening at the housing project! The most exciting news is that we are almost ready to open. Yes, that's right, we will be opening the doors within the month. We would like to thank all of you who have helped us out over the past few years with the many volunteer opportunities and fund raisers which have made this project happen. We have hired a housing coordinator (DeeJay Johannessen) to facilitate not only the opening of this project, but to help establish a Housing Opportunity Center. The Housing Opportunity Center will be located within the 4A's offices and will assist people who are HIV + in finding affordable and appropriate housing. This is a very exciting project for us and one which is desperately needed, as 65% of our 190+ clients live on less than $10,000 a year.

At this moment the houses are in the final stages of renovations and are ready to be furnished. The first building will be ready for occupancy around May 1st, with the second to follow a few weeks later. Many of you have called the offices previously wishing to donate items to be used in this project, unfortunately due to a limited amount of space (and an even more limited budget) we were unable to store many items. The following is a list of items which we are still in need of:

- New twin size sheet sets and matching pillow cases
- New twin size bedspreads with matching swag style curtains
- New pillows
- New bath towels, hand towels and washcloths

Once again we would like to thank each of you for your help with this project, working together you have truly made a difference. If you would like to help with the landscaping this summer or to volunteer to help with the housing once it is open, please give DeeJay a call at 276-1400.
Money, Petro dollars, budgets and cost savings are familiar topics as we contemplate voting for a new mayor. Presently, it is important to remember our economy is tied to the oil industry. As the price of oil continues to decline, there will be a ripple effect throughout the state. Historically, this has produced a political climate blaming all our problems on liberals, entitlement programs and "special rights for minorities." The Far Right's misinformation about special rights has struck a responsive chord and has effectively driven the struggle for equal rights off course in many communities.

It is very important for you to know the position of candidates concerning equal rights for gay, lesbian and bisexuals. Several candidates for mayor support equal rights for all Alaskans. Many analysts predict the issues surrounding equality for gays/lesbians will be the focus of the 90's as "choice" became the issue of the last decade. We can be successful in this campaign but it will take all of our resolve plus the best planning we can muster.

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the ignorance, hatred and fear of the Far Right. In my mind there are two ways of looking at the vehemence of the attacks against us. We can either hide in a corner waiting for the end or we can envision a future where bigotry has been successfully challenged. Maybe the renewed interest in Fundamentalism worldwide is a last ditch effort of a morally bankrupt movement! EQUAL continues to stand for equal rights for all Alaskans.

Remember to vote April 19. EQUAL is not endorsing a single candidate but definitely appreciates the position of several candidates concerning equal rights and suggests your consideration of their candidacy. Likewise, we know which candidates are opposed to equality for Alaskans.

We plan to wave signs on street corners on April 19. Please join us with a sign for the candidate of your choice (Info 566-0930). Afterwards, meet at Thai Cuisine (444 H St.) at 7:00pm for dinner and move to the Egan Center for a "victory" celebration. Please join us in supporting candidates who celebrate diversity!

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**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

If you're not registered to vote, you have until April 17 to register in order to be eligible to vote in the "run-off" election for mayor. It is too late to register for the April 19 election but you must register if you want to help make the final decision on who will be mayor!
North View Classifieds

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The world outside Grant County had many paths and frontiers. They had crossed over a bridge called naive and now the terrain was called confused. They had been given a passport out of innocence, which had characterized their relationships for the past eight years together. This new world, its people and culture, would take time to understand, but they would do it together.

To their surprise Vince had called Fingers and Snap; the girls were at the depot. "We had lunch and showed them our snapshots." Mike was telling the story. "But we had a long trip ahead of us, and we wanted to stop by Mary and Etta's before we got back to the ranch. We had dinner and stayed the night with the girls. Steve called Peggy and she let everyone else know they were back. When they pulled into town, they both headed right to their jobs. Each had piles of work waiting at their own offices, and each had a stream of people welcoming them back. They needed that. When they got home, Mr. Holt and Robert were the first out of the door. They whisked the two steamer trunks upstairs. Mrs. Holt and the girls in crisp white aprons standing just inside the door. "Smells like pot roast, Mrs. Holt," said Mike, sniffing the air with his eyes closed.

"Dr. Potter! I'm glad it's one of your favorites, because we had to slaughter another steer. The best we could figure is that an elk got too close to the heifers, so the bull challenged the elk and lost. Mr. and Carl dressed him out, so there is a lot of beef seasoning in the barn, plus we have 3/4 left from the one Mr. Lane slaughtered this fall."

The following morning Mike took a snap of the loser, 2 slabs of beef. "Boy, I wish I had a picture of that bull fighting that elk." Mike said as we turn the page.

They had no problem trading the beef for goods (barter and trade; the Parson got almost a third of it, so he could give it to those in need, the elderly, and 2 families just outside of town who were using the old barn as a temporary home). They were waiting for spring planting and work. "They were such nice people," Mike recalled.

"We thankee for the grub." The three men were standing in Mike's office the next morning. "We don't take to charity, Sir, but ifun you got work to be done we be here to do it." It was bitter cold outside and the men had layers of clothing on. They huddled around Mike's pot-belly stove, rubbing their hands together. Mike thought for a few moments and asked them to come back the next day so that they could work for the food. He didn't have the foggiest idea what kind of work he would create, but he would.

Mike stopped by the barn on his way to the Bergstrom's. The head of this family unit invited him in to meet the womenfolk and kids. They were using burlap sacks as a make shift door. These people were hurting, but they were proud. If there had been welfare, they would have refused it. The small pot-belly stove couldn't heat that barn. All it could do was take some of the sting away. There was one bed, a couple of chairs. Saw horses were used for a makeshift table and they felt blessed. This tore up Mike looking at the children and their bare feet, but now he knew what to do.

He knew he would have to play a trick on these poor souls. The parson had already told him they wouldn't take hand outs. Peggy was on the phone getting children's clothes, Mrs. Lee had an old rug, and Mike called Mr. Holt and asked him to get out 6 mattresses and a large pot-belly stove from the barn and to bring them to the church.

The trap was set. The three men were waiting at Mike's office that next morning. Mike told them to take all the junk in the truck to the dump, and then go to the church. The parson had wood to be chopped, and he needed a bunch of garbage taken to the dump as well. "I guess it was around the middle of March when I took this snap. Six adults and four small children, standing in front of a truck with a makeshift trailer loaded down, with pots and chairs strapped to the sides. They were headed for Yakima, Washington.

This was just a taste of what the western states would see: a migration of a hundred thousand a year. They would be called Okies (for Oklahoma) but they came from Montana to Texas.
Mike and Steve drove to Eugene in May. Mike had asked his old professor to help him select an assistant. It was time—he wanted to go back to school and become an M.D. But he had to get another vet first, and at the same time take a series of tests sent to him by the University of Washington. In the course of that week, he hired a Mr. John Stamps, who would graduate in two weeks and report for work.

The tests Mike took were sent to Seattle. It would take almost a month before he found out he had passed with flying colors. Because of his background, he would be able to take each test as a correspondence course, but in January 1930 he would have to report to the Providence Hospital for 18 months of internship. He knew this hospital well, his father had been a physician there for years.

Steve had snapped a photo of **John Stamps and Mike on his first day at work.** He was Mr. Personality and the town accepted him with open arms, and they were excited about Mike becoming an M.D. Doctor Stamps set up house with the Lee’s, just like the guys had five years before.

Mike was proud to be on the school board. Just before school let out, a traveling photographer took a series of photographs: **The School Board and another of the graduating classes.** Up until that year only the girls were getting their diplomas. Young men were too important on the farm, and their families thought it was a waste of time.

Carl and Lucy’s son, Carl, Jr. would be the first. He received a scholarship in engineering. Steve had worked with him. More importantly, they had worked with Carl Sr. Now that his first-born was going to be a college man, you would have thought he had done all the work. *You old fool! Carl Jr. did it! You just complained,* said Lucy, snapping a quick look at him.

In October, 1929 (BLACK FRIDAY), the stock market crashed, the radio painted a gloomy picture of the big cities. The President, however, said everything would be all right, that the banks would be closed for a short while, but the country was in great shape; after all the President wouldn’t lie.

The farmers and the ranchers didn’t worry; they had their money in the co-op or the Cattlemen’s Association. It was the merchants in town and the elderly that were worried now. Mike went to the courthouse so he could get a private line. It was the only phone that Peggy couldn’t listen in on.

He called his family attorney, his adopted uncle—he would know what was going on. His uncle’s advice was a shocker. *"Do we have a private line?"
"Yes," Mike responded. "How much do you have in the Portland bank?" Mike said they had about $12,000. "The bank will call you today, you just ordered a little over $11,000 from your Mother’s surgical supply in Portland." He continued, "I’ll have my man go over and get cash. Mike the small banks are in danger of folding. Make sure the older people get their money out, then tell the merchants."

He had to take a chance with big-mouth Peggy. He told her the story, so she gave him some information. The local bank was sending a lot of money to the main branch in Portland the next day, and she thought that was odd. Should she hold all calls to Portland? She liked the idea of being a hero.

As soon as Mike got the elderly to the bank, and had left, the banker was on the phone. *"Sorry Sir," said Peggy, "we have a line down. I’ll ring you as soon as it’s repaired." (Peggy was on the job). Mike knew the banker couldn’t close without getting permission from the main branch. With Peggy’s help, all the merchants were called, then the community. By 11 o’clock there were about 20 people lined up including Peggy. She had one more thing to do. The banker told the small crowd he could only give them 70% because he was running short of cash. That was Peggy’s cue. *"Oh you must have forgotten the money you’re sending to Portland tomorrow," she said. Mike was standing just behind her. The banker yelled back, "Get back to work or I’ll have your job." Her response was, "You can have it. We want all our money or we’ll have your neck."

By 3pm the bank really had no cash but just about everyone got their money and Peggy was a hero. *"I can connect you to Portland now."*

... a photo of skinny Peggy, the hero, and one of the little brick bank with a sign that said: *CLOSED.*

Turning the page...

Cheresse 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 Cheresse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.] ☚

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If only one could tell true love from false love as one can tell mushrooms from toadstools.

Katherine Mansfield (1888-1923)

English writer
Getting Ready for a Financial Plan
by Chris Olson

What do you need to think about when starting a financial plan? There are so many variables involved that the answer is different in each case. Here are some things that impact your plan:

* Age/years to retirement.
* Short term debt/total balance - not the monthly amount.
* Who depends on you for support now and/or in the future?
* Amount of liquid savings/your emergency money.
* Long term debt/total balance.
* Monthly outgo and the cost of non-negotiables/the barebones budget.
* Current and projected income.
* What do you depend on for your support now and/or in the future?
* What are the interest rates on each of your debts?
* What are the interest rates on each of your savings vehicles?
* Dreams, goals, fantasies.
* How hard are you willing to work to make your dreams come true?
* How easy is it for you to take risks?
* Are you a yo-yo when it comes to decision making?

You must ask yourself these questions before diving into an investment plan because the answers will determine your direction when you begin. You might find out that you need to do some pre-planning before initiating an investment plan.

I ask my clients those questions. Often, I send them home with an assignment to "get their house in order" before making any moves. The biggest obstacle to initiating a financial plan is that many people live above their means. Credit card debt is too high, their auto loans are for an incredibly long period, they spend too much on insurance, they over-insure, they can't account for where their paycheck goes each month.

You have to start by trimming down your expenses. You have to know where your money goes. I believe you have to know where each nickel is spent (forget about the pennies - live dangerously). You also need to develop a sense of knowledge and take responsibility for your financial future. Gone are the days when it was OK to trust this task to someone else. Even if you only learn which questions to ask, it is vital that you know what is happening to your money.

I have a sense of urgency about my long range plan. I try and instill a sense of urgency in everyone who will listen. Time is on your side when you have several decades to prepare for your dreams. Time can work against you if you don't. Either way, if you don't take some immediate action, your goals and dreams will be that much more painful to attain.

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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**Identity Fourth Friday Potluck & Social**

**Annual Meeting!**

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

**Date:** Friday, April 22nd.

**Time:** 6:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm announcements & program

**Place:** Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. 3201 Turnagain St.

**Program:** Circulate, politic, flirt, vote, eat and enjoy other riotous forms of living. Five Board seats are open. You could help Identity grow. Or just come for the fun!
Identity, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 22, 1994

Members Present: Ruth, Shirley, Ken, Michael, Jennifer and Tom; Absent: Sylvia, Kurt, David

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Kurt, Ken reported $1,759 in our account; plus $240 which has been received but is undeposited. The Board approved $89.91 for telephone and postage reimbursement to Ken. Kurt and Ken have been preparing financial statements for review by the Board. While the computer program and data input is not yet complete, it would appear we have both income and expenses of about $22,000 during 1993.

Spring Dance: Ruth announced this activity scheduled for May 21 at O'Malley's-On-The-Green is in direct competition with a similar activity planned by the Imperial Court a week earlier. Both activities will be drawing from the same potential crowd. After discussing the issue, it was agreed to postpone our activity until later in the year. Ken will check with O'Malley's to see if we will incur any cancellation fees.

Helpline: Jennifer announced the quarterly Helpline Potluck will be held April 20 at Tom and Ali's house; this is an opportunity for the volunteers to discuss how they handle similar callers, for the coordinator to announce new policies, and a means for volunteers to become acquainted with each other. Jennifer announced the Alaska Native Health Board will be doing a series of television programs broadcast to rural Alaska on AIDS/HIV issues. They will be providing viewers with a phone number to call and need informed people to answer the lines. It was agreed our Helpline volunteers may help on an individual basis. Ken announced Tom has provided a diskette with the Resource Manual data; it needs updating and should be converted to PageMaker for ease in accessing by the volunteers. Jennifer announced the need for a volunteer to collect and interpret the information from the Data Forms; she also needs someone to help with non-telephone tasks. Ken stated we have a $200 contract with Joe for re-programming the computer to Call-Forward automatically at pre-set times to pre-set volunteers; it should be completed within the next three weeks. Jennifer agreed to forewarn the volunteers of the new procedure. Finally, Ken stated the Anchorage Daily News has reduced the cost of our classified ad from $253 to $199 per month due to a new inches-per-year contract; what a nice surprise!

NCOD Bus Ads: Ken stated the Municipality of Anchorage has rejected our offer to settle for $539 plus bus ads for two weeks in the future. Equal and Identity need to meet and discuss the next step. Is it worth going to court over? After some discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with filing a lawsuit. It would be better to use this incident to educate the public.

IRS Changes Rules: Ken furnished copies of new rules for donations. As of January 1, 1994 no deduction will be allowed for any charitable contribution of $250 or more unless the donor has written substantiation from the charity. Taxpayers may no longer rely solely on a canceled check to substantiate a cash contribution of $250 or more.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for 7:00pm on April 26 at our office.
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It was 1980. My best friend, Glynn, and I were in our secret fort next to the 11 freeway—the very first freeway west of the Mississippi. I was wearing my powder blue suit with an ultra-wide collar polyester shirt because we were celebrating (something I don’t remember). We were smoking a cigar, and my twelve-year-old throat was already sore from the poisoned fumes. He put the thing out and said, "Let me touch your penis.

Excuse me? Surprisingly, I didn’t react to his request at all...in fact, I remember being disinterested. I don’t know why...I thought he was really cute, even back then in sixth grade. And there he was, completely vulnerable to me. I turned him down, but only that night. The next night I said yes...but I had to wear the suit because I had worn it the night before and that was now my "queer garb". The same thing happened the next night. And the night after that. Each time, we became a bit more adventurous. And each time, I became more convinced that I was gonna be like my brother’s eighth grade music and drama teacher, Mr. Grossi—the one whose hips swung so much when he walked down the school corridor, he could have knocked out both walls along the hallway. Mr. Grossi ended up getting married a few years later. I always wonder if he did it to escape the plague that—In 1980—I had no idea was looming on the other side of my horizon.

It was 1981. Glynn no longer wanted to play with me in the "magic suit" (given that mystic quality perhaps so I could blame my behavior on an outside force: "I swear, Mom, the suit made me do it!"). I was annoyed that my best friend had outgrown our game but, to my surprise, his brother turned out to be an eager substitute. By seventh grade, I knew I had it made as a queerrette. My father had explained the birds and the bees to me over the summer, so I revealed in the fact that I never had to worry about pregnancy like most people.

No, pregnancy was to be the least of my worries.

It was 1982. For Christmas, my aunt gave me a book on how to cope with being a teenager. I read it eagerly, especially the part about masturbation. The author claimed he saw nothing wrong with it. Frankly, neither did I...but I honestly had no idea what on earth masturbation was. You see, my exploration with my friends was only that. Had stimulation been a part of it, I would have probably been angrier at Glynn than I was for shining me on. I had never even touched myself, except to wash. I continued reading the book, hoping for a clue...was I cheating myself out of something wonderful that I didn’t even know existed? My aunt even wrote a little note for me at the end of that chapter, advising me to talk to a priest if I had any concern about the issue. First things first: I went to the dictionary and looked it up: "Excitation of the genital organs, usually to orgasm, by manual contact or means other than sexual intercourse." Huh? All those words said nothing to me—in fact, this is how I read them: "Exiting the gentle organs, unusual organism, by meaningful contract or meaning other than sexual (race)course."

It would take me a couple years to figure out those words and that I had indeed been cheating myself out of something wonderful. The year passed, and whenever I would see two men together who fit that Mr. Grossi stereotype, I pictured myself like them. It turned my stomach to act so womanly, but I was convinced that’s what I had to do as a homosexual.

It was 1983. I just graduated 8th grade and had heard of AIDS because it had just gotten a name. I knew it was some kind of sickness for gay guys. That scared me a lot 'cause I knew that I was one of those gay guys, like Mr. Grossi or the kind on TV that would dress up in that shiny black cloth that looks like trash bags, and the ones who blocked traffic so they could have their gay rights, whatever that was. I remember Rachel, the first girl I ever kissed, telling me a joke: "What’s a fag in a wheelchair?" Had it been ten years later I would have answered, "A handicapped heterosexually-challenged potential husband." [buzzer noise] The correct answer in 1983 was "Roll-AIDS." Thus began my passage into the world of HIV.

Rachel always knew I was gay. It had been obvious from the moment I hit it off so well with her best friend, Jen, a bona fide dykke who pulled me out of the closet by my boa. She was a junior in high school, and she took me as a lowly freshman under her wing and introduced me to life on the verge of AIDS. In a world beyond the kinds of places respectable gay people frequented lay Hollywood’s underbelly, where any discussion of AIDS suddenly vanished into a stream of hustlers and junkies and dealers and runaways trying to fill their bellies with cardboard strips smothered in ketchup at Oki Dog. It took only a few
sittings at that condemned hot dog stand for me to realize that this was my gay community. These were the people I aligned myself with—not the people at "home" (then a misnomer).

One day, Jen and I were perched on a bench at a bus stop, finishing a can of Pepsi Light that someone had left on the bench. I had this question that I had always been too scared to ask, but my fear egged me on...I asked Jen if I was going to get it. Y'know, AIDS. Like she would know somehow. She looked at me and, for the first time, fear bubbled to the surface of her typically aloof tomboy facade. (We were certain, at the time, that AIDS was transmitted in ways we would later learn were virtually impossible.) I looked at the can we were sharing. Neither of us had put our lips to the rim. There's a certain technique to drinking bus stop leftovers—after making sure there are no cigarette butts floating in the beverage, you pour the liquid into your mouth, much like watering a plant. So we knew that the can thing wasn't a problem for AIDS, but what about that guy I kissed—Hector? The one that some bitchy queen at the Temenos rap group said he had been hustling on Santa Monica Blvd. Uh oh. We had kissed a lot—there was a lot of tongue, even. Oh, my God. What if...?

Back then, we really didn't know anything about AIDS except that you didn't want to lose too much weight on that Beverly Hills diet 'cause then everyone would think you were an "AIDS victim". And I didn't want to be an AIDS victim. I couldn't be...I was a nice guy. My luck's always run good. So if I hoped hard enough, I'd come through it O.K.

Little did I know...HIV positive or negative, I'd still be an "AIDS victim".

Christopher Fabbro is a lifeguard outreach specialist in Pasadena, Calif.

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Aventurous, cute, youthful and fun-loving guy from South Florida looking for same as guides, dinner-mates, etc. to help me experience my own personal Northern Exposure. Coming to Anchorage and Fairbanks June 1 - 9. Please drop me a note telling me as much about yourself as you dare and how to contact you. Picture appreciated but not a must—you won't be sorry. Barry L. 4631 N.W. 31st Ave., Suite 289, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309.

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Exhibit Visitors Criticize Rights Panel
by Sheila Toomey
Daily News reporter

Hostility toward the city Equal Rights commission boiled over at the Anne Frank exhibit last week when some visitors used information sign-up sheets to complain that the commission has no business being part of an anti-discrimination display, given its refusal to protect homosexuals.

The commission quickly cut off the criticism by removing not just the offending comments, but the entire clipboard from the Anchorage Museum of History and Art on Friday.

They took "the clipboard and the paper and the pen away," said museum director Pat Wolf.

The Anne Frank exhibit illustrate the life and the diary of a German Jewish teen-ager who died in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Homosexuals, blacks, the mentally and physically handicapped, Gypsies also were targeted by the Nazis.

"Please look at this exhibit and realize that Hitler murdered the same people you refuse to protect in Anchorage," wrote one visitor, who described herself as a librarian.

The clipboard was part of an Equal Rights Commission display, which featured three banners, a white rose and a sign that read: "Together we can overcome discrimination." The clipboard held sheets of paper for people who wanted more information or a presentation at their school or business.

The clipboard was removed under the authority of executive director Steven Holt because it wasn't being used for the purpose intended.

Out Law
by Sylvia L. Short

First, to the Identity Adopt-a-Road participants:
Our "kick-off" date is Saturday, May 14, 1994!
This is the date when Patterson, from Northern
Lights to Tudor, becomes Anchorage's most
sparkling! Nora Jean York and Mark Mathis are
coordinating our effort, and let's make May 14th a
fun occasion as well!

Speaking of fun, the cleaner-uppers are invited to
the
26th Annual City-Wide Clean up
5th Annual Blue Jeans Luncheon
Monday, May 9, 1994
Sullivan Arena, lunch from 11:30 to 1:00.
Reservations and checks by April 25

Reservations are for tables of 10 ($180.00) per
organization, and there will be a FASHION
CONTEST with costumes made from orange trash
tags (becoming color). Telephone Nora Jean (248-
0369), Mark (338-3357) or me (562-4992) by April
20 so that Identity can make a real splash!!

March 15-18 in Washington, D.C., the Unitarian
Universalists held their 26th Annual Social Justice
conference, and some 100 of us from throughout the
U.S. attended. One of the points of the gathering
was to learn lobbying techniques, and a focus was
on the Hancock amendment to the elementary and
secondary-school funding bill to prevent funds being
allocated to schools whose libraries or curriculum
contains books or educational material relating to
homosexuality. A substantial force of UU's hit
their representatives in Congress to defeat this
frightening effort.

The campaign of the radical right to embarrass
disenfranchise public television for showing
"Tales of the City" was also discussed, including the
state where it was NOT shown but some 13,000
letters protesting it were received! Public TV and
radio both deserve all the support that can be
mustered for their consistent efforts in the civil
rights forum.

It was heartening, on my trip to the great Outside,
to read the editorials in the Stockton Record, a
formerly creakingly conservative newspaper in my
old home town in California. The featured editorial
was entitled "Gay adoption: What's the problem?"
It was a commentary which first appeared in a high
school student newspaper, and its spirit was
captured in the concluding words: "To say
homosexuals should have equal rights just for some
things is unacceptable. They are people, too, and
are entitled to the same rights as everyone else, all
the time. To deny them that would be like telling a
Jewish person they could have freedom of religion
during Hanukkah but no other time throughout the
year. With freedoms and rights there can be no
halfways, only 100 percents."

The second editorial, a Commentary piece, was
entitled "Gay blacks: They're doubly outcast, not
twice-blessed." It was written by Deb Price, a
doctoral candidate at George Washington University
who writes frequently on gay and lesbian issues.
Her theme centered around Bayard Rustin, an
African-American homosexual who was considered
too controversial to be named director of the historic
1963 March on Washington but who willingly
accepted the actual job of preparations. After his
death in 1987, and in commemoration of his
resistance to those who would hold him back
because of either his sexual orientation or color or
both, the Bayard Rustin Alliance was formed by
African-American gay activists to combat racism
within the mostly white gay community and
homophobia within the mostly heterosexual African-
American community. The point was that any brand
of bigotry is poison to the hater, the hated, and to
the country.

Look out for Pastor Pete Peters of the LaPorte
Church of Christ in LaPorte, Colorado. Author of
Death Penalty for Homosexuals Is Prescribed in the
Bible, Peters is expanding his nation-wide television
ministry and has a growing following with
representatives in almost every state.

Interested in introducing hatred and bigotry
against gays and lesbians into law? Colorado for
Family Values (CFV) offers for $95 a "Model
Notebook", a complete guide to introducing anti-gay
legislation in every state in the nation, including 9
audio cassettes and a private support number for
special consultation.

(The above two paragraphs were excerpted from
FREEDOM WRITER, newsletter of the Institute for
First Amendment Studies)

On a more optimistic note, the Florida Supreme
Court on March 3, 1994, blocked an anti-gay and
anti-democratic measure from the state's November
ballot. The litigation was brought by Lambda Legal
Defense and Education Fund and the Florida Gay
and Lesbian Lawyers Association, and the Lambda
staff attorney who argued the case before the high
court, Suzanne B. Goldberg, describes the holding
as: "...a critical national precedent. It makes clear that civil rights are not special rights—and it deals a powerful blow to the national radical right attack on lesbians and gay men and civil rights, generally." Sponsor of the measure is the so-called American Family Political Committee, one of the innocuous euphemisms which characterize the stealth tactics of the radical right.

"GLAD" (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders), in its 15 years of work points proudly to its victories in the family field, including adoption, custody, domestic partnership, public accommodation, and AIDS and employment discrimination. There is also an emphasis on anti-gay ballot attempts, and much of its work is coalition-building for support from other sectors. With a budget of just over half a million dollars and a staff including many enthusiastic and able volunteers and supporters, this organization, like Lambda, has made great progress in the fight for realization of the great promises of our constitution and bill of rights.

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

**EQUAL News Update**

This is just a quick update on news from EQUAL. We are very pleased to say that we received $3,000 from the Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)—the group that was formed last year when we were fighting the ballot initiative about protecting municipal employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation. They had some funds left over from that campaign (which, as you’ll probably recall, was aborted when the Supreme court decided the whole ballot process was unconstitutional). The funds will be used by EQUAL to support our work as a political action organization and for a voter education project focused on the concerns of the gay/lesbian/bi community. ACR also gave EQUAL their mailing list of over 1,000 people who supported their efforts. This will be very important to EQUAL’s work of building a broad base of support for the future. We would like to publicly thank the Board of ACR for their support.

The Christian Right has frequently targeted school board seats as a way to start to gain political power and influence. Many EQUAL members recognize that we, as individuals, don’t often pay too much attention to who is running for these seats, but it is important in this day and age that we do. In order to inform ourselves and others, EQUAL conducted a mini-survey of school board members. Our findings are reported separately in this issue of the NorthView. We encourage you to share it with the polls on election day, APRIL 19.

Other news: Gay Pride is coming up again in June. We will be focusing on getting ideas for the event at our next regular meeting, scheduled for May 5 (that’s the first Thursday of the Month). Meetings are held at the Unitarian Fellowship in Turnagain, upstairs, from 7:00-9:00pm. Please come—we need new faces, ideas and energy.

**Attention Artists!** Equal is sponsoring a “Design an Equal T-Shirt” contest! Come up with a design. If it is selected, not only will your handiwork be displayed on chests across Anchorage, you will also be $50.00 richer! Send your entries to Equal or call the Equal number. Entries must be received by April 30th, 1994.

Next Meeting: May 5th, 7pm, Room A at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. (Future meetings will be on the 1st Thursday ONLY of the month).

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**AIDS in Alaska**, a five part documentary dealing with AIDS issues in rural and Native communities, is scheduled to air in Anchorage on five consecutive Saturdays beginning April 9 at 10:30 p.m. on KAKM; Channel 7. Viewers can call 800-478-2426 for information during each 30-minute broadcast.

*Anchorage Daily News, 3/27/94*
Lucy Frey to Retire
From Alaska

Long time Alaskan resident and women's activist Lucille Frey will be retiring this year, returning to her native Missouri to "sit on my porch, watch the birds, contemplate the lake, read, and write..." As a young social studies teacher originally credentialled in South Missouri, Lucy sought change and inquired about teaching positions in areas appealing to her sense of adventure. She received positive responses from Honduras and Alaska, and Alaska was her choice.

Lucy worked in the Alaskan school system for eighteen years, retiring from the school system in 1975. She taught grades one through eight in one room country schools, Junior High, and participated in the Nunaka Valley School opening, Clark High, and New Central High. Her last five years in the school system were spent as the Social Studies Coordinator for grades K-12. She pioneered the job in Alaska.

Lucy says that it was during her tenure as an administrator that she became radicalized around feminist issues. As a teacher she fulfilled a "woman's" role and, even, when told she could not get along, she was personally and, not socially angry. Lucy says that as a teacher she believed that some to the "dumb" edicts imposed from above were the result of administrators having "the big picture". When she became an administrator she could see "the big picture" and realized that dumb edicts were the result of dumb dictators.

At about the time of her promotion in 1970, the school board drafted a non-discrimination policy. Certain of the board felt it would be asinine to include women as a protected group. A dozen women teachers, including Lucy, formed the Women's Education Caucus and protested being left out of the new non-discrimination policy. Although not officially representing the full body of women teachers, there numbers convinced the school board that women, indeed, deserved consideration, and the non-discrimination policy passed into law, making it illegal to discriminate against women on the basis of salary, promotion, counseling, and after-school activities (sports). Today, much as a result of the Women's Education Caucus, one-half of the principals in Alaska schools are women.

Also during her tenure as Social Studies Coordinator, Lucy analyzed how social studies were being taught. She found that Alaska did a good job in history and geography, but no so good in the social part. She wrote a grant for a human relations curriculum project to teach kids how to get along better together. Teachers approached her saying they needed to re-learn teaching, and the four years of funding permitted a renaissance of in-service training for teachers. Efforts to build a successful curriculum taught teachers how to combat sexism in the classroom, and while threatening to many, the experience also produced strong, outspoken feminists. Outcomes from that grant went further than the classroom...Lucy's friend Kit Evans, started AWAIC, the battered Women's Refuge Center as a result of the movement begun by this human relations curriculum grant.

After her first retirement Lucy taught for several years at the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA) as an Adjunct Professor specializing in English and Women's Studies. She decries the recent loss of the women's center to budge cuts.

Needling extra income, Lucy began an educational consulting firm, The Learning Tree, which specialized in curriculum-developing and training Alaskan teachers. "It was good timing", Lucy notes, "because the state-operated schools were decentralizing and becoming small districts. The smaller districts did not have funds for specific coordinators, so The Learning Tree did specific jobs for small districts thought the state."

In the early 1980's Lucy bought and operated the Alaska Women's Bookstore for approximately five years, but could not squeeze sufficient profit from the endeavor. Lucy called a community meeting to ask what should be done, and as a result, she returned the bookstore to the community which has since run as both a for-profit and a non-profit organization. The Alaska Women's Cultural Center, organized to provide resources to the larger community grew from her experience with the Bookstore. The Cultural Center was to provide art, poetry and music in the heart of the Women's community in Alaska.

Diversity describes Lucy perfectly. She spent five years as a summertime commercial fisherperson in Bristol Bay where she says, "Fishing is the primary, almost the only topic of conversation."

She currently holds a real estate license and specializes in helping women own their own homes. Her goal has been, she says, to help twelve women a year buy homes, and gets great personal satisfaction from helping create women homeowners.

One of her proudest accomplishments was planning the International Women's Year Conference 1978-79, from which grew the Alaska...
Women’s Commission, designed to be a watchdog and research source for discrimination issues for women on a state level. The Commission was created in Alaska as a symbol of the respect of Alaska for women. Lucy regrets deeply the recent retiring of the Commission by Governor Hickel.

Lucy is noted in the women’s community for her Thanksgiving Dinners. An event she has held annually in her home, it is for women who have no other place to go for the holiday or who would prefer to spend the holiday in the company of other women. The monthly sing-a-longs she hosts are legendary and will be much missed.

Lucy will soon leave the north and return to the Ozarks where she was a “girlchild” and while she will miss her many, many Alaskan friend, she looks forward to “traveling on the ground...to the Gulf of Mexico...the Appalachians...and other places of home.” But she says with a twinkle in her voice, “I have given myself permission, if I choose, to return to Alaska.”

Thanks to the Alaska Women’s bookstore newsletter.

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Lesbian Gay Bi Students
UAA Campus News

The University of Alaska Anchorage Lesbian Gay Bisexual Student Association (LGBSA) has been busy this semester fighting for social and political change. The list below is a brief overview of the projects currently being undertaken by the LGBSA.

**SOCIAL/OUT ON CAMPUS**

The LGBSA meets every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in room 226 of building K. The LGBSA public information station is located in the UAA Campus Center on Wednesdays between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. We ask that you drop by and have a cup of coffee with a Queer!

The LGBSA is hosting a campus wide dance on the 16th of April between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. The title of this event is the "QUEEN OF THE KNIGHT'S." The public is invited and we need your support.

We have reached into the straight community for support and will be forming a support club made up of friends and family of lesbians, gays and bisexuals. This group will allow us to reach the silent majority on the UAA campus.

**POLITICAL/POWER ON CAMPUS**

The LGBSA has developed a "SAFE ZONE" program, this program will involve all UAA faculty and staff. Faculty and staff members have been sent a "SAFE ZONE" symbol, (an adhesive pink triangle circled by a green peace ring), to be displayed on their door. This symbol is representative of a safe zone for lesbian, gay and bisexual staff, faculty and students.

"Five Steps Toward Protecting Your Civil Rights," an anti-discrimination information pamphlet prepared with information from the ACLU and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, has been sent to all UAA faculty and staff.

All faculty and staff employed by UAA who have electronic mail accounts will receive information each month that, we hope, will educate those who are ignorant about who we are and who we are not.

The student government at UAA (USUAA) will be requested to ask the Board of Regents to add "sexual orientation" to the anti-discrimination clause. We feel good about USUAA support and we will be working closely with the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association of Fairbanks (AGLA) on this sensitive issue.

We will be using some grant blocking techniques that will hopefully stop UAA grant support form some gay friendly corporations. A letter writing campaign in support of the blockage of grant funding specific to the University Alaska educational system will began in June and we need your support.

LGBSA and AGLA are presently raising funds to bring the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to Alaska.

This project will help create a body that will have the skills needed to stop anti-gay movements by the religious and political right in Alaska.

**IMPORTANT!**
The Chancellor's position has become vacant. An open forum will be held on April 4, 11, 13, 18, 25, in the Campus Center South Cafeteria between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Come and meet the Chancellor's position candidates. Please bring your concerns and SPEAK OUT!

For more information about the actions of the LGBSA contact Burt Petis by calling 786-4915.

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*Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973), American writer.*
The Lesbian & Gay Market
from Overlooked Opinions
and Bob DeLoach

This survey was designed to provide personal and financial information about Lesbian and Gay America. The sample size was 7,500 Gay men and Lesbians randomly selected from Overlooked Opinions National panel of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual men and women. Survey accurate to +/- 1%, at the 95% confidence level. The response rate was 81%.

Date of issue was 1-1-92 Overlooked Opinions
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Additionally:
* 56.2% of cohabiting lesbian/gay couples' household incomes top $50,000 a year;
* 26.3% of lesbians and gays have advanced/graduate degrees;
* 79.3% of gays and lesbians make purchases based on gay media advertising;
* 2.4% of gay men are fathers with custody of their kids half the year or more;

* 15.6% of lesbians own four or more pets (cats and/or dogs);
* 51.6% of Lesbians share household with partner;
* 37.5% of gay men share household with partner;
* 77.1% of lesbians/gays prefer medical facilities with gay-specific programs;
* 1.0% of lesbians had cosmetic surgery in the past three years;
* 81.1% of gay men have dined out more than five times in the past month;
* 17.2% of lesbians have read a book every day in the past month;
* 25.3% of lesbians have taken a loan for more than $5,000 in the past three years;
* 20.1% of gay men went to a fitness club ten items or more in the past month;
* 13.1% of gay men are Republicans;
* 31.7% of gay men reside in suburban areas;
* 14.4% of gay men do cross-country skiing;
* 65.3% of lesbians go camping.

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APRIL 15-28/PREMIERE
BLUE
Dir: Krzysztof Kieslowski (The Double Life Of Veronique). Juliette Binoche (Damage) stars as Julie, a recently widowed woman recovering from the deaths of her husband and young daughter in a car accident. Rated [R], sub-titled.

APRIL 22-28/EARTH WEEK
-Double Feature-
BARAKA
Dir: Ron Fricke. Filmed in 24 countries this visual tone poem is a wondrous evocation of the energy and resiliency of life’s forces.--plus--
TONG TONA A journey to the heart of the rainforest.

APRIL 22-28/ENCORE!
6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION
Contemporary satire about the vast differences - and surprising similarities - between society’s ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots.’ With Donald Sutherland. Academy Award Nominee Stockard Channing and Will Smith. [R].
-plus-THE WEDDING BANQUET

PREMIERE APR. 29
Even Cowgirls Get The Blues
Dir: Gus Van Sant. A comic road movie exploring sexual identity starring Uma Thurman as an All-American girl with enormous thumbs who grows up to be the greatest hitchhiker who ever lived. Her adventures and misadventures are based on Tim Robbins novel, the film co-stars Keanu Reeves, Rain Phoenix, Lorraine Bracco, Angie Dickinson, Sean Young, Lily Tomlin and more. [R] Special Engagement.

MAY 4-8/REVIVAL PREMIERE
LA STRADA
Dir: Federico Fellini. Oscar-winning classic stars his wife Giulietta Masina in a touching performance as a waif abused by an cruel strong-arm man (Anthony Quinn) and captivated by a acrobatic clown (Richard Basehart). 107m, sub-titled.

MAY 11-15/REVIVAL
Fellini’s 8½
Surrealistic, semi-autobiographical masterwork stars Marcello Mastroianni as a bemused film director struggling with a new project as he juggles the women in his life - Anouk Aimee, Claudia Cardinale and Sandra Milo.

MAY 13-26 PREMIERE!
SAVAGE NIGHTS
Dir: Cyril Collard. A controversial award-winner from France, starring director Collard as a handsome narcisist who sleeps with both a man (Carlos Lopez) and a woman (Romane Bohringer) without forswearing either of them that he is HIV positive.

MAY 18-22/REVIVAL
La Dolce Vita
Dir: Federico Fellini. Marcello Mastroi anni stars in this masterpiece about a third-rate newspaperman’s increasing immoral interest in the ‘sweet life.’ With Anita Ekberg and Anouk Aimee. Italian with

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MAY 20-24/PREMIERE!
LIVING PROOF: HIV and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS
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MAY 25-29/REVIVAL PREMIERE!
RESTORED DIRECTOR’S CUT with never-before-seen footage!
A Streetcar Named Desire
This electrifying film version of Tennessee Williams’ drama will be shown for the first time in its uncut and uncensored version, including controversial material removed before the film’s premiere.
The Amazon Trail:
The Only Lesbian on Campus
by Lee Lynch

I was the only lesbian at my college. When I read now about gay street kids I know that back then I led a comparatively privileged existence, but at least today's kids have queer camaraderie. I opted for street life too, running away after two weeks of feeling like the only lesbian at school. I wasn't much of a runaway, though, and returned to four years of idyllic academe.

Of course in 1963 it wasn't idyllic at all, nor was I the only lesbian. I soon brought out a lover and we managed many a private sweaty session behind our locked doors. It was not a healthy relationship, but it was a necessary one for both of us.

Three years later I learned that one of the upperclassmen was a lesbian. Wendy and her lover were always either locked in her single room or partying with their sorority. I wondered if the whole sorority and its attendant boyfriends were gay. It was the sorority that P.E. majors traditionally joined. I knew Wendy was gay because one night in the dorm hallway she advised me to play her game. After that she never had anything to do with me again. I was pretty out for 1966 and therefore dangerous.

I was not bereft of all support. The dean's intents were good when she referred me for counseling. The heterosexist psychologist drove me to a breakdown, then increased my visits as a result. Infirmary personnel renewed my tranquilizer prescriptions without question. My adult dorm counselor knew the signs of my deeper depressions. Pale, blonde, wraith-like, she was kind and wise beyond her years, would invite me to the apartment she shared with her foreign student husband and pre-school sons and would keep me until I had pledged not to do away with myself. I made sure I was out to the counselors on my floor, both of whom struggled within themselves to accept me. In the end they supported and defended me. Later, I became the floor counselor, a position that offered some safety and respect.

It also helped that I was the unofficial class poet. Everyone knew that poets were supposed to be queer or crazy or both. My habit of attending classes barefoot, tripping with cool people and drinking with the older intellectuals, seemed to take the edge off my deviance. The students would cruelly abuse "Mrs." Evans, the bleached-blonde gay male drama teacher, but they left me, in my jeans and flannel shirts, alone. "Mrs."

Evans was later murdered by two underage hustlers. I got out alive.

Sometimes I hurt too much to want to survive. One year the lefty-folk-singing-poetry-reading crowd—and every long-hair with a guitar was either the new Joan Baez or the next Bob Dylan—brought culture to the dorms with traveling sing-outs. I attended one gathering in my lounge. Folk-singing, truth be told, bored the daylight out of me, but where else did I kind-of fit in? I sat and looked intense along with all the other revolutionary teenagers and grown-up radicals. Then a long-haired boy strummed a Peter, Paul and Mary tune on his guitar and substituted for their words a song that began, "Puff, the magic faggot ...

I could not believe what I was hearing. This was the intelligentsia, these were the people who knew I was gay. These were supposed to be the sensitive ones who believed in equality, marched for civil rights, were America's future hope. Mortified, enraged, frightened, literally in shock, I reeled out of there and fled to my room where I shook and cried for hours.

I have never written or spoken about this to anyone. It is still painful twenty-eight years later. I never dared wonder about why, but as I finally let it out, I see that the song, the moment, the laughing crowd of peers, blew my world apart. The proud poet-butch, the gay child-rebel, the peacenik-poseur, the little girl deposited in an institution that literally taught normalcy—the only lesbian on campus—couldn't pretend any more. I was really, undeniably, unbearably, alone.

I was never beaten up. I was taunted and insulted.

To this day I avert my eyes in public bathrooms and in the vicinity of women in states of undress, a habit based on old dormitory fears that I'd be accused of voyeurism. Regardless, more than one door slammed on me back then as I walked along the hall. There were so many incidents. Once a group of girls on my floor dragged me into a room and held me while one, whom I had thought was a friend, tried to kiss me, I presume on a dare. Once a male student grabbed my arm and forced me onto a bed where he was making out with his girlfriend, who had risked being my friend. I call these acts psychological terrorism, and no gay kid should have to endure such treatment.

The women long-hairs, the bisexual and even straight men, were, one-on-one, intellectually exciting, adventurous. My small group of dorm pals, none gay at the time, accepted me. We didn't talk about my
sexuality, we just had fun. One gay male teacher
treated me like dirt, another was an inspiration. My
lesbian teachers, mostly in the physical education
department, ignored me as hard as they could.
When I got desperate I went to New York and drank
at the bars. I wasn't of that world any more so there
was nothing for me there but liquor and the wordless
companionship of anonymous queers. Even so, it was
terribly hard to leave and sober up on the gritty,
rocking train, often packed with raucous, besotted male
baseball fans. It was hard to walk the miles from the
midnight train through the dark downtown, past the
hulks of smoking factories, along the loud and littered
housing projects and finally into that alien land, the
college, which sought to impose conformity as much as
it sought to educate, where I was neither welcome nor
comfortable.

There is a snapshot of me in my college yearbook, a
barefoot, androgynous blur hurrying across campus, as
if pursued, and trying to escape. That style, the style a
gay kid sometimes needs in order to survive, never
entirely disappears. If I learned nothing else in college,
I learned not to linger some places too long, or look at
some people too closely, lest I hear the laughter, see the
hard truth of closed minds, find myself lost, the only
lesbian on some new campus.

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Camp Sister Spirit Under Siege in Rural Mississippi

Camp Sister Spirit is a feminist education retreat in rural Ovette, Mississippi. This is a community based, non-profit, educational organization committed to providing people counseling, information, education, referral, advocacy and meeting space to address social issues. It is not a membership organization, but rather volunteer based. The volunteers are now under attack because many are lesbians. Many of the Jones County, MS residents are up in arms and conducting harassing activities. So far, a female dog has been killed and hung over the camp mailbox, and harassing phone calls have been received. A community meeting of 200-300 people was held to determine "what to do about those women." Threatening men have had to be escorted off of the property.

NOW is asking that women stand up and help via several means: (1) Write Attorney General Janet Reno requesting immediate investigation of this situation. (2) Send "wish-list" items to the camp ($$$, tools, toiletries, canned food, kitchen equipment, etc.) (3) Go to Ovette, MS and support Camp Sister Spirit with your presence.

You can write or send items to the camp at Camp Sister Spirit, P.O. Box 12, Ovette, MS, 39464.

For more information, contact Debra Northart, Mississippi NOW, P.O. Box 8378, University, MS, 38677 (601) 234-5872 and/or Virginia Stallworth, National Board, Mid-South Region, 1387 Linden, Memphis, TN 38104, (901) 272-0560(h) or (901) 272-0855(w).

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Greg Williams, Valdez

The NorthView,
"An open letter from Joyce Murphy"
April 5, 1994

By the time you read this, the election will be only a few days away. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will have been spent by candidates each trying to persuade you that they are the only ones with the leadership ability and the vision to take our city into the coming years. They'll have conducted polls, aired television commercials, put up signs, and attended countless community forums. In only a few more days, the ballots will be counted, and all but two of the candidates will go back to more normal lives.

I didn't know what to expect when I announced my candidacy for Mayor almost a year ago. And what it comes down to it, I still don't think of myself as a politician. I'm a veterinarian, a businessperson, a community activist. I decided to run for mayor, though, because as someone who cares deeply about Anchorage and the people who call it home, I want to end the divisions that have plagued our community for so long.

My vision is an Anchorage where we can allow our diversity to bring us together, not break us apart. My vision is an Anchorage where everyone has a voice in their city government. My vision is an Anchorage that our children will be proud of. My vision is an Anchorage where people know, and trust, and respect their neighbors.

My vision is an Anchorage where people are not continually disappointed by their government. Where our government does fewer things, but does them well. Where we can plan and grow as a Northern city. Where our streets are plowed and maintained and our sidewalks are clean. Where we can all be safe in our own neighborhoods.

I'm running for mayor as the "outsider" candidate. I'm worried about the mess we've gotten ourselves into, and I believe it's going to take real change to get our city back on track. People keep telling me they've had enough of business as usual. I believe it's time for a brand new approach and some good old-fashioned common sense.

If you'd like more information, I hope you'll call my campaign headquarters at 258-1994, or drop by at 2210 E. Northern Lights (right next to Kinko's at Northern Lights and Lake Otis.)

Soon, Anchorage will have a new mayor. I believe, that by working together, we can make this a city we can all be proud to call home.

Joyce Murphy

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March 14, 1994

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing this letter about a "Movie Mania" review of "Sex Is..." in the February 17 - February 23, 1994, Volume 3, Edition 7 of the Anchorage Press. I disagree with the author, P.S., on the statement "Practically every important aspect of gay culture in the 20th century is reviewed."
I have seen the movie and found it interesting, however, I did not think it covered every important aspect of gay culture. "Sex Is..." is primarily based on sexual and, to a much lesser degree, the spiritual/emotional aspects of 15 gay men. This is not the gestalt of the gay experience. I find it insulting that P.S. could boil down the Gay experience to a movie based on sexuality.

It is unfortunate that Gay and Lesbian people have been identified by their sexuality alone; there is much more to the culture than sex. Gay and Lesbian culture spans thousands of years and incorporates men and women from every social-economic class, race, and culture; to say that it consists of sexuality and nothing more is small-minded. Although sexuality is just as important in Gay culture as in any other culture, it is not the sole importance of the culture.

I disagree with P.S.' assertion that the movie "Sex Is..." summarizes Gay culture in the 20th century; a
movie of this caliber cannot possibly summarize such a rich and dynamic culture.

Sincerely,
Michael R. Covone

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Ken,

I want to thank you for your tireless work on Identity NorthView. I want you to know that your publication is one of my favorite gay 'zines because it condenses the best of all the others, and still offers updates from the local community.

Enclosed are some of my writings, as well as a press release for California AIDS Ride, a fundraiser for the AIDS programs at the Los Angeles gay & lesbian community services center that I am proud to be a part of as a rider (one of 750). Also enclosed is a monthly update from Media Watchdog Group, GLAAD. Perhaps you would be interested in reprinting their reports (their telephone # is at the end of the column).

Thanks again for being such a prominent and supportive figure in the Alaskan community.

Sincerely, Chris Fabbro

P.S. I know my stories are way too long for NorthView, but I thought you might find them interesting nonetheless.

Chris Fabbro

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March 21, 1994
To: Candace D. Steele
Director, Pacific Northwest Region

The most important news is: P-Flag Fairbanks has joined hands with AGLA (Alaska Gay & Lesbian Association, University of Alaska). A benefit dance was held at the dog mushers hall on April 2nd. Flyers were sent out to gay friendly individuals and groups around town and the gay and lesbian grapevine did the rest of the advertising; door prizes were donated, too. We generated some good working capital (which will be shared with AGLA) for other planned activities this year, including another Gay Pride March and attendance at the Annual P-Flag Convention.

The gay hunters are alive and well in rural Alaska. Our newest P-Flag member, who was working in a small town some distance from Fairbanks, showed up at our March meeting with very short hair. After being harassed by her employer for suspected lesbianism, this sweet, middle aged woman was assaulted by local teen age boys, nearly smothered in the snow beside the road and relieved of about half her beautiful, long hair. It was yanked and cut from her head. When she tried to get the rest of her hair cut the next day, the local beauty parlor refused to accept her as a client. She saw an Alaska State Trooper, but he indicated she got what she deserved. This ordinarily spunky lady is too traumatized and fearful about the whole incident to do anything but try and forget it. She is now living in Fairbanks and looking for work.

Nancy has been a requested speaker at two University courses and one Presbyterian Church class. Steve and Nancy also attended a community forum on racism and pointed out the parallel with homophobia.

Steve Kailing

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To: The Staff
From: Bob Mintz
Date: March 7, 1994

As many of you are aware, last summer certain Time Warner (HBO, Warner Bros., and the corporate staff) initiated a pilot program to extend eligibility for medical coverage to same sex domestic partners of their employees. At that time, given the changes that were occurring in our overall medical coverage, Time Inc. management chose to review the impact that this change had on the medical costs of these companies before making a decision on this matter.

So far, the experience of these companies has been that the costs associated with this coverage are manageable. That being the case, and in an effort to be responsive to the needs of all employees in our diverse work force, Time Inc. will join the pilot, effective July 1, 1994, and extend eligibility for medical coverage to same sex domestic partners of our employees.

If you wish to learn more about domestic medical coverage, or the requirements necessary to establish domestic partner status, please contact the Benefits Services Department.

R.B.M. ▼
Where in the World?
by Bob De Loach

Mark your calendar
Just a reminder that there are some pressing events which you might want to attend:
1) The Gay Games & Stonewall 25 in NYC in June. The Daily News reported on April 8th that the US Figure Skating Assoc. has given their go ahead for same-sex couples in the ice skating events, including the dance competition (for the games). Space is limited and this promises to be the event of this year! 2) The Freedom Train departing from LA on June 17th arrives in NYC for the games starting June 22nd. This trip is a throwback to the days of yesteryear when private railcars were the only way to go. 3) Still time to join the festive gay group Undersea Expeditions for their April 23-30 stay at Atlantis Club Med. All inclusive land package at $895.00. 4) And for women, Mariah is offering 1 and 2 day whitewater rafting trips in California from $110.00 including lodging.

Closer to home
While it’s nice to be able to afford the trips to the exotic places, there are a wealth of adventures much closer to home. With summer quickly approaching I’d like to devote the rest of this missive to the following activities/trips. We are fortunate to live in one of America’s greatest areas and there are many folks, including more than one all-gay group who have shelled out big bucks to snoop around our own back yard. I’ll venture to say that there are many of you out there who have not explored 1/10th of the splendors which our own Great State of Alaska has to offer. Many of these adventures are available at low cost:
1) Phillips Cruises & Tours offers two world famous all-day tours. One is the 26 glacier cruise and gives the traveler an exciting and breathtaking look at some of our area’s most spectacular scenery. Depart either from Anchorage on the train, or drive to Whittier and catch the train there. Through the tunnels to Whittier and then board a modern ship for a 110 mile “show & tell” of 26 majestic Alaskan glaciers. From only $119 per person—and a delicious hot Alaskan lunch is included. 2) Or take a 4 1/2 hour tour of the Kenai Fjords from Seward. This tour includes an all-you-can-eat Alaskan crab & shrimp buffett—and there’s the breathtaking scenery, too. At only $74 per person this is a real value. 3) Grayline of Alaska offers a variety of excellent tours from their Local to their “All Alaska Tour” which is 11 days and 10 nights and runs $1,699 and up. Their “Denali Explorer” is a 2 day, 1 night tour from Anchorage to Fairbanks and return which can be all rail, all coach, or a combination of both. The “Arctic Adventure tour” offers air transportation to Nome and Kotzebue with a possible side tour to the Pribilof Islands and departs daily from May 22 to Sept. 16th at $419.00. 4) The Alaska Marine Highway system offers the adventurous traveler all sorts of great options at little cost. Ferries (the boat kind) ply the waters of the Aleutian chain from Homer and Seward all the way down to Unalaska and Dutch Harbor. From Haines you can visit all of Southeast all the way to Bellingham, Washington along the inland passage. Fares range from $32 to $226 for passengers on the Southeast run, and $16-$292 for Southcentral. Just walk on or take your bike or your motorhome on these jaunts for a few extra bucks. 5) By no means least are the self-transport tours, which may be by car, truck, motorhome or the uplifted thumb. There is so much of our Great Land to enjoy whether it’s by a formal tour or by yourself. Get out and enjoy our Alaska. 6) Only slightly farther away is our neighbor to the south, Seattle. Tacky Tourist Clubs of America and Lavender Valley High School “Fighting Poodles” Auto Club is presenting “The Prom You Never Went To!” Saturday April 23 from 8:00pm to 1:30am at the Mountaineers Building 300 3rd Ave. West. Tickets are $18.00 ($32.00 couple (mix or match) in advance or $20.00 at the door.

If you need help on these or any other tours feel free to contact your IGTA travel agent—ENJOY!!!!!

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.
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The Witch Hunt (Mark)  
by Mark McKenzie

My name is Mark and I’m in the military (Coast Guard) stationed in Alaska. I’ve been in the military about 10 years and last year when transferred to my new duty station I was pleased to meet Dan, another servicemember that was gay.

I spent time getting to know my new-found friend and ended up not with a friend, but with a lover. Let me tell you... being in the military and being gay is probably one of the hardest ways to live that I can ever imagine! This task of having a relationship didn’t make it any easier. Most of the people who work with us have been tolerant and quite accepting of the situation, in view of the current "policy" (as weak and unfair as it is).

All was going along well until Dan decided to write a letter to the local newspaper to express his feelings about being gay and in the military.

You can read about the aftermath of that in Dan’s article, but I got caught in the web, too. Though the investigation wasn’t supposed to be about his sexual orientation, everybody that was "interviewed" (interrogated) by the investigators seemed to be asked quite a few questions about Dan’s sexual orientation to include his sexual likes, dislikes and other personal sexual information. Being one of the people that was "interviewed", I, like everyone else was quite paranoid about the investigation due to the content, and the overwhelming feeling that if anyone else was found to be homosexual, they too would end up being discharged under the current policy.

The investigation went on for nearly 3 months, and in the end people were charged with "other" crimes and were punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). For two of the people involved, this resulted in Discharges and a third will be transferred in an effort to "clean house" and "take out the garbage" (Quotes from witnesses to the top brass!)

Throughout the investigation I began to rely on alcohol and other substances in an effort to reduce the anxiety of the situation, and managed to get hospitalized. Now I’ve been informed that my career is most definitely over, I’m more than disappointed in the manner in which the issue of homosexuals in the military has been handled.

"Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue" is nothing short of outright legalized prejudice that results in oppression of an integral and valuable part of society, simply because certain people can’t live with the differences of others.

For those gays and lesbians who read this article, please attempt to dispel the myths, quell the fears and educate those with whom you have contact about the truth of homosexuality... there must be change.

Mark McKenzie was looking forward to a distinguished career in the Military.

Assembly News

Traini Proposes Invocations

Assembly chair Dick Traini introduced a proposal Tuesday to add a religious invocation before each assembly meeting. The Anchorage Assembly is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the question at its regular meeting April 26. Traini said he simply wanted the city to be in line with federal and state bodies such as Congress and the Alaska Legislature that both have invocations. "I plan on inviting ministers from all denominations, rabbis, the Metropolitan Community Church," (italics added) Traini said. Traini's ordinance calls for an ecumenical and nonpolitical invocation of less than one minute to follow the pledge of allegiance.

Anti-gay activists on rights board

By a 6-5 vote, the Anchorage Assembly on Tuesday reappointed Michael Johnston to the city’s Equal Rights Commission. Johnston has been an outspoken opponent of including gays and lesbians in the city’s anti-discrimination policy, has passed out anti-gay literature at gay and lesbian events, and runs a ministry out of Jerry Prevo’s Anchorage Baptist Temple that works to convert homosexuals into heterosexuals. Assemblyman Charles Wohlforth said Johnston’s public activism could discourage people whose views differ from Johnston from seeking the commission’s help. Assemblyman Craig Campbell said he believes Johnston has done a fine job and he saw no reason not to reappoint him. And Johnston told the assembly that decisions are made by more than one commissioner—not just him. Assembly members Wohlforth, Pat Abney, Joe Murdy, Chuck Landers and Mark Begich voted against the reappointment. Johnston’s term will expire in 1997.

The Witch Hunt (Dan)
as told to F. Kenneth Freedman
by Daniel Kay
(see January, '94 NorthView for original article)

About a year ago, I started getting frequent
migraines. I knew it was because I had two lives
(one by day in the Coast Guard (Kodiak!), and one
by night, as a Gay man). So I took steps to relieve
the stress. I confided in people at work—at the
clinic (as an HS3 (Health Services Technician 3))--
and they were pretty accepting. Things seemed to
improve some.

The shit hit the fan around the time Bill Clinton
was running for President—all that talk about lifting
the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military. There
was the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy
in February of 1993. Then in October there was the
"don't ask, don't tell" policy which said you could
say you were Lesbian or Gay but couldn't show any
intent to "do" anything.

Well, I was working but things were getting
progressively more stressed about being in the
closet; I needed to come out. I decided to write a
Letter to the Editor but took the October policy to
my Senior Chief—just to check. I didn't want to
break rules. He said that yes, this was the most
current policy. I asked if it was OK for me to
submit my coming out letter to the local civilian
paper? Yes, it was though he tried to talk me out of
it; legally I could do it, but he urged me not to
because of threats and hassles I might get from
others. I told him I wasn't worried—I was going
ahead. I sent a copy to my Commanding Officer.
The local newspaper printed the letter.

I TOOK OFF MY SHIRT,
WROTE "FAG" ACROSS MY
CHEST AND WAS GOING TO
PUT A GUN TO MY HEAD.

A couple of days later I was told I was being
processed for discharge for unsuitability due to
homosexuality. The October '93 don't-ask-don't-tell
policy was no longer in effect (the newer
November policy rescinded the October policy).
When I protested that I had asked about it, and had
been given the go-ahead, they said that it was not
their job to hold my hand and show me all the
policy updates which I "should have researched
myself."

Naturally, there was an investigation. They
questioned friends and co-workers, even people they
thought I may have known. They kept me for last—
probably wanted to gather all the dirt to heap on me.
Of course they wanted me to tell them who's gay. I
was supposed to name names. I refused. They tried
mind games, meaning, they were going to say
things, mention names and guess from my facial
expressions. That was fruitless, so to say. There
were to be many other charges, the result, I guess,
of them wanting to hang as much as possible on the
Gay charge—make an example of what happens to
lesbians and gays in the Coast Guard, maybe.

Meanwhile, my lover Mark had come back from
pharmacy school. He got in trouble pretty quickly
(they did a urinalysis on him and found drugs, the
result of stressing out about me and my problems).
He had had a history of narcotics, but had been
clean for a long time. They sent him to Anchorage
to the psych ward.

I came home that Friday, tired, angry, depressed.
Got drunk. I was a martyr. I took off my shirt,
and wrote "FAG" across my chest, put on my military
dress hat, and was going to shoot myself in the
head. I guess I hoped they would take pictures and
someone would get ahold of them and the word
would go out "look what the Coast Guard did to this
gay person." I wanted to save other people from
having to go through this stuff. Like Rosa Parks, I
didn't want to "sit in the back of the (military) bus;"
I didn't want to be treated this way—regardless of
the consequences. At that moment, however, a
friend came by and asked me what was up. I told
him I couldn't find the gun. I told him I was going
to stop the pain for us all. I was really pissed I
couldn't find the gun. The police came a little later
(the friend had called, scared of what I might do).

I rode to the hospital in handcuffs. Once I got
there, I had to take all my clothes off to put on the
hospital gown. A Coast Guard Special Agent was
there while I was changing and overheard me tell a
nurse (who is a good friend) that I was "tired of
being gay." I'm sure the Agent saw my nipple ring
and the tattoo on my ankle (a pink triangle below
two intertwined male symbols). While I was in
isolation the Agent came in (alone) and asked if he
could "get anyone for me?" I asked him to get
Father Paul (the Episcopal priest who had been so
supportive). The Agent said, "if he lies to you and
tells you you can't change, he's lying—you can
change—you don't have to be gay." (I told the nurse
that I didn't want that Agent in my room again. It
enraged me that he would use my vulnerability to push his own demented agenda!

The next day I was shipped up to Anchorage for suicide watch.

When we got back from Anchorage, the clinic van met us (the clinic is where we worked). We were taken directly to the Lieutenant's office. He said we couldn't work in the clinic any more--no reason. Then he asked if we had any of our things in the clinic? When we said we did, the Lieutenant told another petty officer to follow us around the clinic, watch as we gather our things, and escort us from the building.

That night I spent at home—the only night since all this all began. I had a migraine.

I found out what the charges were, however: fraud (I inadvertently put the wrong number of persons living in my house on a form), signing a false official document (I signed the (above) document, therefore I "falsified it"), alcohol abuse, abuse of minors, driving drunk and kissing an active duty male person.

OK, I said, now what? They said I was to have a Captain's Mast, a quaint form of military, non-judicial punishment (where you go to the Captain, admit or deny charges and get a punishment without going to court martial). I was not given more than a half a day to prepare even though I was supposed to have at least several days. It's bullshit, I think.

So I went to Mast. I managed to get the drunk driving charge dropped. Oh, and assault—though I don't know where that came from—maybe my (now) ex-wife. Someone (my wife?) even said I had sex with a 14 year old girl, but that was dropped pretty quick: the girl in question described my brown truck (it's red) and I'm Gay! (My divorce was final on April 4th!)

For my punishment I got 10 days restricted to barracks, meaning I had to have my uniform on from 6am to 10pm every day, report to the Master at Arms many many times in a day, be told when I could eat, watch TV, whatever—I can't leave the barracks. They took my rank away—I was an E4, now I'm an E3. I was fined half of my base pay for 2 months. I do drudge work, labor. When they get bored, they have me count the rolls of toilet paper in the basement. Until they decide what to do with me I'll probably continue with the drudge work: one punishment they thought up was to have me and my lover out sweeping the parking lot. That way, everyone driving by can see us, know pretty much what happened, and point and laugh and scratch and watch the faggots do manual labor. The Commanding Officer of the base is known to be far right and a strict Bible-believer, so his bent is to make our lives as miserable as possible. That's what I think.

I'm in the middle of the waiting period now. I've heard nothing, and know nothing. It's pretty scary.

My hope is for a Medical Board, a temporary retirement/disability leave (because of my migraines). I would get out as if I had been discharged, with half my base pay per month. Every 18 months, I would be reevaluated to see if I were fit for worldwide duty. This goes on for 5 years. If I'm not "fit," after that time, I would get full retirement for E3. Otherwise, I'd go to a recruiter and get reassigned.

This blows, big time. I'm in jail basically for 10 days. Everything's gone wrong. I've been threatened. I don't feel safe. But I have to live here for 10 days—the place where I've been threatened. I've had several people say "what are you doing here? We told you not to be around here! Remember what we said we'd do to you?" But I have to work here! The Master at Arms has also been an asshole to another friend who's being restricted, but no threats have been made to him.

I've just been served papers saying the Captain of the base is recommending to Washington that I be discharged (dishonorable) for misconduct, but not for being Gay (the result of Mast). What it looks like right now is the Military is changing it's tune. They're not going to discharge me for being Gay, after all. If they avoid the Gay issue, they know that I can't file civil action suit. Convenient. I don't know if the Medical Boards will supersede the recommendation for a dishonorable or not.

I want to get out. Off the island. The barracks I'm in is next to the galley which is next to the club. Once the alcohol gets flowing, the Coast Guard rednecks will trot out their different views, which include beating up Gay men. If the Master At Arms were told, he probably wouldn't do anything. His motto is "if anything happens, let us know—after."

After my time, I'll be able to go home (in Kodiak), but I'll have to work in the barracks.

Just can't wait to get out of here, I tell you what. This is a nightmare. I just want it to end.

I can't spend time with Mark and can't go home with him.

And the craziness continues; now they're going after everyone in the clinic who knew I was gay but refused to turn me in. Everyone knew and their dog. They'd have to close the clinic if they charged everyone who knew and didn't tell.

When I get out, I want to apply for dental technician work. Go to college. I want to work in
the Lesbian and Gay community. Wherever I go, I will be active, I'll speak up, I'll help people.

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

F. Kenneth Freedman is co-Editor of the NorthView and co-Chair of Identity, Inc. ▼

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(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaska AIDS Assistance Assoc., 276-1400 (see ad)
(A) Interorder AIDS Assoc., 452-4223
(A) Pierce County AIDS Found. (WA), 206-383-2565
(A) S.T.O.P. AIDS Project, Gwen, 278-5019

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

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gateke, Ketke/Jaini, 561-7327
(A) The Ole Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372

Amusements:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0864 (see ad)

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

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

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

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

Bars:
(A) The Blue Moon, 277-8441 (see ad)
(G) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaska! (Fri and Sat ONLY)
(G) The Raven, 276-9672
(G) O'Brady's, 344-0833, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

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(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 235-5945
(L) The Butterfly Inn, Ray (Hawaii), 808-966-7936
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Janetta, 337-4391

(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)
(L) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bonnie (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), 305-565-8437
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G) The West Cook House, Doug, 277-3862

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(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

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(A) Alaska Women's Bookstore, Joanna/Marish, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaska, Gene, 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

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(G) Alaska Best Catering, Maurice, 333-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 243-8457
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 288-8828

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(G) Kid Zone, Andrew, 337-3082

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0864 (see ad)

Computer Bulletin Board:
(A) Myth's Reality (Berdache), 333-3425; 338-2889
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4839

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

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, &
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(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Ken, 248-2422
(G) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
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(A) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
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(G) Lucyan, 272-0328
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) F.C. Connections, Alfred, 337-1546 (see ad)
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-8277

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

Cooking:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(A) Counseling Alternatives, Connie, 562-1826
(A) Counseling Alternatives, Jan, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9408
(G) Ken, 248-7722 (see ad)
(G) Kiita Consulting, Roy, 272-1334
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795

Counseling:
(A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0785 tty
(A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3455 voice, 258-2232, tty

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

Dog Boarding:
(A) Doggie Vacations, 344-3647
Electrical:
  (G) The Electric Doctor, Bob, 561-2225

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

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

Entertainment:
  (G) Capri Cinema, 561-9064, Movieline: 275-3799 (see ad)
  (A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9751
  (A) Szary/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

Financial, Insurance, Investments:
  (I) Chris, 561-8040/338-3962

Floors & Tile:
  (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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  (B) Berdache Society, P.O. Box 92381, Anch., AK 99509-2381

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

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

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

Health:
  (A) Gatekey, Ketil/Jaimini, 561-7327
  (L) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0263
  (A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
  (A) The One Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
  (A) Skin care, Shari, 345-7451

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

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

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

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

House Cleaning:
  (L) Connie's House Cleaning Svc., Connie, 276-3147
  (A) Green Valley Cleaning, Tara, 345-4657
  (G) Randy, 345-4607
  (G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

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

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

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

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

Kites, Games, Banners, Puzzles:
  (A) Northwind Kites, Pat, 279-4336

Landscaping:
  (G) Green Earth Gardening, Susan, 337-3543
  (L) Wood Nymph Landscaping, Valerie, 338-0338

Legal:
  (G) Mendel & Huntington, Allison, 279-5001 (see ad)
  (A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (see ad)

Massage (therapeutic, Swedish, Shiatsu, and much more):
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  (L) Leslie, 278-2198 (see ad)
  (A) Marion, 562-9012
  (L) Vicki, 277-5222

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

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

Native Arts/Culture:
  (A) Moon Dance Arts, Rosemary (Wasilla), 373-5353

Obstetrics & Gynecology:
  (A) Jane, 563-5151

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

Pet Care:
  (A) Doggie Hut, Arlid, 279-5861
  (A) Doggie Vacuuming of Alaska, Constance, 444-3647

Photography
  (G) Photos by Frank, Frank, 337-3599 (see ad)

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

Political:
  (A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America, Ruth, 333-1190
  (A) Anchorage Women's Political Caucus, Rhonda, 274-9308
  (G/L) Equal, Inc., 566-8930 (see ad)

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
  (A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-0460
  (A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
  (A) Timeframe, 562-3822 (see ad)

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

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

Real Estate:
  (G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-7481 (see ad)
  (A) Bronwyn Hillman, 248-2844; 563-5156 (see ad)
  (L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
  (L) Dynamic Properties, Lucile, 279-7600 (see ad)

Relief/Counseling:
  (G) Ken, 248-7722 (see ad)
  (A) Spirit Services, Barbara, 274-4089

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

Restaurants:
  (A) Cyruso's Cafe, 274-1173
  (G) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1800, 563-1088 (see ad)

Resume:
  (G) Kita Consulting, Roy, 272-1334
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(A) Regina's, 276-4904
Snowplowing:
(L) Jade Services, Julie, 688-1126
Social:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 248-0425
(GLA) Q*Klatch (Fairbanks), Jeanie, 479-8242; Eric, 455-4051
Social Research Design, Student Consultation, Evaluation:
(L) Susan E. Johnson, PhD, 272-4113
Spiritual:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(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
Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Fishes by Ileene (Eagle River), 694-6946
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221
Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA, Fairbanks), Pete, 457-0246
(G/L) Lesbian, Gay and BI Student Association, UAA, K-226 (see Club Notes)
Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 258-2561 (see ad)
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-8992, Fred 562-7161
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), Nancy, 479-4944
Tarot/Psychic:
(L) Spirit Services, Barbara, 274-4089
Theatre:
(A) Out North Theatre, Gene/Jay, 279-8099
Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Cherese, 561-8661 (see ad)
(L) Apollo Travel Agency, Kaylyn, 561-0661 (see ad)
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(A) James, Biology, 248-6412
(L) Pam, Math & Physics, 561-2634
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(A) Dr. Jean Bartig (Fairbanks) 452-6055
Woodworking:
(L) North Star Signs, Rusty, 333-7900
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Groups & Gatherings
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News from Gay & Lesbian Organizations from around the State compiled by Kurt Parish

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As): offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2-4pm) at their offices, 730 T St., Suite 100. Friday at noon is a lunch 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.

Alaska 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.

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.

Anchorage Women's Political Caucus: for Lesbians and non-lesbians, meets 7pm at the First United Methodist Church (Anchorage) on the first Wednesday of every month.

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: meets regularly on the 1st Thursday (only) of each month, usually from 7-9pm at the Unitarian Fellowship 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 NorthView Calendar for current agenda or call 566-0930 for more information.

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 'til the wee hours of the morning. It's a straight tourist bar at all other times. The DJ will be spinning Country, Disco, Top 40 and Oldies for your dancing pleasures.

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

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

Feminist Sing-a-Long, women only: third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Cir. (map 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 X). 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.
Cumb 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.

Fast 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.

Lesbian/Gay/Bi- Student Association. Meets every Saturday at 4pm in Building K, Room 226 on the UAA campus. Social action group, with socializing after the meeting. Wednesdays from 11am-4pm there is an information booth in the Campus Student Center. High school welcome!

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 the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin (Noble & 5th). Contact Nancy at 479-4944 for more information.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of 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.

Klatch started out this past January as the Fairbanks Think Tank. We are an informal gathering of lesbians, gay men and friends with diverse interests, tastes and views. Our goal is to congregate and encourage enlightenment, both within and throughout. Built around volunteerism, the success of our club depends on the willingness of our members to lead trips and organize activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month and offer events scattered throughout (check the NorthView calendar). For more information please contact Jeanie at 479-8242 or Eric at 455-4051.

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 KJ. Thanks!) ▼

Lavender Ladies

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Romance in the Great Alaskan Bush
by Karen Carlisle

I am not taking off my clothes. I don’t care about all the psychobabble feminist cant about loving my body. I’m not letting anyone see it. So, I guess that takes care of the problem of whether K and I might be sexual lovers.

‘Course, she hasn’t asked me yet and I haven’t asked her, but she has wormed her way into my senses unbidden, unwanted, unasked. I spend an unwarranted amount of time thinking about kissing her—and sometimes the mere visualization of it makes me moan. I hope I don’t do this in public. I may be further gone than I think.

First, I made note of all the things that were absolutely perfect about her—her tiny ears, her cute butt, the way she gives me absolute attention. I agreed to cat-sit while she went bush tripping where she’s still weathered in. I made friends with her cat, a thing I could only do if there was a future possibility that I would be usurping some of her human’s time and affection (unless, of course, I fell in love with the cat, which I did. How could K possibly have a cat I wouldn’t love?) It’s not good to get a cat pissed off at you. So I build some credit. I sang to her, rocked her, walked around cuddling her in my arms or draped around my neck.

As I walked around K’s house, I began to make a case against her. Perfectly natural considering my track record. Some of the reasons are the same reasons I discounted she-who-was. I stopped. I said to myself: "Self, maybe you could just let her love what she loves and maybe she will let you love what you love. Maybe you can learn something from each other." What a concept.

No. No way. I like my life just the way it is. I like doing what I want when I want. I like the ease of decision-making. I like changing my mind spontaneously. And geez! I hardly have enough time to write and keep up with my correspondence with friends, much less to find time to give a lover.

Karen, this is not like taking castor oil. Yes, but... All this is beside the point. As soon as I saw her expectant, smiling little face, saw on the edge of my consciousness that she was wearing an AIDS ribbon, I knew. I knew she was a dyke. I knew she was godess-sent.

I could blame it all on my higher power who probably thinks I’ve taken mourning to ridiculous heights. I can just hear her cooking this up. Let’s see. First, I won’t let her find a job in or near any lesbian community thought she might send out eighty-eight résumés. No, I’ll finally let her have a job in some Alaskan bush community where she won’t find any lesbian friends. Then, I’ll let her enjoy her solitude for, oh, about seven months and really let her get productive writing and then, and then... and then I’ll send a dyke to Bushville that will knock her socks off. She will have so many of the qualities that Karen has on her wish list, she’ll be irresistible.

That must be it—it’s the only thing that accounts for having this delicious, delightful woman show up at my autobiography class wearing a beautiful AIDS ribbon, and an enchanting elf of a smile, with her eyebrows raised expectantly. I knew she was going to be special in my life.

And now she’s back. I just picked her up at the airport and we had dinner and came out to each other in a rush of words and laughter. I was delighted no only to find an M.O.T. (member of the tribe), but one who has years more sobriety than I, is creative, intelligent, wise and is older than I am! The last gay person I met in Bushville was a nice 25 year old gay man who had only recently escaped from somewhere like Iowa or Nebraska, who did all his community being on the computer bulletin board, had a lover in Florida and nothing in common with a crusty, 50-year old Alaskan dyke.

Friends, I think this one is a keeper, but I’m not taking any hostages this time.

When I drove her home, we sat in her driveway and stared at each other. You could have had the Fourth of July with the electricity sparking in the air between us. I wanted to kiss her bad (fuck the bad grammar—the wanting needs a hard word) and it felt like she wanted it too, but I said to myself, "Self, maybe you don’t want to kiss a woman in Bushville in a driveway that sits on the main drag through town.” So, I didn’t, but the next time, we’ll see about that and the next time is Saturday—five whole days away.

In the meantime, I’ll continue to be amazed at the lurching in my nether regions that I feel every time I think of her. I thought that stuff was dead.

Who would have thunk it? A lesbian romance in Bushville. Stay tuned.

Karen Carlisle, hyperalive on the Tundra by the Sea. V

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE
258-4777

A Community Survice of UNITY, INC. P.O. Box 300075, Anchorage, AK 99530
Boot Scootin' Cowgirls
Do It Right!
by the 'eye-lash' (wink)

The place was the dance floor of the Pines Club. The music was hot country. The dance instructor was tall, blonde, long-legged, and cuter 'n a speckled pup! Yessiree, folks, the lesbian community turned out in style to welcome Donna E for an evening of country western dancing which was pert-nigh perfect. Great sound and fast-paced selections made for plenty of footwork from gals who were definitely not the 'Pinettes'! Many thanks to BreaKeven productions for bringing such great entertainment to the lesbian community in Anchortown. Many thanks, also, to Katie Hickey and crew for providing the monthly two-step work-out at the Pioneer School House. Many of us knew the dances and were able to pick up some smooth moves to use later on our gal-friends. The best news is that Donna E will be back in the fall for some more heel-and-toe tappin'. Keep your boots polished and your Levi's tight, ladies!
The 'eye-lash' is a born-again cowgirl from Tennessee, and the co-editor of this rag. ▼

Name Our Houses

Get out your brainstorming caps. The 4As wants to find a name for the houses on the Hill--this is a 4As home project promoting supported living for PWAs. Come up with the winning name and you'll receive, among other things, a 4As coffee mug, a Rie Muñoz poster, a T-shirt, the list goes on--or maybe not. Anyhow, please send thoughts, names and good energy to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 730 "I" St., Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501. ▼

Massage Therapy
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Apr. 21st

Therapeutic massage is available at the 4As on April 21st. Howie Peterson, licensed massage therapist and member of the American Massage Therapy Association, provides one-hour massage sessions for 4As clients, volunteers and caretakers for a fee of $15.00. The fee will be waived for clients who cannot afford it. Daytime and evening appointments are available. Please call Nora at 276-1400 to schedule a session.
**Obituaries**

**Douglas A. Petersen**

Anchorage resident Douglas Aldous Petersen, 32, died March 5 at home.

A memorial service was held at Charter North Hospital for his co-workers. A funeral was held at Anchorage Funeral Home and burial took place in Salt Lake City at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Petersen was born July 26, 1961, in Salt Lake City. He graduated from Olympus High in 1979 where he was a member of the concert choir and vocal ensemble. He also graduated from the Olympus High Seminary and attended the University of Utah. He was a Eagle Scout.

Mr. Petersen moved to Alaska in 1990 and was employed at Charter North Hospital as a counselor for children and adolescents. He enjoyed reading and being with his friends.

A co-worker said: "Doug was a dedicated and hardworking employee who greatly enjoyed his work. He was a good listener and showed much patience and compassion toward people. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor. Doug will be sorely missed."

Mr. Petersen is survived by his parents, Stanford "Stan" and Carol of Salt Lake City; siblings and their spouses; and many friends.

From the Anchorage Daily News, 4/10/94.

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**Ken Manross**

Anchorage resident Ken Manross, 54, died March 23 in Las Vegas of complications from diabetes. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Kehl's Forest Lawn Chapel. The Rev. Jim Morgan of the Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church officiated at the service. Burial with full military honors will followed at Fort Richardson national Cemetery with chaplain Capt. Charles Woody of Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Mr. Manross was born Jan. 30, 1940, in Pecos, Texas, and had lived in Anchorage since 1976. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and completed two years of college. He worked in the oil industry for more than 20 years and was currently working for Christenson Engineering Corp. at Kuparuk MTC 1.

Mr. Manross was a member of the U.S. Air Force’s 317th Field Maintenance Squadron. His hobbies included computers and coin collecting.

His family said, "Ken was a loving and caring man who always was willing to help anyone."

He enjoyed traveling and the company of his numerous friends. Mr. Manross is survived by his daughter, Lea Ann Manross, and son, James Paul Manross, both of Friendswood, Texas; brother, Hank Manross of Texas; sister, Brenda Manross of Mississippi; and close friends in Alaska, Randy Morton, Margaret Kiely, Tony White House and Robert Lamie.

Arrangements were handled by Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary and Crematory.

From the Anchorage Daily News, 4/10/94.

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**Charles D. Best**

Anchorage resident Charles Dean Best, 40, died peacefully of AIDS March 27 at home.

A memorial service was held at First Christian Church with the Rev. Wesley Veatch officiating. A service was also held at English Mortuary in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Mr. Best was born July 14, 1953, in Coeur d'Alene. He lived there and in Spokane, Wash., before moving to Alaska in 1982. Mr. Best was a certified surgical assistant. He also worked as office manager for the law firm of Boyko and Flansburg in Anchorage from 1987-93.

He was a member of Holy Family Cathedral and enjoyed singing and music.

Mr. Best is survived by his parents, Floyd and Joan of Coeur d'Alene; sister and brother-in-law, Glenda and Jerry Thorne of Wasilla; brother, Dewayne of Coeur d'Alene; niece, Amy Thorne, nephew, Ryan Thorne, both of Wasilla; and life partner of 10 years, Steffan Powers of Anchorage; and many friends.

Flowers may be sent to English Mortuary, 1133 N. Fourth St., Coeur d'Alene 83813. Or, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 730 I St., Suite 100, Anchorage 99501.

From the Anchorage Daily News, 4/12/94.
'Dallas' star succumbs to AIDS

Delano, California — Dack Rambo, who had roles on television's "Dallas" and "Another World" until he quit acting after disclosing he'd tested positive for the AIDS virus (sic), died Monday. He was 53.

Rambo died shortly after arriving at Delano Regional Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Irma Sanchez. She refused to give further details.

In 1991, Rambo quit his role as Congressman Gran Harrison in NBC's "Another World" after saying he was infected with the AIDS virus. He said going public with this condition was "like freedom to me."

He complained about industry prejudice against gay men, and said the role he took in 1985 as Jack Ewing on the primetime drama "Dallas" began to shrink because he was single and suspected of being gay.

Rambo described himself as bisexual. The actor began his television career playing opposite his twin brother, Dirk, on the "The New Loretta Young Show," (1962-63).


From the Anchorage Daily News, 3/24/94 ▼

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.
Gloria Steinem, b. 1934
American Feminist and writer

Massachusetts Approves Historic Gay/Lesbian Youth Legislation

Tom Flint, Associate Editor

Massachusetts Governor William Weld signed historic legislation banning anti-gay/lesbian discrimination in public schools in that state last week.

Weld, a Republican, is widely considered the most pro-gay governor in the country. During the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Weld spoke out against the Radical Right takeover of the Republican party, saying Republicans should have no interest in interfering in private lives of citizens.

In February 1992 Weld established the Governors Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, the only task force of its kind in the country, to study the problems of gay/lesbian youth in schools. During the swearing in ceremony for the commissioners, Weld said he established the commission because he was concerned about the high rate of suicide among gay/lesbian youth.

"We feel strongly that there is a tremendous need to address the difficult issues facing gay and lesbian youth," Weld said. "Half a million young people attempt suicide every year and nearly 30 percent of youth suicides are committed by gays or lesbians. We must abolish the prejudice and isolation faced by gay and lesbian youth. We need to help them stay at home to stay in school so they can have healthy and productive lives."

Electability Matters!
by DeeJay R. Johannesen

I have been continually amazed over the past two months when reading this and other publications that we have been chastised for looking at the electability of a mayoral candidate when choosing who to vote for on April 19th. The right to vote (and place in office people who will work for us) is one of the most precious rights we do enjoy. I hope that as a community we are smart enough to know that this election is pivotal for our gaining any support toward equal opportunity and protection in Anchorage. To cast a ballot on April 19th for a candidate who cannot win the run off election would be cutting our nose off to spite our face. It is only by voting for a candidate who can win both the general and run off elections that we will be helping ourselves and our community.

If we split our votes between three or four candidates there is no way to ensure any of them will reach the run off much less win it. If all of our votes go to one candidate who has no hope of winning in the run off, our enjoyment will be similar to the one with the Sexual Orientation victory, brief victory followed by a crushing defeat. It is only by concentrating our votes with a candidate who can win the run off that we will have any long term gains. I understand these comments will not be very popular within our community right now, but they need to be said!

We have been told that if you agree with Joyce Murphy’s ideas then you should vote for her, do not think about electability. I have many friends with whom I concur politically, but they stand as much chance of being elected as you or I do of being invited to the Anchorage Baptist Temple to speak on the acceptance of diversity. To vote for my friend would mean one less vote for someone who has a chance of getting into office and actually producing results which would benefit me and the community at large. The fact is Joyce Murphy cannot win a run off election. Not simply because of the fact that she is an open lesbian. If that were the only issue we could handle it. Joyce cannot win because she 1). has never held a city wide elected office; 2). she has no hands on knowledge of the political process; and 3). she has little broad based support outside our community (her support in every poll is still in the single digits despite spending $50,000 + to muster it).

Heather Flynn on the other hand, enjoys broad based support (currently running second in all polls despite not having started political ads when the polls were done). She knows the political process and how to get things done, she has a proven record of being elected time and time again and furthermore she supports our community! Joyce’s supporters have been barking of late, “She waffled, she waffled, she waffled about the Sexual Orientation issue. Don’t trust her.” As someone who attended each and every hearing in addition to being in weekly contact with each Assembly member, Heather Flynn never waffled in her support of the ordinance to me. In addition, Heather continually said she believes each person has the right to live as publicly or privately as they wish, as she again stated in her letter to the NorthView. I believe these people are confusing waffling with championing. I would no more expect Heather to champion a Sexual Orientation Bill than I would expect to be asked to champion and carry the banner for the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. In both cases we support the cause, but it is not our place to be on front line taking away from the individuals these issues are here to protect. The strongest case against Heather’s waffling is her voting record. Each and every time the issue came to a vote, Heather voted in favor of the Sexual Orientation Ordinance! I am comfortable in knowing that after all is said and done the little green light (a yes vote) will always be there for us with Heather.

There are many out there who are questioning whether to vote for Joyce or Heather. The political climate in the community does not make it easy to express the feeling of unelectability which follows a vote for Joyce. Please remember that when you close that curtain, you are casting a ballot which will have consequences for the next three years. Make sure it is a vote which will help the community in the long run and not for just a few short weeks, it is much too important a vote for that.

Thank you.

DeeJay R. Johannesen is a community activist. ▼
Friendship
by Shirley Randall-Harris

When I was lonely or despairing over the past few years, there were many people who came to help me. Not in an obtrusive way, but in a gentle and loving way. This has been a new experience for me as I grew up having to take care of myself and not always in the healthiest way. Although I appear to be self-assured and competent, over the past few years, I have felt alone and depressed. I was not suicidal, but spent a lot of time worrying about money—or the lack thereof, and my marital relationship.

I timidly and with great trepidation turned to several of my dearest friends whom I trusted with my life and they really helped me to see that I needed an objective individual to listen to and guide me. So I did the obvious for me, I went back into therapy. To begin with the therapist knew both my husband and myself as we had seen him as a couple several times over the years. This was a big help, because I could immediately focus on MY problems and concerns, not those of the marriage. For the first time in my life, I felt like someone was genuinely interested in MY problems and concerns, and admired my courage and commitment to making healthy emotional changes.

I have grown and developed in the past six months at an incredible rate! And the growing has been INSIDE ME! All this time my many friends in Identity, at work, and at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship have stood by me and encouraged me to make a life for myself, whatever that entailed. These friends, who shall remain nameless—they know who they are—have offered me love, companionship, strength, and a sense of belonging. My Identity friends have welcomed me into their community and lives in a wonderfully supportive way.

I can’t begin to tell you how my life has changed! At this very moment, I feel alive and well, physically and emotionally! I have made decisions I have been afraid to make for years. Decisions that will help me to have a more successful and happy life. I owe a good part of my starting on this journey of self-revelation to all my many friends. I don’t know how things will end up, but I do know that I am going to keep on moving forward, and know that your hands will be reaching out for me in support and love.

I am not a fancy writer. So I am just going to say a simple THANK YOU! I am here for you just as you have been here for me!
Shirley Randall-Harris is starting out on a new life. ▼
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NOTE: The Women’s Coffeehouse has been decaffeinated until September (watch for its re-brewing in the Calendar).

Apr. 13, Wed:

- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Information booth 11-4pm in the UAA Campus Center.
- Free HIV TEST at Four A’s. 2-4pm.
- Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30pm $3 Cover

Apr. 14, Thurs:

- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist Church 725 West 9th, 5:30 closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking)

Apr. 15, Fri:

- PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, Four A’s, 730 ’I’ St. 276-1400.
- Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 637 A St. at 7pm (non-smoking)
- Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave. 8pm:9:30
- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Apr. 16, Sat:

- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Christian Church 3031 La Touche, 12:00 closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Social Action Group w/social 4pm in K-226 UAA
- Feminist Sing-a-Long potluck at 6:30 sing at 7:30 call 337-3843

- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

Apr. 17, Sun:

- AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am.
- Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am, 7pm, 258-5266.
- Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1pm (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.

- Salute to Lucy at Spenard Rec. Center, 5-10pm, tix at the door or Women’s Bookstore, call 562-4715
- Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm
- Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4pm.

Apr. 18, Mon:

- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- 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.

Apr. 19, Tues:

- VOTE

- P-Flag Fairbanks 5:30 Noble and 5th in the log cabin call 479-4944
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the Church of Religious Science 7th and A st., 8pm, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.

Apr. 20, Wed:

- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Information booth 11-4pm in the UAA Campus Center.
- Free HIV TEST at Four A’s. 2-4pm.
- P-Flag Anchorage call Fred 562-7161
- Blue Moon Boy-Re-Alice Review, 9:30pm. $3 cover.

Apr. 21, Thurs:

- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
More Calendar,

- Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking.)
- Message at 4 A’s by appointment, call 276-1400

Apr. 22, Fri:
- PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, Four A’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

Identity Potluck

Annual Meeting

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- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland

Apr. 23, Sat:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Christian Church 3031 La Touche, 12:00 closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Social Action Group w/social 4pm in K-226 UAA.
- Feminist Sing-a-long Potluck at 6:30 sing at 7:30 call 337-5543
- Sara Cytron, female comedian "Tall, Dark and Funny" at UAA Arts bldg. 8pm tix at Women’s Bookstore.
- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland

Apr. 24, 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.

Apr. 25, Mon:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th at 7pm
- AWRC Board Meeting.
- Women’s music show on KRU8 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

Apr. 26, Tues:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the Church of Religious Science 7th and A st., closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.

Apr. 27, Wed:
- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Information booth 11-4pm in the UAA Campus Center.
- Free HIV TEST at Four A’s, 2-4pm.
- Blue Moon Boy- Re-Alice Review, 9:30pm $3 Cover

Apr. 28, Thurs:
- Garden Buddies, call 248-0425
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking.)

Apr. 29, Fri:
- PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, Four A’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. 30, Sat:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Christian Church 3031 La Touche, 12:00 closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
More Still:

- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Social Action Group w/ social 4pm in K-226 UAA.
- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaska land.

May 1, Sun:
- AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am
- Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am, 7pm, 258-5266.
- Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4pm.
- Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1pm (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
- Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm

May 2, Mon:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133 .
- Gay, Joyous and Free, 1231 W. 27th at 7pm
- Women's music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests.

May 3, Tues:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the Church of Religious Science on 7th and A st. 8pm, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133

May 4, Wed:
- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Information booth 11-4pm in the UAA Campus Center.
- Free HIV TEST at Four A's. 2-4pm.
- Alaska Women's Political Caucus.
- First United Methodist Fellowship at 7pm
- Q* KLATCH Meeting call Jeanie 479-8242
- Blue Moon Boy-Beer-Alice Review; 9:30pm. $3 Cover

May 5, Thurs:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.

May 6, Fri:
- Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm (non-smoking.)
- Equal meeting at the AUUF 7pm, call 566-0930.
- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaska land.

May 7, Sat:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Christian Church 3031 La Touche, 12-noon closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Association) Social Action Group w/ social 4pm in K-226 UAA.
- Women's Two-Step Dance at the Pioneer School House, 7:30 - lessions - 8:30 dance.
- Dancing in Fairbanks! 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon in Alaska land.

May 8, Sun:
- Mother's Day (Hint: call Mom)
- AUUF Services 9am & 10:30am
- Metropolitan Community Church, 10:45am, 7pm, 258-5266.
- Northern Exposure Bowling Team at Park Lanes, 4pm.
- Midnight Sons AA Meeting 1pm (Gay, Lesbian only) 1231 W. 27th Ave.
- Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm

May 9, Mon:
- SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church 725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
- Gay Bar, legal Q and A. 7-8:30, call 279-5001.
- Gay, Joyous & Free, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th at 7pm
- Women's music show on KRUA 88.1FM, 7-9pm, 786-4846, make on-air requests.
May 10, Tues:
▼ SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous)
   12-Step meeting at the Church of Religious
   Science 7th and A St., closed to those who
   are merely curious; call 566-1133.

May 11, Wed:
▼ LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student
   Association) Information booth 11-4pm in the
   UAA Campus Center.
▼ Free HIV TEST at Four A's. 2-4pm.
▼ Blue Moon Boy-Ree-Alice Review, 9:30pm. $3
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May 12, Thurs:
▼ *NorthView* Deadline for May issue.
▼ SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous)
   12-Step meeting at the First Methodist church
   725 West 9th 5:30, closed to those who are
   merely curious; call 566-1133.
▼ Gay, Joyous & Free AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th
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May 13, Fri:
▼ PLWA lunch, 12-1pm, Four A's,
   730 'T' St. 276-1400.
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   who are merely curious; call 566-1133.
▼ City-Wide Clean Up. Garden Buddies apoted
   Baxter Rd. (just so happens its in front of
   the TEMPLE) and Identity has Patterson St.,
   call Mark at 356-3557 or Nora at 248-0369.
▼ LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student
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   at 7pm (non-smoking.)
▼ Anchorage Concert Association benefit for
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