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Another story. Maybe not true.
The giant was terrorizing the kingdom. Warriors were sent out to destroy him but were repelled:
when they threw spears, the giant threw entire forests back, sharpened every tree to a fine point.
When they threw fireballs at him he consumed them with an inferno.
Defeated, the remaining warriors returned to the King.
It happened there was a woman of peace among
the subjects of the King. She asked to go to the giant.
When she got to the place where the giant was
supposed to be, she heard a ferocious roar and turned
to see "evil" itself closing in on her. Frightened, she
threw large rocks at the giant, who returned the favor with giant boulders, which narrowly missed
killing her. She withdrew to consider the options.
Then it came to her.
She ran out and gathered some food: water, some
milk, vegetables, fruit, some fish. She brought it to a
clearing, placed it in front of her, stepped back a
pace or two and sat down, waiting. Almost
immediately, the giant appeared, with armfuls of
bread, gallons of milk, fields of vegetables, whole
lakes-worth of fish. He sat also.
She said kind words.
So did the giant.
And thus it was the giant was "pacified," and the
kingdom was at peace yet again.
I won't be so simplistic as to say one feeds the
Robertsons and Revos of the world with kindness
and instantly gets it back. I will say there's a path
doesn't use anger as its guiding force. Rather it
uses integrity of purpose and a clear intent. One
can't go into the midst of a fray with no clear idea of
what the outcome might be. Or as another friend
says, "you can't hang wallpaper in a burning house."
It's hard to own up to the fact that my dark side is
as powerful as "theirs," and thus I fight all the
harder against "them." If my intent is to shout
"them" down, I'll accomplish nothing. If my intent
is to enlighten and my integrity helps me to not be
hooked by invective and insults, I'll get my point
across and perhaps even start a dialogue.
Would that this be accomplished!

court rules July 4 that Klaus Barbie, 73, was guilty of
war crimes and sentences him to life imprisonment.
Gestapo chief in Lyons from 1941 to 1945, Barbie
was arrested in Bolivia 4 years ago. The People's
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1995 Alaska Pride Conference
October 6 - 8, 1995

The excitement surrounding the upcoming 1995 Alaska Pride Conference continues to grow. Dedicated volunteers on the organizing committee are working hard to make it all come together. A fundraising BBQ raised nearly $2,200. Thanks to everyone who came, and to everyone who donated time, money, and/or items for the silent auction. The money will go to help pay for travel expenses and fees for the guest speakers, as well as facility rental.

The Pride Conference will include a Friday night (Oct. 6) Opening Night Social at the Pub on the UAA campus. An opportunity to register for the conference, and to meet the speakers and workshop leaders will be combined with food and entertainment (an extremely exciting event will the the premiere of an Alaska Lesbian and Gay chorus (official name TBA), an Alaska first. The tentative time is set for 7:00-9:00pm. Then everyone is encouraged to continue warming up at The Wave, as owner Trina Johnson has generously donated the door proceeds from that night to the Conference.

Saturday, Oct. 7, there will be workshops on a wide variety of topics including working with Gay youth and other educational issues, political strategies, creative writing, health issues, relationships and much, much more. Saturday will include a catered luncheon, and the keynote address by JoAnn Loulan. Ms. Loulan will also be conducting a workshop (topic TBA).

Warren Blumenfeld will conduct two slide show presentation workshops: homophobia, and the history of Gay and Lesbian culture.

Sunday will include a catered brunch for all conference attendees.

Call for presentation letters went out to other prospective workshop leaders the first week of August, with the deadline for submitting a proposal to do a workshop set for August 28. If you would like information on workshops please call Mike Travis, Workshop Coordinator at 243-6108.

A registration brochure with descriptions of the workshops will be mailed out and available throughout the state in a few weeks. Early registration has begun: for more information, please call the Conference Hotline at 566-2048, or write us at '95 Pride Conference, 1057 West Fireweed, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503. Scholarships will be made available, as well as a special student rate for the registration fee. Early registration ends September 20, at which time the fee goes up $5.00, so take advantage of early registration and reserve your place at this year’s Pride Conference now!
Tim Roth plays a jaded, psychopathic, Russian-Jewish-American hit man who returns to his old Brooklyn neighborhood to spar with his embittered father (Maximillian Schell), bond with his adoring young brother (Edward Furlong), and fulfill a few contracts while he’s at it. This harrowingly brutal film is a directing debut for 25-year-old James Gray who won the Silver Lion Trophy at the Venice Film Festival. Vanessa Redgrave and Moira Kelly also star. 98 min., rated R for brutal violence and glimpses of nudity and sex. **Premieres Aug. 25**

Critically acclaimed drama about Chilean poet and diplomat Pablo Neruda, who forged an unlikely friendship with his illiterate personal mailman after Neruda was exiled to the Italian island of Capri. Starring Massimo Troisi and Philippe Noirel. Italian with English subtitles. 109 min., rated PG for mild thematic elements. **Premieres Sept. 1**

This Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film is a magnificent story about Serguei Kotov, an aging military hero of the Bolshevik Revolution who is visited by an old colleague in the company of his wife and daughter. Serguei believes that his political past is about to catch up with him as the visitor finally reveals the nature of his sinister game. Russian with English subtitles, 134 min., rated R for language, sensuality and nudity. **Premieres Sept. 15**

Director Atom Egoyan weaves a beguiling and spellbinding mood over this exploration of how we construct our own realities and illusions while we search for a comfortable center. Exotica brings together a myriad of characters bound to each other by desire and loss. 104 min., rated R for language, nudity and sex scenes. COMING SOON!

Acclaimed director Deny Arcand (Jesus of Montreal) continues his keen style of filmmaking. This is an ambitious relationship comedy-drama about a gay, thirtysomething, actor-turned-waiter (Thomas Gibson) and an ensemble of sexually confused characters around him: his yuppie boyhood pal, a 17-year-old busboy, a psychic dominatrix and his heterosexual roommate who is considering sex with a lesbian. 98 min., rated R for violence and explicit sex scenes. **Premieres Aug. 25**

A touching and comic story of first love between two girls in their senior year of high school. Randy, a rebellious tomboy who lives with her lesbian aunt and her aunt's lover falls in love with a smart and beautiful African-American who is one of the most popular girls at their high school. They meet at the gas station where Randy works after school, intrigued and charmed by each other the two meet again at school and begin an unlikely romance that sets into motion a series of comic misadventures as family and friends converge to keep the young lovers from running away together. 90 min. Rated R for language, partial nudity and suggested sex. **Premieres Sept. 8**

It's Christmas time 1960 and some good old-fashioned tall tales are spun at a Brooklyn smoke shop where a handful of misfit characters, whose lives touch one another's only tangentially. Harvey Keitel, William Hurt. Forest Whitaker, Ashley Judd and Stockard Channing star. 112 min. R for language. **Premieres Sept. 22**

All Programs and Schedules are subject to change. Please call ahead to avoid disappointment. The Management reserves the right to restrict admission to young children. Please call ahead to check on age restrictions.
The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls In Love
by Steve Murray, The Atlanta Journal Constitution
Opens September 8 at the Capri

Writer-director Maria Maggenti recaptures the incredible truth of the miraculous/maddening adventure of adolescent passion in this debut "indy" film.

A high school tomboy in overalls and ACT UP T-shirts, Randy (Laurel Holloman) lives with her aunt and her aunt's lover in what she dubs "just your normal, typical lesbo household." In contrast, pampered African-American schoolmate Evie (Nicole Parker) resides in a brick mansion with her overprotective mom.

To schoolmates, out-and-proud Randy is the weirdest thing around. But Evie—hmm—doesn't seem to mind her company. Or even being seen with Randy at the local diner.

In these cynical times, there's something radical about the movie's unashamed romanticism. Maggenti poses Evie and Randy in flowery fields, tosses in quotes from "Leaves of Grass" and gives her girls a happy ending. Newcomers Holloman and Parker create a tender, playful rapport that makes us remember when desire felt like destiny.

Like last year's "Go Fish," it's a date movie that transcends gender lines and sexual orientation. Anybody who's ever suffered young love can relate.

(Originally reviewed 6/29/95)

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"Queer Quotes"

"I don't hate homosexuals. I don't even know any homosexuals." —Sen. Jesse Helms on the floor of the U.S. Senate. We rest our case.

"I'm absolutely fine with it. I'm proud of her. She writes for The Advocate all the time. I said to her, 'I didn't know I was raising a Gay activist, but I guess that's what's supposed to be.'...It's a difficult thing (for a parent). It's one thing to be completely liberal when it doesn't affect you. But you really have to search your soul long and hard (when it's your child). Chastity hesitated in coming out because she didn't want to hurt her dad (Congressman Sonny Bono) or hurt me." —Cher to USA Today on her daughter, Chastity, 26.

"If Jesse Helms did not exist, Newt Gingrich might have to invent him." —Editorial in the News-Tribune of Tacoma, Wash. after Sen. Helms attempted to slash federal AIDS funds.

"Pat Robertson and his legions consider each and every one of us -- from flamboyant drag queen to the most straight-acting Log Cabin Republican -- the children of Satan who, in the name of Jesus Christ himself, must be erased from the face of the earth." —Marvin Liebman, the conservative leader who turned to Gay activism at age 67, in his syndicated Gay-press column.

"You guys think everybody's Gay. You think Tom Cruise is Gay. If Tom Cruise was Gay, don't you think somebody would have told the tabloids they'd slept with him by now? You think he shoots everyone he sleeps with?" —Roseanne to the mostly Gay audience at her "Bitchfest" comedy show in West Hollywood.

"Oh, she's Gay." —Roseanne seconds later when an audience member yelled, "What about Jodie Foster?"
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

NEA Endorses Lesbian And Gay History Month

In a historic move on July 6th, the National Education Association voted to endorse October as Lesbian and Gay History Month. It added amendment “d” to the Sexual Orientation Education resolution it passed last year.

In addition to endorsing the history month, the resolution also calls for a) accurate portrayal of gay and lesbian people in history, including acknowledgment of their sexual orientation; b) the inclusion of sexual orientation issues in diversity training; and c) the elimination of insensitive jokes and name-calling.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Project is currently planning to celebrate history month for the second year this fall.

To thank the NEA and for more information, contact:
The National Education Association, 1201 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-3290. 202-833-4000 (Division of Human and Civil Rights)

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Project, c/o GLSTN, 2124 Broadway, Box 160, New York, NY 10022-1722. lgbthm@aol.com

Revisiting—And Revising—The Gay Role In The Holocaust

A leader in Oregon’s ultra-conservative anti-Gay Oregon’s Citizens Alliance has co-authored a book supposedly detailing how “homosexuality was a central element in the fascist system” of Nazi Germany.

Scott Lively, who helped lead failed efforts at passing anti-Gay ballot measures in Oregon in 1992 and ’94, and Kevin Abrams have written The Pink Swastika: Homosexuality in the Nazi Party.

In a letter to OCA supporters, Lively says that this book shows that “the Nazi elite was rampant with homosexuality and pederasty, that Adolf Hitler intentionally surrounded himself with homosexuals during his entire life, and that the people most responsible for many Nazi atrocities were homosexual.”

Lively first made these beliefs public during the OCA’s 1994 anti-Gay initiative campaign. At the time, scholars from every field related to the holocaust denounced the accusations.

According to the letter, supporters of the OCA may receive the book for a “tax deductible” donation of $25 to Lively’s church, which has set up a fund to help support his family while he studies law at a Christian school in California. They may also purchase the book out-right for $9.95 (plus $2 shipping).

Even before the book’s release, Lesbian and Gay rights groups have lined up to express their concerns. On July 20, the Broward Log Cabin Club of Florida, in conjunction with that state’s P-FLAG and American Federation of Veterans, issued a release urging that “Christians and non-Christians alike should expose this as a fallacious money-making mail-order scheme.” It also challenges the Christian Coalition, of which the OCA is an affiliate, and the American Family Association to “either deny any affiliation (with Lively) or substantiate” his claims.

For more information contact: Broward Log Cabin Club of Florida, Liberty Republicans and Libertarians, P. O. Box 1281, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33302. 305-563-3636

Web Site Links Same-Sex Couples

The Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian couples recently reported more than 350 visitors a week to its three-month-old worldwide web site.

The site features up-to-date photos, essays, and a survey of interest to Lesbian and Gay couples.

The Task Force also offers a number of materials via U. S. Mail, such as it’s “Indispensable Guide for Gay & Lesbian Couples” and a list of employers offering benefits for same-sex couples.

The Task Force was formed nine years ago and develops publications and videos promoting same-sex couple rights, including marriage. For more information, please contact: Partners, P. O. Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109-0685. demian@eskimo.com.
http://www.eskimo.com/~demian/partners.html

LAVENDER LADIES

HOW’S IT GOING SINCE YOU BROKE UP WITH KAY?

I’VE GIVEN UP SEX. I NEVER EVEN THINK ABOUT WOMEN ANY MORE! WHAT DID YOU BRING TO THE POTLICK?

POTATO SALAD, YOU?

CHERRY CAKES, TRY ONE!
THE EYE
NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH
THE DOPPELGÄNGER

Attention-Must-Be-Paid-Department: don't want to harp on butchness but wasn't that 9MF&RM in that gravel pit in Fairbanks at the 9’s Music Festival? Fishing? EYE was so impressed she practically had a hot-fish power-surge. Is it just EYE or were those same megadykes skidooin’ on the Chen? (EYE doesn't know, but if you hum a few bars, shell pick it up) ▽ Speaking of picking it up, couldn't help but notice sKfK out on the dance floor at the Wave. Can't reveal his identity, but suffice it to say he was gyrating up a storm much to the amusement of the aforementioned 9MF&RM. Said they, "We didn't know this side of you." Said he, "perhaps there's more. Stay tuned." ▽ EYE doesn't mean to string you along, but there's more about 9MF&RM. Not only did EYE spot the former of the couple line-dancing with sSM (he of the recent coupling of sDG&SM), but also noticed the latter two-stepping like mad with $S (visiting from California Wine Country!). Yum, yum. Who said the Wave wasn't finer than frog's hair? ▽ Last of the Attention-Must-Be-Paid-Department: noticed in Alaska's Remaining Daily that under the "Best of the Best" survey, O'Brady's came out in the top three for Burgers. And the Capri came out as the Best Movie Theatre. And in the Best Category We Didn't Think Of was a need to have a category for Best Lesbian Bar (wonder if you can wave your way to that answer), and, of course, Best Daily Newspaper(!) ▽ Can-You-Top-This?-Department: EYE's got to hand it to sKP: takes a shower with his bird—the kind that flies. Not only does the cockatiel(?) bathe (probably without soap), it gets blow-dried. EYE hasn't witnessed this ritual, but loves to spread the gossip. Send your "I-can-beat-that" stories to EYE closer North View. This just in: seems RM of 9MF&RM does similar tricks with her dog. Dog gets bath. Dog gets blow-dried. Dog lives in lap of luxury and lots of petting. Where does EYE sign up? ▽ Not to be outdone (wonder if Edgar Cayce would cotton to this?), sCB&BS were seen dining together, with a curious twist. CB was cutting up some of the meat BS had on her plate. Inquiries got the explanation that there was a work injury, so CB got out her not-very-butch-knife (you may have to turn in your dyke card, dear) and cut the meat for BS. The knife wasn't doing a sterling job (excuse the pun, or not), which led to CB's comment to BS, "graw on that for a while." ▽ You all might get a marital chop out of this: the following exchange was overheard in a local deli: Counterperson: "Do you want me to put these two separate orders together?" Says sDS&boyfriend-du-jour-R, "Sure, we've been together for a while now." "Oh, I know," responds counterperson, "you look like father and son!" R whispers to DS, "that bother you?" Through clenched teeth, DS answers, "No. Why?" HTBT ▽ Last But Certainly Not Least Department: everyone notice that 9J placed 31st in the Alaska 10K Classic? No? She's the fabulous dyke that is leaving AK to be with KC Outside. Now, that's amore! ▽

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Same-Sex Couples Focus On Popular Internet Web Site

Now three months old, the World Wide Web site established by Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples has over 350 weekly visitors. The site is dedicated to the needs of same-sex couples and features a wide variety of free information. There is also a "Couples Gallery," which has photographic portraits of committed couples that Internet users can view on their Web browsers. Site visitors can now participate in the new "Partners Survey of Attitudes Toward Legal Marriage for Lesbian & Gay Couples."

Other recent additions to the site include: 1) "Most Compelling Reasons for Legal Marriage"—an essay list; 2) Photo and text excerpts from Geoff Menauges's new book "Making Love Visible: in Celebration of Gay and Lesbian Families;" 3) Essays and a time-line on U.S. battles for legal marriage from Forum on the Right to Marry (FORM).

Also on the Web site are sound files from the video "The Right to Marry," a documentary being produced by the Task Force in support of this civil right. The Partners site has more than 60 pages of text and images located at the following address:
http://www.eskimo.com/~demian/partners.html
Partners can also be contacted at: Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109-0685. Voice: (206) 935-1206, E-mail: demian@eskimo.com.

The Task Force also offers its "Indispensable Guide for Gay & Lesbian Couples," partnership and anniversary certificates, a set of Partners Magazine back issues, a list of employers offering domestic partnership benefits, and "The Fight Before Christmas" (a fantasy musical video about a male couple and coming out to mom). Send your postal address to receive a flyer on Partners and its offerings.

Steve Bryant and Demian, 13-year partners, founded Partners nine years ago. The organization develops publications and videos promoting the rights of same-sex couples to full, legal equality, including the right to marry. 

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Financial News
"Variable Life Insurance"
by Chris Olson

The stock market is up over 24% (conservative estimates) for the first half of 1995. This has been an incredible year for investors who had the sense to delve into the market last year. We have seen our money grow beyond any expectations. For those of you who are waiting for the right time to get in...don't do it now because the market is overpriced. If you insist then dollar cost average a little bit at a time. Do not throw a lump sum down when the market is high. The idea is to buy low and sell high. Wait till the low hits (maybe September or October) and throw a wad in all at once. Do not let another record climb pass you by!

Where does variable life insurance fit in to a discussion of the stock market? Life insurance represents a fair portion of my business. I sell every imaginable kind of life insurance. The virtually hundreds of companies doing business in this country have more than 10,000 different life insurance products from which to choose. I will only work with companies that carry the highest set of financial ratings so my choices are far fewer than 10,000. I actually like about 7 different companies with a total of about 40 different options for my clients. I will not work with companies that are offensive to Gay people.

Lately, I have been asked by more than just a few people about variable life insurance. Each of these people has some stock market savvy. They know about the recent rally on Wall Street and believe, as I do, that long term money needs to be invested in equities. Since life insurance is a long term proposition, in most cases, combining the features of life insurance and equities is not such a bad idea.

Variable life is essentially term insurance with excess cash values deposited in your choice of underlying investments. It is a shell of life insurance with the guts made of your choice of mutual funds. It is "buy term and invest the difference" all in one product. The growth in these investments is not subject to income tax (no growth ever is in a life insurance policy). Variable life is a viable option for you if you have fully funded your IRA or 401(k) plan. When the stock market does well--your cash values grow. When the stock market lags--so does your policy. It will not hurt your death benefit, though, because a certain amount is guaranteed.

Historically, the stock market has beaten any other investment for returns and growth. Variable life is no different. The potential is there to knock the socks off other investments. Since the growth is not taxable I don't mind putting as much money as the law will allow into my policy. I have a $50,000 policy. The required premium for this is about $25 per month (the cost of term insurance). I put in $100 each month which is almost the legal limit. $75 is invested in global growth and stock mutual funds WITHIN the policy. $25 pays for the insurance. You can imagine how much my $75 has grown. The growth is never taxed. The interest and earnings compound tax free. I love it! I always love it when my money grows! I want my money to work for me instead of me work for my money.

There are a few companies that sell variable life insurance that do business without regard to your sexual identity. These are Gay neutral companies, as I call them. It is hard to call a life insurance company sympathetic to Gay people or even Gay friendly. Gay neutral is the best I can do. I have never gotten a case declined due to same sex beneficiaries or for any other reason that is otherwise "suspect." There are companies out there that would rather die themselves than knowingly sell life insurance to a Gay person. I think that the variable life business transcends that thinking.

Consider variable life as a complement to your investment portfolio. It might work if you also need life insurance. You can purchase amounts as low as $25,000 and as high as $1,000,000 or more. Even in smaller amounts it can be a fun investment to watch. Good luck, investors!

Chris Olson is a fully licensed insurance and securities representative, has lived in Alaska for 14 years and welcomes new clients and referrals, especially from the Gay & Lesbian Community.
Queer Abby,
You know what I wish the Gay community had?
Community. I mean, we call ourselves a community or even a family, but are we really? All this talk about pride means nothing when you consider that sex is a lot more accessible than a nice dinner date.

It's just that being Gay is so different now than when I first came out. Back then, Boys' Town was like Disneyland. Everyone was a friend. Every cute guy was a potential husband. Every day almost had a promise that we were some kind of a family. What went wrong? Brian, West Hollywood.

Queer Brian,

Well, I would have to agree that "community" is more than just spotting the same people at parties. As Ken Hanes said in The Gay Guy's Guide to Life (fabulous little thing...buy it, be it!), acquaintances become friends only after you invite them over. If you only see people when you're going out, they are not full-fledged friends. In a community, there needs to be more than just shallow camaraderie.

Keep in mind, however, how exciting the ghetto was for you at first. For people just coming into them, all those promises that you mentioned still exist. What is sometimes missing is a supportive social network. Some Gay folk are fortunate enough to have genuine neighbors. But for those who don't, the bars are the easiest option. If that's the case, even the most urban queers can be just as isolated as a Gay teen from Cheyenne.

I think you might be looking in the wrong place for community—Boys' Town is a citizenry of whitewashed young urban folk in a land of loud, smoky bars and coffeehouses. I think your description of it as "Disneyland" is more fitting than you realized. It's an amusement park, a land of escape. If you want to find community, get out of the bars! Find a nice little social organization—Gay Sierra Club/Great Outdoors, Gay bowling or cycling or religious group. Better yet, volunteer! Find a nice, worthwhile cause and help out once a week. You'll make friends and go out to dinner so much you'll burst. Your prince is most likely waiting you there. Go find him!

Queer Abby,

We claim to embrace diversity, yet we really have no tolerance of true differences. My friends are always ripping into anyone not exactly like them. It was really bad at the Pride parade this year when they snickered at the Girth and Movin' and at the transgenders, but it got even worse when they started booing the Log Cabin Republicans and the Gay Christians. What was unbelievable was that other people were joining in!

Where is there a true celebration of diversity? We have no other influences than our ghettoized, homogenized selves, and when we are all dressing the same and speaking the same, we will eventually all think the same, and when we only pay lip service to celebrating diversity, our community stagnates.

Speaking of different peoples, where were the kids, the older people, the physically challenged, the deaf, the community leaders? It was as if these groups had sent their token few to be part of the Pride festival, but nobody really wanted to see them.

One group hates what another does, and vice versa. We appear to be able to accept some physical differences among community members, but sometimes it seems we cannot stand differing beliefs. Many subgroups even attempt to limit another person's or group's basic civil rights. What gives one group the right to speak over another? Where is the purport ed tolerance our community claims to pour out?

Queer Martin,

Where were the community leaders, you cry? Look in the mirror, kiddo! You've got a lot of great things to say—now, do something about them!

WORD GAYME: GENDER BENDERS

DOWN
1. Comedian Sahl
2. Modern chivalry
3. Kate Miller book
4. Roman intact
5. Walk in water
6. Not odd
7. Nirvana and R.E.M.
8. Smell
9. Zere to Navratilova
10. Andre's red work, Our ___ Behind Us
11. Encourage (with on)
12. Drunk slowly
13. Greek letters
14. Pterodactyl part
15. Nevada, of sorts
16. Nova scotian
17. ___a la la
18. Table support
20. Telegraphy
21. Signal
22. Be
23. Mail
24. Trial test
25. Small egg
26. Dressed to the ___
27. Eye drop
28. Drizzle
29. "The right to be ___"
30. Slippery creen
31. Soybean curd
32. Diminutive ending
33. Back talk

ACROSS
1. Make untidy
2. Network
3. Ancient
4. Leave out
5. Actress Gardner
6. Feminine town
7. Mac Brown
8. Biblical garden
9. Eggs
10. Like some gender benders
11. "__s are bad"
12. Goal
13. Only Air France and British Airways have one
14. Feel bad
15. Teachers
16. Sailing word
17. Gender benders
18. German film, ___ zum Kie
19. Woodward test
20. Hole
21. Chewy car
22. Mate
23. Gender benders
24. Ring holder
25. Hard fat
26. Bene
27. Goal
28. Every single one
29. News
30. MD's colleagues
31. Uh-huh
32. Litigates
Groundbreaking Advocate Sex Survey Reveals Lesbians Have Higher-Quality Sex Than Straight Women
First Comprehensive Study Since 1973

Los Angeles, CA—Thirty-nine percent of women who identify themselves as Lesbians reported their most recent sex event to last more than one hour, as opposed to 15% for straight female counterparts, revealed The 1995 Advocate Survey of Sexuality and Relationships: The Women. Thirty-two percent of Lesbians report multiple orgasms in their most recent sexual encounter, as opposed to 19% for straight women.

On July 25, The Advocate released results from the most comprehensive survey ever conducted concerning Lesbian and bisexual women’s sexual behavior and attitudes. Results of the 186-question 1995 Advocate Survey of Women’s Sexuality and Relationships were available at newstands on July 25 in The Advocate’s annual double issue on sex and sexuality.

The survey results help to debunk myths and stereotypes long-held regarding the sexual behavior of Lesbians and bisexual women.

- 80% of Lesbians surveyed believe they were born with their sexual orientation.
- 60% of Lesbians surveyed are mostly or completely out of the closet. Only 8% think their mothers and 15% think their fathers do not know about their being Lesbian.
- 70% of Lesbians surveyed said they would want to marry if it were legal.
- 50% of Lesbians surveyed were aware of their attraction to women by the age of 15.
- 58% of Lesbians surveyed prefer to be referred to as Lesbian; 34% Gay; 2% homosexual.
- Lesbians surveyed enjoy caressing another woman’s breasts (82%) more than having their own breasts caressed (68%).
- 38% of Lesbians surveyed report feeling guilty after masturbation as opposed to 47% of straight women.

Eight thousand women responded to the survey. The women came from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The average age was 34; the youngest respondent was 15; the oldest, 75. Nearly two thirds have at least a college degree, and more than one quarter have a graduate degree. Average personal income is $32,000. Sixty-nine percent declared Democratic party affiliation; 7% Republican, and 3% “other.”

Helpline Help!

Have you ever been a volunteer on the Identity Helpline and still have the Helpline notebook? We are asking people to return them to Identity so they can be updated and used for new volunteers on the Helpline. Please bring to the potlucks or give them to any of the board members, or you can call Candy Bonham at 337-2011 and make arrangements to have them picked up. This only applies to people who are no longer doing the Helpline.

Also, volunteers that are currently working the helpline need to remember to turn in their Data sheets—every month. They can be turned in at the monthly potlucks or they can be mailed to Identity.

We had a training session last month and added 6 new volunteers to the Helpline. Thanks to Michael Covone and Cynthia Dodge who were our trainers; Sheldon Meier who made a wonderful lunch and the people who took the time to take the training and become Helpline volunteers. We hope to have another training in the Fall. If you’re interested, please call Candy Bonham at 337-2011.
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E.D. Nenzel

Andrea C. Nenzel, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace (an international group of over 400 religious women), has been appointed Executive Director of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.

For the past year, Nenzel was special project director of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, but prior to that, she worked for 14 years with poor and marginalized people in the U.S. and El Salvador.

Her most recent experience working with the AIDS community was in Washington State, where she co-authored a resolution that committed her religious community to involvement in AIDS awareness and direct ministry. From 1990 to 1994, Nenzel served on a AIDS Task force that worked in education, prevention, and housing developments that served over 350 families. Her responsibilities for the housing project included drafting the funding plans and overseeing the writing of grants and fund raising efforts.

From 1984 to 1987, she was co-director of the Calle San Jose Refugee Camp in El Salvador, which at its height served over 1,500 refugees. For four years after that she served on a team of International Solidarity that documented human rights violations in the “repopulated Villages” within the conflict zones in El Salvador.

Nenzel graduated from Seattle University with a degree in Social Sciences, and earned a Masters in Mathematics from the University of Oregon, and an Educational Administration Certification from Western Washington University. She was a Fulbright Scholar in 1977, taught elementary school and high school math in Washington State, and served as a school principal for ten years in Alaska.

Nenzel believes that her strongest skills are in planning, administration and supervision. She has been involved in Board services since 1972 and while working in her many capacities in Seattle, was active with Catholic Advocates for Gay and Lesbian Rights to defeat the anti-gay/lesbian initiatives that were constantly brought before the public in Washington State.

Nenzel recently said, “I am very excited to be working on behalf of the AIDS community here in Anchorage, and look forward to serving and empowering the clients of Four A’s.”

Consumer Advisory Board Training

In keeping with national trends, the Housing Opportunities Center (Four A’s housing arm) strives to further the input and participation of people living with HIV disease into the decision making process of its housing programs. As a person living with this disease, you have the direct experience to know what services are truly needed, what currently works well and what doesn’t, and can further assist in identifying the bridges which need to be built to provide services which are effective and meet your individual needs.

The training is August 14 - 18 and the 21st at the Four A’s office and will be given by nationally renowned presenters living with HIV. Please call 263-2050 for more information and a brochure. We hope you will choose to join us for this valuable training and become a part of the Consumer Advisory System nation wide.

Day of Caring

Day of caring on September 13, is sponsored by the United Way of Anchorage and links volunteers from participating companies with projects needing completion at health and human services organizations like Four A’s.

The Four A’s has five projects planned and needs volunteer project coordinators to oversee each project until its completion. If you are interested in donating your time to oversee a volunteer project for Four A’s please call DeeJay at 236-2055. We need people who want to give back to the community and to Four A’s while helping us better provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Four A’s Events

* August 30, AIDS 101 Training for all new and old volunteers. 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Four A’s, call 263-2050
* Every Thursday, Friends and Family Support Group for anyone who has a friend or family member with HIV/AIDS. 6:30pm at Four A’s, call 263-2050.
* September 11, Ryan White Consortium Meeting at Four A’s, 10:00am- 12:00pm, call 263-2050

Free HIV Testing

Every Wednesday 2pm-4pm at Four A’s
Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) by Tara Rose

[Editor's note: In her letter to us, she said, "It would be great if the study was solely about two generation queer families (i.e., Lesbian or Gay children of Lesbian or Gay parents), but I don't think I can get a big enough sample to make that my whole study. There just are not that many of us, 10% of 10% is a very small number and we are invisible in the community for a number of reasons (but that's another story). Hopefully I can find enough second generation folks to make a nice subsample."]

Tara Rose is conducting a survey of families with Gay, Lesbian or bisexual parents in order to understand the diversity of our families. The study is endorsed by GLPFI (The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) and, in fact, it is called the GLPFI survey. There is very little research on Gay, Lesbian and bisexual-parented families and this survey will show us more about what our families look like, our values and opinions, and our relationships with each other. The study will also benefit our community by providing factual and scientific data to support our efforts in child custody disputes, enacting positive legislation, and increasing our visibility.

She hopes to look at two- and three-generation families. This means she is asking Gay, Lesbian and bisexual parent or coparent to fill out a survey, as well as, at least one of their children and/or one of their parents. The study parallels the University of Southern California Study of Families, which has followed a group of multi-generational families for 24 years. She will be using this same questionnaire for her study. Family members will receive the survey under the USC title and without any Gay or Lesbian family questions and so you don't have to be out for your family to fill out questionnaires. ALSO, all responses will be kept confidential.

This study is headed up by Tara Rose, who will use our surveys for her dissertation in clinical psychology at the University of Southern California. Tara has been conducting research on families with Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual parents for 10 years. She was raised by Lesbian mothers, is a second generation queer, has been a facilitator for Los Angeles Just For Us (A discussion group for children with Gay, Lesbian and bisexual parents) for over 3 years and is on the steering committee of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

If you are interested in the study, you can call or write her and she will be glad to give you more information.
Phone: 1 (800) 303-1323 or (213) 740-2210 E-MAIL: TROSE@almaak.edu Write: Tara Rose, New USC Study of Extended Families, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 90089-1061.

Notes from Tara: 1-It would be great if families could let me know if they are interested as soon as they can because in September, I will need to be able to say that I have enough families to go ahead with this project as my dissertation and send out the questionnaires. (I will be sending out the questionnaires in September, dissertation or not.) 2-Any kid (that includes an adult kid) who fills out a survey and does not currently subscribe to the COLAGE newsletter can get a free 1 year subscription.
More Marketers Aiming Ads at Lesbians
by Fara Warner

The magazine advertisement for Tuaca liqueur seems pretty traditional at first glance: Three trendy young women garbing over drinks. Then you realize the women are flirting with one another.

Another advertising taboo is being shattered as Hiram Walker & Sons, the distributor of Tuaca, joins a small wave of national advertisers targeting the Lesbian market.

"In the past two years, there's been a much broader discussion of Lesbianism," says Richard Mackay, vice president and group category director for Hiram Walker's liqueurs. "Lesbianism has made its way into network television. It's part of a young, hip, urban demographic."

The "outing" of the Lesbian market is drawing big-name advertisers such as American Express, Stolichnaya vodka, Atlantic Records and Naya bottled water to such magazines as Deneuve, Lesbian News, Girlfriends and On Our Backs, which all have national distribution. In addition, Tangeray vodka and Pierre Cardin have signed on to sponsor the television show "Freestyle" hosted by Amanda Barse, the openly Lesbian actress from the " Married ... With Children" TV series, according to the marketing publication Next News. The paid program will run this summer on cable channel VH-1 with features that appeal to both Gay women and Gay men.

Most marketers use general ads that simply show their products, but a few marketers are being more direct with ads like Tuaca's and one for Atlantic Records showing two women holding hands at the beach.

For years, the Lesbian market was overshadowed by the more vocal and more noticeable Gay male audience, which a number of advertisers considered worth pursuing. Lesbians were stereotyped as less affluent than Gay men and uninterested in traditional women's products such as cologne and cosmetics.

But some marketers are taking another look, with brands like Unilever's Calvin Klein fragrances and Vivant skincare products considering advertising to the Lesbian market. They're being swayed partly by new statistics breaking out Lesbians from the overall Gay population. Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based research firm that tracks the Gay market, estimates that Lesbians spend about $137 billion a year and have average household incomes of $42,755.

Beyond the numbers, Lesbians have greater visibility, with Lesbian relationships featured in televisions shows such as "Friends" and movies such as "Bar Girls" and "The Incredibly True Adventure of 2 Girls in Love." Also, more women are joining celebrities such as k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge and Martina Navratilova in openly expressing their Lesbianism.

"The market, both Gay and Lesbian, is one of the most highly educated and fiercely loyal audiences we have," says Vicky Germaine, senior vice president of Atlantic Records, which runs ads in Out and Genre magazines promoting Lesbian artists such as Melissa Ferrick.

In addition to media, such advertisers as Seagram and Hiram Walker also are trying to reach the Lesbian market through special events such as the Dinah Shore Weekend, a gathering held every March in Palm Springs, Calif., that draws about 20,000 women.

The event occurs at the same time as the Nabisco-Dinah Shore golf tournament, but isn't connected to the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Still, the Lesbian market isn't an easy sell. "We've gotten flat-out 'no' from car companies even though their product definitely interests women," says Girlfriends editor-in-chief Heather Findlay.

The two-year-old Girlfriends encounters resistance partly because it runs a nude centerfold, sexually explicit advertising, and stories like a recent feature on fringe Lesbian lifestyles titled "Holy Toledo! There's Perverts in Cleveland."

"Old Playboy magazines had hardly any advertising because people were shocked," says Ms. Findlay, "but it gained legitimacy." Ms. Findlay, the former editor of a more sexually explicit magazine, won't change the editorial content of Girlfriends to suit marketers. Consequently, in the most recent issue, many of the ads are from Lesbian-specific marketers like Olivia Cruises and the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

The less-explicit Lesbian News, Deneuve and Out have been more successful in attracting advertisers like American Express and Seagram.

Hiram Walker has been one of the most aggressive marketers to Lesbians so far. The small ad agency Jordan Hamilton decided to create separate Tuaca ads for Lesbians, Gay men and straight consumers. But Gunner Jordan, the agency's president, says he will run the Tuaca ads with flirting women in general magazines as well as Lesbian publications.

"Gay people read straight books," says Mr. Jordan, who also worked on Gay-focused campaigns for Naya and Orion Classics films. "It's gotten stale to open up a Gay publication and see Gay-specific advertising. But when you open up a straight publication and see it, that's another thing."

American Express also sees benefit in tailoring ads to Gay men and Lesbians. One ad for its traveler's checks can be used by two people: two women's names; another highlights two men's names.

But "we're not doing anything special (creatively) for the Lesbian market," says Arnie Arlow, executive vice president and creative director at Stolichnaya's ad agency, Margesse Fertitta Donaher & Weiss in New York. "The ads we run in Lesbian publications are the same as the ones in Vogue because although they are women of a different persuasion, they're still women."

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Gay News
(from the Internet and other places)

Local

Anchorage Daily News: Same-sex pair sues to marry. Jay Brause and Gene Dugan, two men who’ve lived as a couple for 16 years, filed a lawsuit in Superior Court August 4 challenging the practice of denying marriage licenses to couples of the same sex.

President Clinton has signed an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in issuing security clearances, a measure long sought by Gay activists.

Los Angeles—U.S. researchers have discovered that even mild stimulation of the immune system, such as a flu vaccination, appears to stimulate the growth of the AIDS virus.

San Diego—Sixty thousand people celebrated Gay and Lesbian pride in the Hillcrest district July 15, said police Gay liaison Matt Weathersby. Gay, HIV-positive Olympic diver Greg Louganis, who grew up there, led the parade as grand marshal, riding in a convertible with his mother.

Phoenix—At 11:30 p.m. July 26, a fire started at the office building which housed Echo Magazine. The entire building burned to the ground and was a complete loss. The Echo is the most widely distributed Gay and Lesbian news magazine in the Southwest. Investigators say they have enough evidence to declare the fire as arson.

New York—Advertising spending in Gay print publications reached $61.6 million this year—a 16.2 increase over last year’s total of $53 million—according to a nationwide study of 128 Gay-oriented magazines and news-
papers. Gay publications now represent the fastest growing print market in the U.S. This year, for the first time, major automotive companies Saturn and Saab purchased ads in the Gay press. Absolute Vodka was the first major advertiser (1979) to court the Gay press.

New York—Openly Gay and HIV-positive Olympic diving hero Greg Louganis is replacing "Frasier" star Dan Butler in Butler’s one-man off-Broadway show “The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me.” Butler is leaving the autobiographical play for his TV series resumes production.

National

Austria—An Austrian Gay activist outed four Catholic bishops Aug. 1 as part of a campaign to force Parliament to move on Gay-related legislation.

Zimbabwe—Information Minister Bornwell Chakaodza July 27 forced the Zimbabwe International Book Fair to dis-invite the group "Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe", which planned to staff a literature table. The book fair is southern Africa’s largest, attracting 450 publishers from 40 countries. This year’s theme was freedom of expression.

New Zealand—a Gay couple in Wellington, New Zealand, has filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission demanding the right to marry.

Costa Rica—The Costa Rica Office of Registration of Organizations has relented and registered a Gay group after it changed its name from “Abraxas” to “Pink Triangle.”

Australia—The Equal Opportunity Tribunal in the Australian state of New South Wales ruled July 20 that the NIB Insurance Company discriminated against a Gay couple by refusing to grant them family health coverage.

Ontario, Canada—The first Gay March in London, Ontario, last week attracted 600 - 1,000 participants, according to first-hand reports on the Internet. Straights waved and cheered from bars.

Global

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Aids-Related Multiple Loss Syndrome Destroying The Lives Of The Survivors

By Stephen Chrysler

The worst damage done by the AIDS pandemic might not be to the dead and dying but to the survivors and the Gay community itself, by pushing the entire group into a numb and helpless apathy of bitterness, confusion, and depression. Psychologist Sandra Jacoby Klein, a leader in the research of the strange and devastating effects of the AIDS pandemic on survivors since 1981, will share her most recent data on AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome, at a national conference for the Metropolitan Community Church's Clergy and other counselors next month in Atlanta.

AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome defines the condition formerly categorized with the terms "grief overload" and "bereavement burnout" which were used to describe mourners who have insufficient time to complete the normal bereavement process leading to recovery before other deaths compound the situation. She found that never before in modern history has such a young group been forced to endure so much ongoing death and loss of their peers.

An average person goes into a 3-6 month depression after the loss of someone close to them, but in the modern Gay community many experience repeated losses before coming to closure for the initial losses. This results in a constant depression, feelings of hopelessness, lack of planing for the future, reckless living, and apathy. It is not uncommon for a Gay male in Los Angeles, for example, to have lost more than 50 friends and acquaintances over the last several years. The people with AIDS and their survivors are generally under 40. Klein reported that, "The ever present possibility of early death leads to a sense of fatalism, with a lack of enthusiasm for long-term goal planning. There is simply no equivalent to this experience in the non Gay community. While a pandemic might be compared to natural disasters in which a large proportion of a particular community is wiped out, there are important differences. (Ordinarily when a) disaster occurs, broad emotional and financial support (e.g. validation) for the survivors becomes available. For the survivors of AIDS, however, discrimination and homophobia conspire to keep them socially isolated and stigmatized."

Klein warns that such multiple losses often lead survivors to turn inward, with long-term and sometimes irreparable consequences including emotional numbing, depression, inability to emote, and pervasive expressions of pessimism, cynicism, fatalism and insecurity. "Many People Lost Their Adolescence When They Were Gay And Now, To Deal With So Many People Dying..." Dan Bjerke, MA, MFCC, has his private practice in San Diego and works 20 hours per week at CIACCIO Memorial, a long-standing HIV clinic. When asked if he agreed with Klein's findings, Bjerke replied, "I absolutely agree. Gay people in their 30's are dealing with developmental issues that previously only elders dealt with. It is a loss of their mid-life phase, where people should be thriving. Many people lost adolescence when they were Gay, and now to deal with so many people dying, its a loss of focusing on thriving. I think it could effect their life for the rest of their lives." When asked if he meant the syndrome could put a survivor into a negative rut for the rest of their lives, Bjerke continued, "Sure, in fact the rut itself can lead to (fatal) risky sexual behavior."

Klein interpreted multiple loss in a broader sense to reflect the many other types of AIDS related losses that interact and reinforce one another such as: loss of sense of community, loss of sexual freedom, loss of hope for the future, loss of employment stability due to the stigma attached HIV and AIDS, loss of privacy and personal power resulting from the "outing" of sexual orientation when HIV status becomes known, and loss of persons still alive due to disease-related personality changes. "Gay survivors face a number of unique issues related to their multiple losses throughout the AIDS pandemic," Klein continues, "The grieving process for Gay survivors of individuals who have died from AIDS is quite different from the traditional model of grief and mourning, with numerous obstacles to effective resolution." She documented that compounding the loss of friends and loved ones, are the difficulties of often having to hide the importance of friendships that were often homosexual affairs, or hiding the circumstances of death from co-workers and others that ordinarily would be the source of some support during the difficult times.

"For The Survivors Of Multiple Losses Due To AIDS. There Has Been No Post-Trauma"

"Most importantly, most disasters have an ending, with clearly defined phases of recovery and rebirth. For the survivors of multiple losses due to AIDS, there has been no post-trauma," Klein explained, "Individuals who face loss after loss realistically cannot be expected to bounce back, as each grieving process is compounded by the one before it and is complicated by the anticipation of more to come. There is insufficient time between traumas, to work through the complex grief process."
When asked what percentage of the Gay community has been touched by the syndrome, Bjierke replied, "I don't know any one who hasn't been affected by these losses." Sandra Jacoby Klein M.A., M.F.T. has 20 years experience in grief therapy has had her research findings into Aids-Related Multiple Loss Syndrome repeatedly published in professional journals aimed at fellow therapists. She began working with AIDS survivors in 1982 at The AIDS Project-Los Angeles, where on June 7 this year, she was keynote speaker to The Spiritual Advisor Group Multi-Faith Conference To The Clergy Of The Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles Area to recognize and properly treat the AIDS surviving population.

Stephen Chrysler is a freelance writer whose work appears primarily in newspapers aimed at the events and concerns of interest to the Gay Community. His work has appeared in many papers and cities, but he regularly appears in Southern Voice (Atlanta), Latest Issue (Sacramento, The Sentinel (San Francisco), The Observer (Tucson), The Houston Voice (Houston) and The Update (Los Angeles/San Diego). ▼

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Soul Force:
Gay Christian Social Action

During the third week of July, I attended the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in Atlanta, Georgia. This worldwide gathering of representatives of MCC’s from all over the world was particularly useful to me as not only a gay Christian but also as a gay activist.

Being a member of a small predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgender MCC congregation located hundreds of miles from another MCC, it is easy to have the feeling that we are “alone.” It was a great feeling to meet other Christians from throughout the US as well as others from South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia/New Zealand. I was amazed to learn of the new school opened by MCC for children in the Dominican Republic, of the medical clinics opened in Nigeria—and the fact MCC now has 19 churches in this north African country—and of the persecution our Mexican churches face from the combined forces of the Roman Catholic Church and the Mexican government.

Hearing clergy and lay leaders discussing their daily struggles to remain viable made me realize more than ever how precarious a position this church occupies. Its major critics are two groups usually founding no ground for agreement. Most of “organized religion” continues to claim a person can not be “Christian and gay!” Likewise, many in the gay/lesbian/bi/transgender community claim a person can not be “gay and Christian!” For the several hundred thousand people attending MCC’s throughout the world, both of these groups are wrong! The Conference theme was a constant reminder to any of us who had doubts—“all things are possible!”

Of significant importance to me as a gay activist was meeting Rev. Mel White, MCC’s newly appointed head of the Ministry of Justice. Mel was recently featured in most of the network evening news telecasts as he was imprisoned and went on a hunger strike to force Pat Robertson to meet with him and discuss Robertson’s continued rhetoric which some radicals interpreted to mean violence against gays/lesbians was somehow the “Christian” thing to do. During his twenty-three (23) days in prison and his hunger strike, Mel received 15,500 letters of support from all over the world. For many years Mel was employed by Pat Robertson, Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell and others as speech writer and “ghost writer” for their bestselling books. He struggled, as many of us do, with accepting his sexuality. After realizing he CAN be both gay and Christian, he is now attempting to organize MCC congregations throughout the world to aid in the struggle for equal rights for sexual minorities.

During his workshops on Soul Force, he introduced one of his “mentors” (Len Cothran). Len is an openly gay white male who has been Corretta Scott King’s Executive Assistant for many years. Soul Force combines strategies of Martin Luther King and Ghandi and can enable our community to achieve its goals in a peaceful and loving manner. As several thousand of us marched from our downtown Atlanta hotel to lay a wreath at the tomb of Martin Luther King, Mel White’s words rang out loud and clear—“Our movement has had a foundation of anger...now we need to come back to a foundation of love.”

I grew up in the South during the civil rights struggle and I don’t think African-Americans would have ever achieved their rights without the involvement of churches. Regardless of what you think of Christianity or, more specifically, MCC, all of us can work together to help end discrimination based on sexual orientation. If not for yourself, remember all those teenage lesbians/gays who are just coming to realize how difficult being “different” can be—especially if you feel you are alone. As National Coming Out Day gets closer, we must become more visible! If for no other reason, to be a role model for our teenage brothers and sisters.

“MCC...it ain’t the church you grew up in!!”

Dan Carter is a local gay activist
OutSounds: Bible Belter
by Will Grega

The lights dim. In silver lamé, make-up and jewelry, the radiant singer takes the stage. Her demeanor is humble, yet joyful, with an air that proclaims: This is showbiz!

But it's not Saturday night or a smoke-filled bar. It is Sunday worship service for a gathering of the Paducah, Kentucky Metropolitan Community Church at a local Holiday Inn.

The singer's name is Marsha Stevens and she has four albums and a concert video out on her own Born Again Lesbian Music (BALM) label. In the six months since she sold her home and moved into a Winnebago, she has driven over 71,000 miles bringing her message to fans old and new.

"Everything we own is in that Winnebago," she says, kicking the tires and giving the 15-foot camper a loving pat while looking heavenward.

The Contemporary Christian performer and her lover are en route to the 1995 National Assembly of MCC Churches in Atlanta.

They stay in rest areas during the course of their travels or park in churches that allow them to plug into their water supply. "It's great if you only like to shower twice a week. But, we love it," Stevens says.

Why is she doing this? "I really like the idea of having a musical genre that speaks specifically to our lives. As long as Gays are set apart legally, socially and religiously, I want to hear music that, even subtly, refers to our lives, relationships and struggles."

Stevens' adolescent years were riddled with horrors of abuse. "I remember sleeping under the covers hoping I would suffocate in the night," she says with a shudder.

It was at a Bible study that Stevens had the life-changing vision of walking with Jesus near a deep, blue river. "It was the first time I'd prayed with my whole heart. I remember thinking that with water like this no one should have to be thirsty. It changed my whole perspective."

The only way the 16-year-old could deal with the wonder of her experience was to write a song about it. The song was "For Those Tears I Died (Come To The Water)," and was passed enthusiastically along person to person. By the end of that summer (1969), Pat Boone called to ask if he could record it.

The popular hymn has been included in every church hymnal published since, and is now considered a classic.

Stevens' success inevitably led to a mainstream gospel career. She married, had 2 kids, then began struggling with her sexuality. After seven years of marriage, she decided to divorce. She had fallen in love with a woman.

"I didn't know people would come unglued the way they did. Once the church found out, people came over and told me to take the Jesus Is Lord sign off my door," Stevens says. "People would rip the page out of their hymnals with my song on it and send it to me with hate mail. There was a debate over whether they'd let my kids remain in Christian school."

Stevens didn't sing for two years after that. Then she discovered MCC churches. "I had no idea there were so many of us. I told God He had permission to strike me straight any time he wanted, but until He did, I was just gonna be busy being the best Gay person I could be."

At an MCC sermon one morning, her nine year old son suddenly asked, "Mom, what's a Lesbian?"

Knowing that kids hate it when they see a long answer coming, Stevens replied, "Can we talk about this outside!"

Her son turned to her impatiently and said, "It means you're just like everybody else but your husband's a girl, right?"

"That worked for me," Stevens says today. That boy is now 20 years old, plays guitar and sings back-up on mom's album, and wears buttons that proudly proclaim Straight -- But Not Narrow.

Stevens' new CD is a musically diverse collection called I Will Not Behave Like Prey. Bold, high impact statements like "The Body Of Christ Has AIDS" and "Love Is The Only Law" set the tone for this ground-breaking set guaranteed to shock some and comfort others. The daring album includes "Sing A New Song," "Diversity," and the title track which deals with facing up to persecution with love and forgiveness.

Stevens is living her dream, and is committed to continuing to minister within the church. "We're a very wounded people," she says. "Wolves have been among the fold. The more that we walk in the light, the more healing will come about by itself."

"I hope my music breaks through the religious rhetoric we've come to hate and talks about our longing to see purpose in our existence and healing for our hearts."

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Fairbanks Lesbian To Attend NGLTF Leadership Training Youth Leadership Training Institute Sponsord by NGLTF is First of Its Kind

Laura Burleson, a 20 year old Lesbian activist from Fairbanks will be going to California this month to attend a Leadership Training Institute sponsored by the NGLTF. She will be writing an article for next month's Northview to let us all know how it went, what she learned and what her plans are.

According to a NGLTF press release, "The Training Institute will offer seven days of intensive grassroots organizing curriculum along with concrete skills-building workshops. The NGLTF Youth Leadership Training Institute is intended to increase the confidence, skills and leadership abilities of the participants, who have in turn committed to apply those skills to a specific project at home. NGLTF has provided scholarships, including travel, lodging, food and all training expenses, for each youth who need assistance to attend the training.

The diverse group of youth activists will participate in the Training Institute hail from Alaska, Oregon, Minnesota, Washington, California, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Rhode Island, New York, Indiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Florida, Hawaii, Wyoming, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The participants have committed to working in the following areas when they return home: a peer mentoring program; rural outreach; a video project; a Latino Gay/bisexual men's group; a statewide information network in South Dakota; a youth coffeehouse and magazine; a conference for youth of color; youth HIV education; an inter-generational mentoring program; sensitivity training program for teachers in the public schools; a youth caucus within the Polynesian Gay/Lesbian group in Hawaii; a youth hotline; a regional youth speakers bureau and many other specific project plans.

A training team made up of youth and adults will lead workshops and roundtables throughout the week. Session topics include: alliance building, group facilitation and leadership skills, managing speakers bureaus, mentoring, rural outreach, starting a hotline, creating realistic project plans, public speaking, media skills, fundraising, grant writing, computer activism, desktop publishing, and more. The Training Institute will be held August 13 through 20 at Walker Creek Ranch in Western Marin County, California.

"NGLTF believes it is time to recognize young organizers and activists as leaders in their own right and to offer young people the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to create change," said NGLTF Executive Director Melinda Paris. "The Youth Leadership Training Institute will offer those tools to these outstanding activists."

When graduates of the training return home, they will get follow up support and assistance through the NGLTF Field Department and, where possible, be paired with a community organizer in their town for direct support.

Training graduates will also serve as a support network for one another as they put their plans into action.

NGLTF hopes that the graduates of this year's training will help plan future trainings and identify other emerging young leaders."

The Fairbanks community wishes Laura well and we look forward to her return and the benefits of the training she will have received. We would also like to express our thanks to the NGLTF for sponsoring such a valuable program.
Summer Camp and Summer Not
Kathy Ferrell

As one of the organizers of the Paxson Lake Camping Trip of July 28-30 I thought I would write up a little something so that those of you who didn't go could see what you missed by staying home to get those last minute summer chores done (yeah, sure you did!)

The trip started off on a sunny Friday morning when Loosé and Morgan, Jean and I met for breakfast before we hit the road early so as to claim our queer turf at the campground. The day was bright, hot, and cloudless...a perfect day for a camping trip. First thing after breakfast, though, we found we had to go separate ways in order to get a few last minute preparations finished. So much for the plan of travelling down together.

I got the rented canoe attached to the roof of Bernie's truck and set off to, hopefully, catch up with Loosé and Morgan (those who have driven with me will know this was a distinct possibility no matter how far ahead she had gotten).

About an hour down the road, just beyond Salcha (If you've seen the old movie "Deliverance," you'll have a good idea of what Salcha is like), I ran into a very butch looking dyke in a flaming orange hardhat and aviator-style shades standing in the road all alone. Her hair was not visible under the hardhat and she was wearing a glowing orange vest. She advanced in the direction of the truck while holding up a sign ordering me to stop. Well, who was I to argue? Here I was, the only vehicle for miles, blasting "I Kissed a Girl" by Jill Sobule on the tape deck, being forced at sign-point to stop and wait for who knew how long by this orange apoprtion who OBVIOUSLY meant business.

As I was thinking to myself, "Aah, SOME of the wildest dreams DO come true", SHE did a double-take...I did a double take...and realized...it was my pal, Louise, who had just started her new job as a flagperson. Well, you could have blown me over...I never knew she had it in her (neither did Loosé, who took photos aplenty when she passed through). After chatting for about ten minutes she sent me on my way.

The rest of the drive was uneventful until I reached Summit Lake where it began to pour and the wind blew horribly. I hoped it would pass. As I pulled into Paxson Lake campground I came upon Loosé and Morgan who has only just arrived about 5 minutes before. We drove through and selected sites with trees (what few there are that high altitude) so that we could string up our tarps and be out of the rain, which was a slow drizzle at this point. The 3 of us set up our tents and tarps and roped off some neighboring sites with survey tape to hold them for our fellow campers. It wasn't long before Jeff and Lon, a fellow from California, arrived and got themselves set up and we fell to gossiping around the campfire while wait-

ing for further arrivals. Jeff and I went to try out the fishing and came up empty handed.

The next group to arrive was 6 men (or maybe that's 5 men and Bobby, or maybe it's...oh well, you know that kind of stuff boggles Lesbian minds). Anyway, they got set up in what became known as the "Boys Camp" while further Lesbian additions congregated in the "Dykes Camp". Everyone brought firewood although most of the guys' was wet and unburnable. Duke did great butch firewood foraging, however, and the women forked some of theirs over also. The dykes had s'mores (of course) and no shortage of hot dogs and the dyke version of MRE's...all kinds of stuff tossed in foil and thrown in the fire while the men had spaghetti (yes, from scratch with fresh tomatoes and wild mushrooms certified edible by the botany nerd, oops, I mean Jeff), wine, salad, mixed drinks and served their chips in bowls (!).

At one point, all the men went off on a hike and the women, being the big bad dykes they were, went to their camp to perform a "panty raid." We were disappointed to find no panties so we settled for turning a few tents around, hiding their lawn chairs and making off with their supply of alcohol and 3 pairs of Duncan's Fruit 'O The Looms (a poor panty substitute). As we were running back to camp the men returned and caught us in the act (yeah, I know...what kind of self respecting dykes would let themselves get caught...sheesh, we MUST be getting older). Everyone had a good laugh and the men invited us for drinks and spaghetti which Robby (what a hostess!) served to all. The women spent the rest of the night wondering what evil deed the guys were planning for revenge but they rose above it and didn't retaliate. The alcohol was returned and shared and Janice brought a fireweed bouquet to the men that evening.

Even though I got sick on Friday night and couldn't speak by Saturday morning (some might think this a blessing but it really sucked from my point of view) I would do it all again in a minute. In total, there were 19 women and 13 men who came along and I haven't laughed so much or so hard in a long, long time. We all met great new people, reconnected with old friends, and had a wonderful time despite the rain. Nobody got a canoe in the water and I think only 1 or 2 other women tried fishing but no one seemed to mind since the company was so pleasing.

Whew! So...the next time you get a postcard in your box that tells of a Q & K OUTdoors activity...stick it on your fridge where you can see it daily, let it sink in for awhile, weigh the benefits of having the best time of your life vs. weeding your pathetic gardens or waxing your floors (no one but you really cares about them anyway). Then...talk about it with your friends, get them to commit to going along, tell them to bring their friends and go do it. We'll see you there. Oh! And if you have an idea for an adventure...well, we're up for just about anything so speak up, join in and have fun.

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INDEPENDENTLY SPEAKING
"REPUBLICANS"
BY MARVIN LIEBERMAN AND ANTHONY YOUNG

The infamous 1992 Republican Convention in Houston bore an eerie comparison to the 1960 Republican Convention in Chicago. Judging from the scorched-earth political style and new found arrogance of Republicans since their '94 election sweep, it is likely that the 1996 Convention will continue the trend. In 1960, the moderate mainstream of the GOP was under attack from the extreme right of that time - the John Birch Society. In 1992, the nation heard the battle cry by the extreme-right once again from its spokesman, Pat Buchanan, declaring a "cultural and religious war" for America.

In 1996, the dwindling band of Republican moderates will face a new onslaught by an ever-stronger, more sophisticated and consequently more dangerous extreme right - the Christian Coalition, led by Pat Robertson, his hand-maiden Ralph Reed, and a host of other well-financed and influential "family" clones: from Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Association and Gary Bauer's Family Research Council to James Dobson's Focus On The Family and Paul Cameron's Family Research Institute; et cetera, et cetera, ad nauseam.

These anti-Gay and anti-democratic groups will be aided and abetted in their efforts to take over the Republican Party by the arrogance of the GOP majority class of 1994 - who took their mandate as an excuse for a "conservative" revolution which, as it continues its frontal attack on hard-won past legislative achievements, begins to lose touch with the very people they are paid to represent. Their contempt for any moderation will be their undoing.

Today, as fundamentalists on the right attempt to dictate the moral compass of the nation, their stance on issues have taken on a religious/moral/Christian bent while using political power and the weapons of government to achieve ends that their prayers have not achieved. They seek to replace democracy with theocracy and impose their own version of the Kingdom of God on America through the Republican Party.

In spite of his sanctimonious smile and sophisticated rhetoric, Pat Robertson is an ultra-extremist. A couple of years ago, he wrote some words that have already become part of American political folklore. According to Robertson, the passage of an Iowa Equal Rights Amendment would advance "...a feminist agenda ... that would encourage women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become Lesbians." Robertson's rhetoric continued from the podium at the 1992 GOP convention in Houston when he said that unless America returns to "... her Christian roots ... she will continue to legalize sodomy, slaughter innocent babies, destroy the minds of her children, squander her resources and sink into oblivion.

In true revolutionary spirit, the Republicans are calling for the abolishment of many programs that will essentially finish off a host of environmental, safety, health, and civil-rights programs that were fought for and achieved by both Democrat and Republican legislators in the past. Unfortunately, the Republican revolution bears more resemblance to the National Socialist takeover of the Weimar Republic in 1933 than to the American Revolution of 1776. It is the constant talk of "Christian" and "traditional" values that is becoming so ominous and worrisome to so many Americans. Can the "conservative" new Republicans not see that there are non-Christians in the United States - Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Taoists, agnostics, atheists? Are the only family values Christian? What about Jewish, African-American, Gay and Lesbian family values? When the Christian Coalition takes over the Party, who will be in? Who will be out? And who will decide?

The déjà vu is now complete. 1960. 1992. 1996. The new extremists are beginning to take over the Republican Party with the seemingly acquiescent approval of the desperate-to-please GOP presidential hopefuls - Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and Pete Wilson. Pat Robertson has said, "We want ... as soon as possible to see a working majority of the Republican Party in the hands of pro-family Christians by 1996." He will succeed unless radical steps are taken by those Republicans who still hold fast to the philosophical heritage of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Barry Goldwater.

Today, with the end of the Soviet empire, and the upsurge of the radical "Christian" right desperate to find another enemy, true conservatives have found a closer tie with moderate Republicans and Democrats than with those on the far-right and their fundamentalist allies. Together, a new political alliance must be forged to create a powerful new voice in American politics, a Party committed to individual rights, free enterprise, and a renewed commitment to embracing the rich diversity of American life.

At this crucial and dangerous time for our community, we believe it is incumbent upon Lesbian and Gay Americans to support only those politicians who support us, whether they be Republican or Democrat. We should pose the question to all candidates for public office - from the local school boards to the city councils to the state legislature to the Congress and to the Presidency. We must be vocal against those who vacillate or don't take our demand for equal rights seriously. There are enough politicians who support our fight, and believe in
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Enclosed is my contribution of $25.00 (basic membership). I'd like to make a monthly pledge. Please send me a reminder each month to send.

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Please print clearly.
Dear Love and I were sitting at opposite ends of the couch doing artistly and writerly things when suddenly we felt the need to kiss and leaned toward each other over one of the cats, Fancy Chickapee, I think. Since we'd both been using our fading eyes intensely, our glasses locked, and mated. At least that's what Fancy said, or thought, I'm not sure which. I've never actually seen her lips move in speech, but I have heard her words. Oh oh. Watch out. Witchcraft.

It has always given me immense pleasure to know that the Bubonic Plague may well have happened because the Inquisitors killed all the cats that belonged to all the women they hung, burned, drowned, and pulled apart on the rack. An historic example of ecological imbalance. No cats, many rats.

It is a central fact in our relationship: Dear Love and I are both whacky about cats, and it's a good thing too. A cat hater, or even that object of a cat's most intense attention, she who is indifferent, would never survive in this relationship.

Dear Love will sit with three out of four cats wreathed around her head, lounging on her shoulder and she will gently make room for another on her lap when she is painting or hooking a rug... in tacit agreement that the cats have first choice of every surface in the house.

Now I do not agree with this, but the cats have figured out who they can lounge on and when; well, mostly when. Even though they know I get highly irritable when a cat is walking across my keyboard, if they want attention, they will try to get it anyway. Even though they have been given flying lessons many times, or been drenched with the water squitzer. Like right now, as we speak, a cat, probably Yaga, is trying to break into my room. Since the door latch doesn't work, I have been forced to put a gate latch on both sides of the door to keep the cats out. It is the only way I can have any peace.

Now Bodie, Verushka and Fancy will give up if I have demonstrated sufficiently that I will have no truck with a cat at the moment; but not Yaga. Yaga thinks I'm her birth mom, and even though she is two years old, she thinks she is a baby. And everyone knows that babies are the other species that think they deserve constant, undivided, unremitting attention. She will come back again and again, and never stop until she gets what she wants or I give her a timeout.

Early in our relationship, when we still lived in separate houses and visited each other, we had different rules. OK, so maybe Cat didn't have rules. I had rules. So at my house we practiced my rules and at her house we practiced her non-rules except for the rule where a cat can't be fed from the table or be on the table when I am eating. That makes me sick. We all know where those cat's feet have been.

I felt terrible making a rule for Dear Love's house, but the fact of the matter is I had to give her a choice: she could have cats standing on the table, or sup with me. Being deeply in lust and barely able to abide separations at the time, she chose me. Anyway, that rule has moved into the house with us. And now Dear Love, who is the easier-going person, has some rules too. Neither Bodie nor Yaga can be alone in her room or the laundry. That's because the minute we came into the house, Yaga walked into her closet and shit... a thing she had never done, but I'm sure it was because there'd been a dog living here and she wanted to erase the smell. Nevertheless, Dear Love lives in apprehension that Yaga will dump again.

And Bodie. I plain view of Dear Love, she climbed into a laundry basket (Dear Love's laundry basket) and whizzed. I am at a loss for excuses about why she did this.

I leave my door to my bedroom open all the time. I have the favorite bird-lusting window next to the one on the kitchen counter where none of them are supposed to go, but who knows what they do when we're gone; and sometimes Dear Love and I turn a blind eye to Fancy Chickapee who is sitting there like a Buddha in a stream of sunlight listing like that leaning tower.

I leave my door open all the time and the worst that happens in my room is that a box of sweaters will get reupholstered in cat hair or one of the girls will leave disgusting brown hairballs on my white Berber rug. Any of you know how to get hairball kaka off a white rug? If we're lucky we're home when they decide to upchuck, or erp as my mother used to say. Dear Love will kindly get a paper towel and hold it in front of them so they can make their deposit without ruining the couch. I'm more likely to pick them up by their heaving middles squealing all the while as I rush them to the kitchen and dump them unceremoniously on the linoleum. If we're not lucky, we wind up with mortally wounded Berber carpets.

Would it surprise you to know that my cats' personalities are similar to mine? And that Dear Love's are similar to hers? All the things about Dear Love that I adore manifest in her kittens. Verushka is eccentric and given to unexpected, delightful changes in direction. Fancy is a heart healer and stress buster, ever ready to heal a distressed human with her warmth and her mega-purr. She would sit in your lap all day. And my cats? They are independent, wanting love when they want it and then ready to move on to other things after they've gotten it. Yaga is very playful and silly, and sometimes, I am too. Bodhi is serene, thoughtful, and sometimes, I am too.

But more than anything: they show us how to be the animals we are. Have you ever noticed how brazen, how direct a cat is about getting what it wants? I wish I were like that.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
DESIGN/CRAFT:
LAURA ANDERSON
BY RUTH MATHES

The store was so busy I decided to limit my interview with Laura Anderson to ten minutes. Her husband and co-owner, David, was upstairs with a customer, and the counter was two-deep in shoppers. We ducked into a back office and chatted between phone calls.

IDENTITY: Has this store been in Anchorage forever?

L.A.: It seems like it. Actually Design/Craft has been around for 36 years. David worked here for 16 years, and always had the dream of owning it. We bought it four years ago.

IDENTITY: This is a prestigious store. What reason would you have for advertising in the NorthView?

L.A.: Our Gay clientele is good. Actually, business has increased since we began advertising in your magazine. We also like to support the Gay and Lesbian community because there seems to be so much discrimination toward them. It makes me angry because it is so unfair. We want everyone to feel welcome here.

IDENTITY: Do more Gay men shop here than Lesbians? (The phone interrupted us, but Laura remembered the question.)

L.A.: I believe so. However, we have noticed more women lately. We have attributed that to the ad in the NorthView.

IDENTITY: Do you think that really makes the difference?

L.A.: I believe it has to do with a comfort level. Once the community knows they are welcome at a business, they tend to frequent that business. It seems as though they make a check-list of stores and businesses with whom they choose to shop.

IDENTITY: (The phone rang again, so I prepared to exit.) Any final word for our readers?

L.A.: We have a great store, and we offer great products. Our specialty is quality and style. We appreciate your business at Design/Craft, and hope you will visit us often.

Ruth’s note: What’s at Design/Craft, you want to know? Lots of fabulous home and office furniture, Waterford crystal, professional cookware and hardware for kitchens, flatware, gifts and clocks and collectibles. Doing the “commitment thing”? Register your pattern now! There’s no way to describe everything that’s there. But it’s a great adventure just to meander through the informal store and browse. There are no high-pressure sales people to part you and your money. Try it, you’ll more than like it.

Ruth Mathes is painting between the raindrops

HISTORY
Twenty-five Years of Courtroom Trauma
Thanks to the Advocate, August 23, 1994

In the coming months each issue of the NorthView will review a couple of years of legal developments in the world of sex and sexual diversity as compiled by the Advocate. As you will probably notice, it is most often we who lead and the law that follows.

‘83

In People v. Uplinger the New York State court of appeals voids a law that made it illegal to inoffensively solicit consensual sex “of a deviate nature” in public. The statute had been used primarily against gay men cruising for sex in public places.

In Sommers v. Iowa Civil Rights Commission, an Iowa court rules that the firing of a preoperative male-to-female transsexual for using the women’s rest room at work does not constitute illegal sex discrimination.

In In re Reed the California supreme court ends the state’s long-standing practice of permanently tracking people convicted under misdemeanor solicitation, lewdness, and sodomy statutes. Under the practice, offenders — primarily gay men ensnared in raids on public rest rooms — were required to register changes of address with the state department of justice and provide fingerprints and photos to local law enforcement officials.

‘84

In a controversial attempt to slow the spread of HIV, San Francisco health department head Mervyn Silverman orders the closing of 14 gay bathhouses after investigators repeatedly observe high-risk sexual behavior in them. The bathhouses fight the order, but the courts back Silverman up.

In Uline v. Eastern Airlines Inc., a federal appeals court upholds the firing of a male-to-female transsexual who as a man was a Vietnam War hero and commercial airliner pilot. Federal law prohibiting sex discrimination doesn’t apply to transsexuals, the court rules.

In Drnenburg v. Zech a federal appeals court upholds the discharge of a soldier who admitted to having had gay sex in his barracks.

In Rowland v. Mad River Local School District, a federal appeals court upholds the dismissal of an Ohio public-school guidance counselor because she told colleagues she was bisexual.

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Planning is underway. Join us!
Call Kurt at 272-3990 or Jen at 272-7193 for details.
To correct a past injustice, I wish to especially thank “Moe, Larry and Curly”. I don’t know what “his” problem was, I found you most helpful.

All in all I must say as I look back over this year that it was a very rewarding experience for me. To better appreciate my Community as well as the Community’s of others I met in my travels to the Lower 48 was most heightening. And although I find myself quite weary at this time I would be a liar if I were to say that I wouldn’t do it all over again. It is not without a tear in my eye that I bid you all farewell as the 22nd Emperor of All Alaska. You the people, my friends, truly gave me my finest hour.

It is with great pride that I sign this letter with my full title.

Sincerely, His Most Imperial Majesty, The Denali North Star Emperor, Boston Bob, Emperor XXII of All Alaska.

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Where in the World?
by Bob De Losch

WomenFest 1995

Key West Florida will be the place to be the week of September 6-10 if you are a woman. The entire Gay city is turning out to welcome women from all over the world. The Atlantic Shores Resort is the headquarters hotel and is offering a $60.00 per night rate double occupancy. Planned events include the WomenFest Golf Tournament, Tennis Tournament, Sunset sail, "Womenfolk," a play at the Red Barn Theatre, Back Country Kayak Trip, Reef Adventure, Snorkeling trip, Comedy Show featuring Shann Carr, Girls night out Naughty naughty party, Women's Street Fair, Wet T-shirt show, Beer tasting, etc. Sounds like a full night....

Men on Vacation

has a full schedule of events for the next few months starting in August with the "Best of Russia" tour of Moscow and St. Petersburg from Aug. 10-21 and 31-September 11th. On September 25- there are 2 tours: one to Spain called the "Don Quixote Adventure" and the other is Sydney SleazeBall tour. October 2-7 is Cairns/Barrier Reef Dive tour, and October 15-14 there is the "Spanish Passion: Madrid to Andalucia." Other destinations include "Halloween in Hawaii," New Zealand Back road cycling and walking tour, New Year's down under: Melbourne, Sydney, Waikiki Tour. In February is the Gay Mardi Gras in Sydney with a companion "Recovery" trip to the barrier reef.

Olivia Cruises and Resorts

has in only five years taken more than 10,000 women on adventure tours and cruises all over the globe. For '95-'96 they have a cruise along the French/Italian Riviera for Sept. 17-24. Nov. 4-11 is Club Med's Ixtapa, Mexico. April 8-15 is Grand Caribbean Spring Break. June 26-July 3 it's back to Alaska again. July 28-Aug. 4th a week of cruising France/Spain and Italy. October 5-12 it's Summer, Sand and Sea at Senora Bay in Mexico. Why not pick your "poison" and plan an Olivia experience this Fall of 1996?

Around the World anyone?

If you are searching for that special gift for yourself or that special someone, why not consider a trip around the world? (No, not that one!) Abercrombie & Kent offers a 29 day circle trip starting on April 22 and priced from $22,090.00-$38,500.00. And if you hurry and book by August 31 there's a $1000.00 discount! General Tours had a more modest trip of 17 days from US-Moscow-St. Petersburg-Delhi-Bangkok-Hong Kong-US. with departures Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, and Oct. 27th. Intrav has a 24 day NYC-Dallas-Honolulu-Queenstown-Sydney-Beijing-Hong Kong-Delhi/Agadir-Masai Mara-London-NYC which prices out at a cool $50,800.00 and departs Sept. 9, Sept. 30, and Oct. 3rd.

Southern Cross Tours for $5,999.00 will take you around the world departing Nov. 16th. For $1129.00 extra you will have a place to sleep at night, and for $789.00-$899.00 you can eat while on the trip. Local sightseeing adds another $899.00 to the tab. Tarvess has a 23 day tour departing Oct. 5 for $33,900.00. (All prices are per person, double occupancy).

From the current "Best"

The Number One award for Airlines "On Time" went to our own Alaska Airlines, followed by US Air, Southwest, Northwest, United, America West, Delta, Continental, American and TWA for the top ones.

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The Amazon Trail:  
Skirting an Epidemic  
by Lee Lynch

I felt like a very unbutch wimp when I discovered that I was terrified at the prospect of undergoing a biopsy for a lump in a breast. It even frightened me that the surgeon offered the alternative of being hospitalized. When he started talking intravenous drugs I freaked. It was just a little lump, right? A lump he assured me would not turn out to be cancer. So why all the fanfare?

Some people clam up in the face of possible catastrophe. To a point, I'm one of the talkers. If I'm out of work I'll ask the bus driver and the house sitter's mother-in-law and every ex's ex's ex's leads. It was only natural for me to talk about my impending ordeal with any woman who so much as looked at me. Many of those who had already been through it, hardy femine types, got local anesthetic and went back to work.

Not me. For the week before surgery I noticed that I couldn't talk without reversing words. I made mistakes so dumb I could have been doing a slapstick routine. I was exhausted yet couldn't stop my frenetic pace. I was emotionally shut down except that I was angry about everything. I was horrified at the thought of someone purposely cutting into my body.

This is no big deal, I kept telling myself. Thinking of people living with AIDS, surviving quadruple bypass surgery or undergoing chemotherapy. I tried to act like a sane, together dyke, but I simply wasn't. In the hours before surgery I was cold with an icy fear. Lover told me I looked like a caged animal. I couldn't cope with anything and I was on the edge of tears constantly. For the first time I had a sense of how overwhelming illness and disability could be, invading every aspect of everyday life - taking over. How, I wondered, do people cope? Do we really know nothing about courage until we face the prospect of a fatal adversary inside our own bodies?

The fateful day dawned. Lover dropped me off at the clinic. I wouldn't let her stay with me. I was a walking ice cube, capable of nothing but proceeding straight ahead to my doom. I forced myself to take notes on how I was feeling so anyone reading this wouldn't feel so alone in a similar situation. I wanted to reveal my very human condition, but there was nothing to write. I'd lost the ability to feel.

It was almost a relief to give myself over to the staff. Our nurse friend had said she would try to assign herself to me and there she was, guiding this basket case through the process. Lock valuables in locker. Change into sick person's gown. Replace shoes with undignified blue booties "So you don't kick us," said my friend with a laugh. Oh, geeze, would it be that bad? Complete medical forms. Sign the release which might have given the physician permission to remove my precious gay gene for all I could comprehend. Did I want drugs? Knock me out, I told my friend. I don't want to know about it.

Then we go into something that looks strangely like an operating room (ack!). My friend tells me to lie down and positions me for maximum accessibility. I know the emotions I would normally be feeling: embarrassment, humiliation, vulnerability, self-protection today? Nada.

She swabs some orangey stuff. Brings a blanket to stop my shivering. Says comforting things. Lets me make small talk. It's an odd intimacy, knowing she'll be witness to the horror for which I can't even be conscious. We wait interminably for the surgeon.

Dr. Delump is his usual low-key sardonic self. Pleasantries. No sharpening of blades. Professional exchange between the two people who loom above me. I feel very very small. The last time I was on an operating table I was five years old, with tonsillitis. Then, I remember clearly, I was told to count backwards from one hundred. Baby dyke, I gamely toughed it out to ninety-five before I faded.

Today, my friend tells me I'll feel a burning sensation as she begins the sedation through my unsuspecting left hand. I tell her I do, less uncomfortable than really interested that I can feel the coursing of blood through my veins. I try to ignore Dr. Delump at his gruesome work on my poor breast. Although I'm a little fuzzy around the edges, the local's not adequate and my friend sees me cringe. Insightful woman, she knows this is no time for butch stoicism. With the doctor's consent, she knocks me out.

The next thing I know I am aware of stitching motions. My friend is saying, "You're all right." "You know so soon?" I ask, convinced there hasn't been enough time to take the lump out, much less send it to the lab. Not me, I didn't lose consciousness in front of these people. I am skeptical as she wheels...
me on the gurney, just like in the movies, to another room. Then Lover is by my side, taking my hand — beautiful, womanly, blue-eyed, red-haired, nightingale-voiced Lover who seems as giddy with relief as I am.

It isn't until we're on the Freeway, halfway to our little home in the woods, that I really wake up. I've had a sudden return of emotion: exultation, gratitude, joy. And at the same time, a feeling of connection to all of us touched, felled, surviving the epidemic of breast cancer. In Lover's small car, windows tight against the heat, I give a joyous shout, "IT'S BENIGN!!!"

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MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
GUESTS PRESENT: Bhree Roumagoux.
TREASURER’S REPORT: June Financial Statements were not available.
ADVISORY PANEL: This subject will be fully discussed at our next retreat.
COOKBOOK PROJECT: Tom spoke with Sheldon Meier regarding this project, and Sheldon suggested it be closed. As amended by others, it would produce little income with much effort.
FALL CONFERENCE: Kurt and Bill hosted a barbecue on July 23 and raised about $2200 for the conference; they decided to donate the expenses, leaving the receipts intact. The Board agreed the project was very well done! We agreed to place ads and two inserts (to be provided by the committee) in NorthView without cost; we will also place a $100 ad in the conference program.
GAY PRIDE PICNIC: Dawn will send thank you cards to Beth Vann and others who made this years’ picnic a great success.
HELINE: Five volunteers were trained on July 8; Bill Wilks was unable to attend, and several others have indicated an interest in being trained. We agreed to provide role-playing services for an interim training session. Sheldon Meier was thanked for providing lunch on July 8. Ken and Tom hope to begin updating the Resource Book in August. We agreed to block Caller ID as it was inappropriate; Kurt will contact ATU.
MEMBERSHIP: Shirley and Tom sent 18 “thank you notes” in July. Our membership is 203, of which 46% are women. Tori (and others) pointed out this only means they write a check; we are still perceived as a male-dominated organization.
NCO D: The annual dance will be held at the Elks Club on October 14 but the Fall Conference is October 6, 7 and 8. The Conference has no entertainment planned. As a result of last years’ dismal attendance, we are unlikely to move the date forward to become part of the Conference but will wait until the next Committee meeting before making the decision. Meanwhile, Ruth needs someone to take over this annual task, while she assists them. It was suggested this be brought up at the Potluck dinner and be advertised in the Klondyke Contact.
NORTHVIEW: Ken mentioned Brad Yeary has ideas for soliciting new ads; Ruth and Ken will contact him. We need more ads to stay afloat. New postal regulations go into effect soon for Non-Profit Bulk Rate and have a detrimental effect on us. We can prove that our advertisers are substantially related to us and help further our goals. We cannot allow others to use our permit; no more Anchorage Garden Buddies mailouts. No more insurance (Chris Olsen) and travel (Bob DeLoach) articles or advertisements; same goes for debit or credit cards. We must now switch to Bulk Rate which will cost about $30 per month more.
POTLUCK DINNERS: The program for August is the Police Department on Gay Bashing; Tom will be the emcee.
ALASKA COMMUNITY SHARE: Tracy Reid did not appear; we will reschedule her. Tori will rewrite Identity’s 25-word description for their brochure.
ADOPT-A-ROAD: Tom stated he drove Patterson between East Northern Lights and Tudor; it looked pretty clean. Candy will circulate a sign-up sheet at the Potluck for one more cleaning before winter arrives.
BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Various individuals were contacted regarding their interest in joining the Board to fill Don Naff’s unexpired position; all who were contacted declined. Bhree recently graduated from Smith College and will be in Anchorage until early 1996. She provided us with a brief description of herself; we asked questions; she accepted our invitation to join the Board! Former Board Member Jen Kohout is leaving Anchorage in August. We agreed to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation and present it to her at the July potluck. Bhree will secure it for us.
ADVERTISING OURSELVES: Ruth contacted The Press (alternative weekly newspaper) regarding our advertising in it. A 2.5” by 3” ad would be about $32 an issue. We agreed to run two and Ruth will run two.
CORONATION: Our ad is due August 1. Ruth and Ken to prepare it.
RETREAT: We will meet at Tom and Al’s on August 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch being furnished by Al. Tom will send notices and map.
ALASKA WOMEN’S CULTURAL CENTER: Candy stated there would be a fund-raiser on September 23 for this organization; she wondered if we would waive the $50 fee for inserts in the August and September NorthView. We agreed to reduce to $40 in August and $30 in September.
NEXT BOARD MEETING: Scheduled for 7:00P on August 22 at our office.
Stargazer Commentary
by Barbara J. Soule

Scientists working to crack the secrets of our DNA coding determined before nineteen-ninety that we all came from the same original Mother and this year that we all spring from the same original Father. All of humanity is biologically related and theoretically could recall their origins and unite. The concept makes sense to me. The problem is that somehow in the mists of time, the human race forgot their kinship with each other.

The upcoming "Unity in Diversity" conference theme has had me pondering its spiritual implications. Unity in Diversity to me means that in our humanity, we come together as a people, a community as a solid unit. Solidarity is no easy task when every variation, genetic and philosophical, is possible. When things veer on the improbable or impossible, I pray. I ask for help so that I am not alone.

Frequently, I get calls asking me to pray for someone in dire circumstances. So far our prayers for each other have not been in vain. People returned to mental, physical or spiritual health, money obtained, homes found for children, men, women and innocent animals, the perpetrator sentenced to jail, name it, I've probably prayed for it. My partner is Candy Bonham. Her mother in Montana, is a charismatic Catholic. Kay is a real live and let live Christian who leaves the final judgment to God. Her prayer network is amazing. If our efforts are not working, Candy calls her Mother and has Kay put "it" on the prayer chain.

There's something about networking that makes me feel good. Part of it consists of "at least I can do something and I don't have to do it alone." As homosexuals, we get excluded, kicked out or families, social structures and established churches. If you are spiritual at all, it's a forgone conclusion one has some faith in things that can not be seen or explained in a rational manner. That's my theory. I know our good Unitarian friends hold a different view and that's okay with me. I am a romantic soul who likes a mystery.

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Obituaries

Cal Anderson, the Legislature’s first openly Gay member, died recently, ending his battle with AIDS.

Secretary of the Senate Marty Brown said Anderson was found dead by his partner, Eric Ishino, at their Seattle home when Ishino came home from work.

Anderson, a Democratic senator from Seattle’s 43rd District, was absent for most of the 1995 legislative session, battling non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, an AIDS-related cancer.

Anderson went to Olympia periodically to cast crucial votes in the Senate, where his party had only a one-vote majority.

In April, Anderson announced that chemotherapy had eradicated the lymphoma, but he was left weakened and susceptible to more illnesses. In June, he missed being grand marshal of Seattle’s Gay-pride parade because of blood clots in his legs and lungs.

Before entering the Legislature, Anderson served in Vietnam, winning two Bronze Stars and two Army Commendation Medals.

Anderson, 47, was appointed to the House in 1987 and won subsequent House elections, until he captured an open Senate seat in 1994 with 81 percent of the vote. He took an interest in civil rights, the environment and legislation dealing with elections, ethics and state government.

For years, Anderson waged an unsuccessful battle to have the Legislature adopt a Gay-rights bill. He was a major force in fighting anti-Gay rights initiatives in 1994.

In an interview last month, Anderson looked ahead: "One of my dreams is to go back to Olympia next year and say ‘I’m still here. AIDS isn’t the death sentence you all think it is.”

Anderson declined to resign from the Senate because he loved the work and was still able to do it.

While he was diagnosed HIV positive before he was first elected, Anderson declined to publicly reveal it: "What would have happened is I would have become the poster child for AIDS, not a legislator."

Anderson called himself "a Democrat who happens to be Gay."

A $2.6 million, 24-unit apartment complex for low-income people with AIDS was dedicated to Anderson last month.

Thanks to the Seattle Times. Article compiled and written by Carole Beers, Anne Koch, and Dee Norton.

Look at Your Mailing Label!
The new NorthView mailing labels now give you the renewal date for your Identity membership. Please refer to the line above your name. Your membership expiration is expressed as year/month, i.e., 1994/10. If your renewal is due in the near future, please help paperwork and postage-wise—send it early.

We are struggling to continue our activities, which include the North-View, the monthly Pot-lucks and the Helpline, not to mention the Lesbian & Gay Pride Picnic and National Coming Out Day! Please send your membership now (more if you can, less if you can’t) and support your Identity!

Thanks! Thanks!
Why Should You Join EQUAL

by Dan Carter, cochair, EQUAL

EQUAL is Alaska's largest predominately "lesbigaytrans" political organization. With approximately 1,100 members, it has seen a dramatic growth rate over the past year. If you are not presently a member, you may wonder why you should join. Listed below are several reasons.

1). STRENGTH IN NUMBERS--regardless of how we feel about "might makes right," most politicians take groups seriously only if they feel they have something to gain from the group (votes, funds or volunteer support).

2). VOTER REGISTRATION--EQUAL provides information to our supporters concerning the "how to" of voter registration (for new registrants or for existing voters to make changes on their registration).

3). CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES--while EQUAL does not officially endorse candidates at this time, survey forms are submitted to all candidates for office and results of the survey are distributed to our supporters. In order to simplify the election process, we attempt to provide supporters with responses from candidates within their election district only. Unlike some of the right wing organizations in our city, we recognize our members are intelligent enough to make their own decision once they receive our survey forms.

4). NETWORKING--EQUAL is attempting to update all our supporters files to include a phone number and, where available, an INTERNET address. With political issues changing so rapidly, it is vital for us to be able to contact members as quickly as possible in order to provide latest information on legislative activities, assembly agenda or other politically oriented items.

5). BECAUSE WE ARE SO LOVABLE--If you don't want to join us for the obvious political reasons, we will gladly welcome you to one of the friendliest group of people in Alaska. With over 1,100 members, you're bound to find whatever you're looking for--a date, a mate or a partner for political debate.

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Breast Cancer: An Update, and Further Thoughts
by Susan Johnson

My first article about my diagnosis and experience with breast cancer appeared in the June, 1995 NorthView. It is now two months later, and I am writing this two days before I hope to resume week eight of the sixteen weeks of my chemotherapy.

I say “resume” because my body, like almost everyone’s who undergoes this intense form of treatment, cannot withstand the side effects without respite. I’ve thus had a week off to let my immune system recover. A chronically low immune system means I am very vulnerable to any bacteria or virus that is floating around, which is why I now do only “distance hugs” with friends.

I say “hope” because, while I do savor the time off—during which I begin to feel more energy and less nausea—nonetheless I have to get on with this treatment if it is to be effective and ever to be over.

I never know whether or not I will actually continue with the chemo until the day of my weekly blood test. I psyche myself up for the ordeal; usually it happens, sometimes it doesn’t. I am learning to let go of the illusion that I can control the most significant aspects of my life. Which is one of those things we’re all supposed to learn, yes?

This brings me to one of the points of this update. Ordeals like getting cancer are supposed to be spiritually relevant experiences in some way or another. Finding meaning in the bad things that happen to us (we usually are either too overjoyed or too lacking in self esteem to find meaning in the good things) is brave and creative and asserts our essentially spiritual nature. I believe it is altogether a good idea to find spiritual significance in our experiences unless we slip into thinking we somehow brought our misfortunes upon ourselves. Some we may have, but many we did not. Thinking we are responsible for everything that befalls us blames the victim and—when it comes to medical calamities, and many others I suspect—is simply ignorant.

Some years ago Susan Sontag took out her frustration at peoples’ interpretation of her cancer by writing a thoughtful book called Illness As Metaphor. She reminds us of the history of tuberculosis which, before its cure was discovered, was thought to plague only certain types of people, “sensitive” ones, most likely artists, who faded away in spas being sick and creative. When the cause was discovered, the whole explanatory edifice fell away, rendered irrelevant by medical fact. Now getting tuberculosis is regarded as a failure of the public health system, not a quality of the individual who suffers.

No one, of course, has implied I somehow brought breast cancer upon myself, but some of the reading I’ve done argues just that. Dr. Bernie Siegel’s book Love, Medicine and Miracles, for instance, forces the reader to wade through considerable theorizing about the supposed emotional causes of cancer before getting to his very helpful suggestions about how a patient can marshal her emotional and spiritual resources to help her own healing.

What I want to suggest to you is that you not waste your own emotional and spiritual resources blaming yourself or those you know for the difficulties you or they are facing, especially when such blame takes the subtle form of half-baked psychological interpretations of causality. Reserve your strengths instead for the wholly useful task of helping and healing.

I came across a sentence that I think characterizes our physical vulnerability precisely. This is the New York Times Book Review’s description of a book of short stories called Cold Snap: “A collection that turns a merciless, ironic gaze on the organic trap called life, in which spiritual beings—humans—are forever in jeopardy of mere chemical accidents or biological insults.”

Some specific updates:

I had to abandon the idea of the macrobiotic diet, though Connie and I do try to eat organic foods to the extent that we can. Chemotherapy is no time to institute an entirely new way of eating since eating itself becomes problematic.

When the first brushful of hair came out I initiated a preemptive strike. Connie went with me to a barber who shaved my head. I thus don’t need to mourn the loss of each individual curl.

I am almost incapable of seeing people smoke (I myself smoked for fifteen years, now just eighteen years, four months and two days ago.) There is, after all, plenty of evidence that you can cause lung cancer in yourself, or at the very least extravagantly increase the likelihood that you will contract it. Breast cancer is survivable, lung cancer rarely so. So quit if you are still smoking, okay?

I’ll send you some more “notes from the organic trap” in a couple of months. Take care.


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"Lovely day, isn’t it?" I ask, trying to steer Buff onto a more neutral topic, as she has just picked up a pair of sharp-looking cuticle clippers. I mean, I like a blood-red manicure as much as the next girl, but she’s beginning to scare me. Buff quiets down and as she clips I ponder the word girlfriend.

Clearly to a straight woman like Buff, girlfriend means any number of gal-pals who go out to drink beer and complain about their menfolk. To a femme like me, girlfriend means one particularly handsome butch who knows how to take me to heights of sexual ecstasy I never dreamed possible. The writer in me finds this quite interesting. But Buff doesn’t leave me alone with my thoughts for long. She applies my base coat and asks, "So what’s the secret to your marriage? What’s so special about your husband?"

I lean toward Buff as if I’m about to share my most intimate secret with her, as indeed I am. "My husband has a vagina."

"What?" Buff drops my hand, not in horror, but in fascination. "You’re Gay?" she asks. "Wow. My girlfriend and I were just talking about this. We wish we were Gay. We’d love to be Gay. Did you ever date guys or have you always been Gay?"

I don’t believe this. All I wanted was a manicure, and instead here I am giving a lesson on Lesbianism 101. I shouldn’t be paying Buff. Buff should be paying me. She goes on: "I love my girlfriend. I mean, we do everything together. We do each other’s nails, we borrow each other’s clothes, we talk on the phone for hours. But sex? I don’t know if that would work."

Of course it wouldn’t work. You’re both femmes, I want to scream.

Instead I say, "Shouldn’t I choose a color?"

"Oh, yeah." Buff displays her polish: Cracklin’ Rose, Cherry Cherry, Song Sung Blue, Sweet Caroline. All the colors are named after Neil Diamond songs. Neil Diamond, Neil Diamond. I compliment Buff on her cleverness.

"You gotta have a gimmick," she says, opening a bottle of Heartlight. "Business is really slow. For some reason, most of the women in this town keep their nails awfully short."

There’s a questioning tone to her voice, but if Buff can’t figure out why most of the citizens of Lesbianville don’t do well with long pointed nails, I am certainly not going to tell her. Buff applies my top coat and I’m almost dry when Flash walks in.
"How's it going?" she asks. "Fine," I lie. "Buff, this is Flash."

"How do you do?" Buff asks in a husky voice, walking toward Flash, cleavage leading the way. I'm tempted to scratch her eyes out, but my nails aren't quite dry.

"Just wanted to say hi. See you later." Flash blows me a kiss and leaves. "Nice to meet you," Buff waves from the doorway. "Got any more like her at home?" she asks me. "If I ever met a woman like that, I'd turn Gay in a heartbeat."

All it takes is one good butch, I think, but that good butch is taken. And on that note, I leave Nail Diamond without looking back.

"But why?" Flash asks when I get home. "Your nails look great."

"Because she has a huge crush on you."

"She's not my type," Flash says. "Let's find someone to bring her out."

"Who?" I start thinking out loud. "Sal and Val are taken. Mitzi and Whit are still an item. Raven has the wrong plumbing. I guess poor Buff is on her own." And in the meantime, just in case, I'm sharpening my claws at home.

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The Albums of Potter's Lane
(Remembering)
by Dan Cook

Part 28
"Robert and Neal"

The note read: "My Dear Sons. It would be a pleasure having both of you come to Havana with Victoria in September. Wonderful weather and the casino is a pure delight. Signed, fond regards, Mother."

The note saved all these years in the album marked 1939. This note had just been handed to Mike by the Canadian Ambassador to the US at the Canadian Cup Regatta. So Mother knows the Ambassador. "Why not," Steve and Mike both said. The ranch would be all right. Victoria and Cha Cha would be going along, so they all agreed to meet in L.A. Sept. 1. Parry said he could handle the clinic.

The plans for Victoria's house for now could wait. The island property and the long-distance love affair was taking a lot of time and energy.

The country was back on its feet and every city and hamlet seemed to be having a baby boom, and that included Grant County. The clinic added four more rooms and hired another nurse. Around August, Victoria and Cha Cha had to back out. It was big party time in Hollywood and Cha Cha wasn't about to turn down the money. Victoria was up to her eyebrows in work on the island. Steve was the only one that could break away and without Mike, well, you could forget that. So the four of them set a new date. The first weekend after New Year's.

Robert stopped making so many trips to Purty-Mike and Steve knew the signs even if he didn't. He had fallen head over heels in love. Maybe it was the 8x10 of Neal setting next to his bed, or his stomach aches and working long hours. He had asked Mike if it was all right to bring Neal to the house to meet his Folks during Christmas, of course, the answer was yes.

Mary and Eta had to agree with the prognosis. He was lovesick. "Poor fella doesn't have long to live," they all teased. Even his folk's had to agree if it's that serious and not a fling they wanted to meet this fella too.

Neal had had flings in the past, but most had been one-nighters (no names) and certainly no one had asked him to meet their parents. It had been a man's thing, with a buddy. But even Nick and Joe could see a difference in Neal. He had stopped going to the local taverns to arm wrestle and drink. He was reading books of law so he could hold his own in their conversations. Neal and Robert drove down from Seattle stopping in Portland for two days. Neal was as nervous as any young man would be meeting his lover's parents for the first time. He had never even met Nick and Joe's parent's. He was having a hard time keeping anything in his stomach and when he stepped out of the car to meet Mr. and Mrs. Holt. Robert thought Neal was going to faint.

"So, you're Neal?" Mr. Holt said as Mrs. Holt pushed him aside, taking just a second to appraise this handsome specimen of a man. "You can call me mom, young man," she said, as she gave him a big hug. Steve, Mike, Rose and Dave were watching all this through the large front window, their eyes full having the same reaction. "I think we all are getting to be a bunch of softies," he whispered and the four all had to agree as they wiped the happy tear's away.

Mike could see a lot of himself in Neal. Neal wasn't a huggy touchy person in public. Mike was the same way 19 years ago. And it took Steve's patience and love to break through that barrier and yet there was a lot of Steve in Neal as well. He loved the outdoors and anything rugged. He was a man's man all right, and Mr. Holt liked that. He had always been afraid Robert would bring home someone like Monty. To Mama Holt it would have made no difference—she liked Monty and he could talk about cooking, fashion and even knew about women's problems. To her that would have been a bonus.

The John Day family had all met Neal and were coming to dinner. Before dinner Robert took Neal out to meet Bob and David. They were in the barn rearranging bales of hay. Robert made the introductions. Neal asked if he could help them say sure, and he took off his coat. Bob and David had seen well built men before but Neal's body was that of an Atlas. He tossed a bale from the second floor to the third as if it were a feather pillow. Neal had their respect.

MR. HOLT, NEAL, BOB AND DAVID WITH RifLES AND TWO ELK AT THEIR FEET, TAKEN BY ROBERT DEC. 23, 1939.

Each December, the ranch took one or two elk from the herd east of Purty, and gave the meat to the elderly or those in need. The household was impressed with Neal's hunting skills. There was this man-thing of punching each other in the arm. Neal could deal out some major whacks. Robert noticed Bob and David weren't playing it as much as they had in the beginning. Neal had their respect once again.

Neal was on his own from the age of thirteen when his father sent him parking after catching him with another boy. He had a very hard life alone during the Depression and he had forgotten what it was to be loved by parents. Mom and Pop Holt seemed to fulfill the many dreams he had as a kid.

He loved to listen to Robert's stories of John Day; about the wonderful couples and a ranch he called home and parent's who hadn't turned their backs on him as a child. But these were just stories he had heard from Robert. He had never told Robert he didn't believe him but he didn't because that had always been a dream of his to be loved by loving parents. Now he saw it with his own eyes and couldn't deny the love he felt from this remarkable family. Even as a little boy he hadn't had a Christ-
mas. It was a little overwhelming when they were singing Christmas carols. He excused himself and went out to the porch. Mrs. Holt followed him out and asked him "what’s wrong son?" and took him into the kitchen, where Robert was grabbing a little snack. She told Robert, who had wondered about Neal’s holding back, that it wasn’t easy for Neal to let down his shield. He needed to know your Father and I approved and he let me know if you couldn’t practice law for some reason he would always be there to provide for you. Robert said this wasn’t a dream and was a ready made family of sisters, brothers and even a Mama and Papa. Mrs. Holt added that Mike and Steve had taken almost 20 years to build this family and they had built a solid foundation for her family as well. So if he ever needed a hug from Mama she was there.

The following day Fingers and Snap arrived for Christmas and once again the drop-ins came to visit and party. This year the conversation was how the New Deal was working. F.D.R and Eleanor were for the people, Germany was at war with its neighbors and Japan and China were about to do the same thing to each other. The young people were moving to the big cities even though John Day had a solid economy—and that was something to worry about.

After the drop-ins had gone home, the family had a lot too talk about. The island, the trip in a couple of weeks to Cuba, Victoria and Cha Cha’s love affair, and the latest lovers Neal and Robert—the babies of the family, now that everyone else was in their forties and fifties. But that brought out tales of the way each couple had met and fell in love.

Parry had hired Brisk to build a porch on his little house. When they met they both knew the other person was Gay but didn’t know how to bring up the subject and break the ice. So Parry had Brisk convert the carriage house into a garage then he had him build new cabinets in his kitchen because they still hadn’t even made a crack in that ice. Just before Brisk finished the cabinets he asked Parry to give him a physical and nature took it’s course.

Neal was listening intently as each couple told their own story. Elta and Mary’s story was about being young schoolgirls in Kentucky. With Finger’s and Snap the hugs and cuddles had started 30 years ago and they still both needed them as much now as they did then. Charles and Roland fell in love in Junior high school. Parents sent them to different colleges because they thought the boys were too close and it would be healthier. After graduation the guys got back together and never returned to Helena, Montana.

Neal was all ears when David and Bob told their story. They were sidekicks, best buddies and only Robert had been welcome to share their bedrolls. They were happy for Robert and Neal and they would miss those baby cakes but it was up to Neal to take care of those needs now. Neal understood Bob and David and thanked them. He was hoping Robert had given up that bedroll he was so used too.

They all wanted to know if Neal was moving to John Day or was Robert thinking of moving. Actually Robert and Neal had made a deal with Joe and Nick. Neal could come to the ranch every other week and Robert would go to Seattle and work with Mike’s Uncle for a week each month.

ROBERT, NEAL, BOB, AND DAVID ON THE PORCH IN PURY WITH THE TWO BORDER COLLIES LAUREL AND HARDY. DEC. 1939.

Turning the page....

Cheressse AKA Dan Cock was Empress 1 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 Cherressse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.]

It’s Bowling time !!!

Yes, It’s time to dig out those bowling bags, wash last year’s bowlers’ towels, and get ready for another year of fun with the Gay bowling league.

The Northern Exposure Bowling league begins league play for the ’95-’96 season at Park Lanes Bowling facility in Mountain View on Sunday Sept. the 10. Normal bowling time is every Sunday at 4:00pm. Everyone should be at the lanes by 3:00pm on the 10th to sign up their teams and attend the league meeting.

Last year the league sent 10 women to the International Gay Bowlers Organization in Vancouver BC and this year the IGBO conference will be held in the City of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia). Come on guys! Are we going to let the women whoop us again this year?

The league is open to all and it is a “Scratch” league so all skill levels of bowlers are encouraged to join. Why not form a team, or just come out on the 10th as there are always places on teams which need to be filled. This is a great opportunity for members of the Gay Community and their straight and Bi friends to enjoy fellowship and good fun, and the exercise is good for you too!! Further questions can be directed to Dan or Bob at 561-8744.

Join us Sept. 10th 3:00pm.
Groups & Gatherings
Circles and Clubs
News from Gay & Lesbian Organizations from around the State

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As)
Anchorage: offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00pm) at their offices, 1037 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102. Friday at noon is a luncheon for People With HIV and AIDS. We are always looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals. If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteering with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at 276-1400.

Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association of Fairbanks (AGLA): a UAF Student Organization, has regular meetings open to Gays, Lesbians and allies, every other Friday. For further information about meeting time and place, contact Jenna at 907-451-8465.

Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB) Anchorage: 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 272-3990.

Anchorage Lesbian Families' Alliance (ALFA)
Anchorage (ALFA is on vacation until September): in "Winter" ALFA usually meets every 4th Sunday at various locations (mostly at Susan & Janet's) to socialize and provide support for each other. Adults, children, Lesbians, allies and newcomers are welcome. Call Mary or Val at 276-3478 for more information.

Anchorage Women's Political Caucus: for Lesbians and non-Lesbians, meets 7:00pm at the First United Methodist Church (Anchorage) on the first Wednesday of every month.

EQUAL, Inc. Anchorage: Equal meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Metropolitan Community Church at 615 Hollywood Dr. (Government Hill). EQUAL provides education and information about political issues to our community. EQUAL is not a political action committee and does not endorse candidates. EQUAL has a social "coffee house" get together at the Hollywood Canteen (Capri Cinema) from 7:00-9:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. For more information, call 274-9226.

EQUAL, Inc. Fairbanks: purpose is to keep the community informed about political and legal events which have an effect on the Lesbian/Gay community, to educate about community issues, to organize letter writing campaigns and other forms of political action, and to promote equal rights for all Alaskan citizens, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy at 907-457-3876. For more information about EQUAL contact Laura Burleson at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLFB@aurora.alaska.edu.

Fairbanks Dance Club: the Palace Saloon in Alaskaland is still the hottest spot in town to meet. You can go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00pm '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 457-3876.

Family—Anchorage: Meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Arts Building, Room 121 on the UAA campus. Social group after 7pm (bowling, dinner, etc.) Wednesdays from 11:00am-4:00pm there is an information booth in the Campus Student Center. High school people, bi-sexual men & women, transvestites and transsexuals most welcome! For Summer schedule, call Graham at 562-8463.

Feminist Sing-a-Long, women only, Anchorage: third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Cir. (maps available at the Alaska Women's Bookstore) or call Carol and Fran at 333-0871. Non-singers are more than welcome. 6:30pm potluck, 7:30pm singing (from the KK-Thanks!)

Gay Bar, Anchorage: 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, Anchorage: founded to improve self and community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian and Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities. 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 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the Calendar for this month's guest speaker.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), Anchorage: 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 XXII Jasmine at 563-8650.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks: 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.

Amb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Anchorage: holds Sunday services at 11:00am and 7:00pm, and Wednesday at 7:00pm at 615 Hollywood Dr. Church is open Sunday through Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm. Call 258-5266.

Fast Frontier Men's Club, Anchorage: a members-only club for the Leather/Bear communities of Alaska. Meetings 3rd Thurs. of each month, 6:00pm at the Raven; campsouts & weekend trips, too. Write T.L.F.M.C., P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99520-2054.

Midnight Sons, Anchorage: Gay Men's AA Meetings, Fri & Sun. Check calendar for times and locations.

Mt. McKinley (non-asent) Club (MMcna/C) Anchorage: 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, Anchorage (on vacation until the Fall): Winter schedule: each Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm, Park Lanes. 561-8744 (Bob).

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of Fairbanks: meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin (Noble & 5th). Contact Nancy at 479-4944 for more information.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of Southcentral: holds meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For information call Sylvia at 562-4992 or Fred at 562-7161.

Klatch, Fairbanks: meets the first Wednesday of each month and is an informal gathering of GLBs. The group offers a place to discuss current events, ideas, hopes and needs, and it extends hospitality to newcomers. Generally, the theme of each gathering is determined by the volunteer host(s), from "Show 'n Tell" to "My Personal Agenda" to "Open Forum." Q*Klatch offers a casual environment in which to meet and share with others. For more information please contact Kathy at 1-907-455-6358 or Eric at 1-907-455-4051.

K Outdoors, Fairbanks: an offshoot of Q*Klatch and a member of IGLOO (International Gay * Lesbian Outdoor Organization), is an informal, all-volunteer group of GLBs interested in enjoying the Great OUTdoors. Last summer, we canoed down the Tanana River to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the Alaska Range), went halibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more information, contact Eric at 907-455-4051 or e-mail to <fsebw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 907-455-6358 or <klatklf@northstar.k12.ak.us>.

Hani of Juneau offers services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. Offices: 222 Seward, Suite 200; mail: P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 1-800-478-AIDS (2437).

LAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous) Anchorage: 12-step meeting: Tues., Thurs., Sat. Check calendar for times and locations. 566-1133

Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA): organization for Gay Men and Lesbians of Southeast Alaska. Publishes monthly newsletter Perspective. P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. Phone: 586-4297

Support Group (Soldotna): a group for people with HIV or AIDS or families or friends. Call Jan at 907-262-2589.

Women's Coffeehouse, Anchorage: every 4th Saturday, 8:00pm, Alaska Women's Bookstore. Sliding scale, suggested donation $2. Call Barbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. Check the calendar for this month's program. Closed for the summer-June, July, August. Open again in September.

Women's Two-Step Dance, Anchorage (on vacation until the Fall): Winter schedule: first Saturday of every month. Pioneer House House, 3rd & Eagle, $3. Lessons at 7:30pm, dancing at 8:30pm. Come learn, meet new women, and enjoy. x

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

All listings are in Anchorage unless otherwise indicated.

AA:
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see 4A's page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), Juneau, Rfts, 463-5685
(A) Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (free HIV testing), Stephanie, 257-4637
(A) Interior AIDS Assoc., 452-4222
(A) Pierce County AIDS Found, (WA), 206-383-2565
(A) Shanti of Juneau, 907-463-5665, 1-800-478-AIDS (2437)
(A) S.T.O.P. AIDS Project, Koala, 278-5019

Air Service:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Kell or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-733-1765

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gateke, Kiki/Jaimini, 561-7327

Amusements:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0964

Apparel:
(A) The Look, Karl, 278-5665

Architectural Design:
(G/A) Lipson/Brown Design, 274-8913

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

Automotive:
(A) Courtney's, Linny, 562-1227 (see ad)
(A) S&W Radiator Supply (Fairbanks), BJ, 907-452-2220

Bakery:
(G) Illusions, Brian, 561-8458 (see ad)

Bars:
(G) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaska!and (Fri and Sat ONLY)
(G) The Raven, 276-0672
(G) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Fever, Doug, 277-3862
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 907-225-5945 (see ad)

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

Boarding School Selection:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7094

Body Work:
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816

Books:
(L) Bona Dea Women's Bookstore, Joann/Mariah, 561-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaskana, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

Carpet & Linoleum Installation:
(A) Big Bob's, Mark, 561-2121
(A) Don, 349-1665

Catering:
(G) Alaska Best Catering, Maurice, 338-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 561-8458 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

Chemical Dependency:
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433). Also Los Angeles, CA, Coconut Grove, FL and New York City.

Child Care:
(G) Kid Zone, Andrew, 337-3082

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0964
(G/L) The Social Club at the Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

College Selection:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7094

Computer Bulletin Board:
(G) The Wide Side, 333-4039
(G) Wings!. 243-7818; 243-7371 (G/L/Internet access)

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

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(L) Angi, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Fken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) grafx, Lucian, 272-0328
(A) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3969
(A) LIR Technologies, Logan, 272-7377
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6727

Computer Training:
(G) Seven Treasures Ent., Don, 338-9068

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

Construction:
(L) R&L Construction, Lits, 279-4606
Counseling:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9875
(A) Connie, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9408
(L) Katia, 563-2684
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795

Dancing:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

Deaf Support:
(A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0735 tty
(A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3456 voice, 258-2332, tty

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

Drug Shows:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

Drug Dependency:
(G/L) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433). Also Los Angeles, CA, Coconut Grove, FL and New York City.

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

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

Electrolysis:
(A) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(A) Gentle Touch, 561-6608 (see ad)

Entertainment:
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064, Movieline: 275-3799 (see ad)
(A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9715
(L) Real Talent Productions, Karyn, 562-5777, 278-5683
(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

Financial, Insurance, Investments:
(L) Chris, 561-8840/338-3962 (see ad)

Feldenkrais:
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816

Fishing:
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)

Flightseeing:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Kell or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-733-1765

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

Florists:
(G) Every Bloomin’ Thing, Jerry, Malcom, 274-3158
(A) Growing Concern Florist, Darin, 279-8688

Flying:
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765

Furniture:
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 279-0538 (see ad)

Gas:
(A) Courtemay’s, Linny, 562-1227 (see ad)

General Contracting:
(G) Mat-Su Weatherization Services, L. Hansen, 907-278-9276

Gifts:
(L) Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore, JoAnn/Marish, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 272-4438 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-8876

Glacier Landings:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Kell or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-733-1765

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

Health:
(A) Gatekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(I) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(I) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature’s Own Way, Roberto/Debby, 561-8181
(A) The Olde Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
(G/L) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433). Also Los Angeles, CA, Coconut Grove, FL and New York City.
(A) Skin care, Shari, 345-7451

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

Helping:
(G/L) Fairbanks Lesbian/Gay Line, 907-458-8288
(G/L) Identity Helpline, 254-7777 (see ad)

House Cleaning:
(L) Connie’s House Cleaning Svc., Connie, 276-3147
(A) Green Valley Cleaning, Tara, 345-4657
(G) Randy, 345-6607
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

Housewares:
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 272-4438 (see ad)

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of All Alaskans, Jasmine, 563-8650, Bob 272-3642

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

Income Tax Preparation:
(A) Lynn (LaPerriere) Thomas, 263-0720 (see ad)

Independent Marketer:
(A) Mark, 279-5264

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

Kites, Games, Banners, Puzzles:
(A) Northwind Kites, Pat, 279-4386
(L) Wood Nymph Landscaping, Valerie, 338-0338

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

Massage:
(G) Don, 338-8826
(G) Gabriell, 272-9845
(A) Joyce, 562-1916 (see ad)
(L) Leslie (non-sexual), 278-3346
(A) Marion, 562-8012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

Media:
(L) NLGJA (National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association), Kim, Alaska chapter coordinator and board member, of 277-2704

Meetings:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

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

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

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

Newsletters/Newspapers:
(L) Klondyke Kootz (Alaska Women’s Cultural Center), 337-0253
(GLA) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
(GL) Perspective (S.E.A.G.I.A. (Juneau)), 586-4297
Nightclubs:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

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

Odd Jobs:
(L) Deb, 275-3018
(A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290

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

Personal Services (non-sexual):
(A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290

Pet Care:
(A) Alaska Pet Palace, Sharon, 276-0668
(A) Doggie Hut, Arild, 279-5861

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

Political:
(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America (ACALA), Ruth, 333-1190
(A) Anchorage Women's Political Caucus, Rhonda, 274-9308
(G/L) Equal Inc., 274-9226 (see ad)
(G/L) Log Cabin Republicans, (403) 642-7292

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

Producing:
(L) Real Talent Productions, Karyn, 562-5777, 578-5683

Recreation:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-779-3701
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) Brownyn Hillman, 248-2884; 563-5156 (see ad)
(L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(L) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

Reiki/Counseling:
(A) Joyce, CMT, 562-1916 (see ad)
(L) Spirit Services, Barbara, 274-4089

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

Restaurants:
(A) Cyrano’s Cafe, 274-1173
(G) O’Brady’s, 354-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Retirement Plans:
(A) Lynn (LaPerriere) Thomas, 263-9729 (see ad)

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

Security Alarm Systems:
(G) Mark, 278-2029

Self-Healing:
(A) Joyce, CMT, 562-1916 (see ad)

Sightseeing:
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)

Social/Educational:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 258-4777
(GLA) Q’Klatch (Fairbanks), 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 Church of Religious Science, Center for Positive Living, Rev. Nanuce Sweeney, 258-0010
(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
(A) St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church (Kodiak), Fr. Paul, 486-5276
(A) Unity Church of Anchorage, 346-2824

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226
(A) Flies by Ilene (Eagle River), 907-694-6946
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA, Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see Club Notes)
(G/L) The Family (formerly Lesbian, Gay and Bi Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4092, Fred 562-7161
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), TBA

Tarot/Psychic:
(L) Mariah, Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore, 562-4716
(L) Spirit Services, Barbara, 274-4089

Therapeutic Facilities Out-of-State:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7004

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

Tours:
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-779-3701

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Chereese, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Apollo Travel Agency, Karyn, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) DreamQuest Tours, Karyn, 562-5777, 278-5683
(L) Equinox Wilderness Expeditions, Karen, voice mail: 274-9087
(G) World Express Travel, Greg, 786-3701

Tutoring:
(A) James, Biology, 248-6412

Veterinarian:
(A) Dr. Jean Bartig (Fairbanks) 452-6055

Woodworking:
(L) North Star Signs, Rusty, 333-7900

Writing & Editing Assistance:
(L) Kathy, 278-2848

Deadlines: All articles must be received by the 5th of the month for inclusion in that month’s NorthView.
Aug. 18, Fri:
- SEAGLA Annual Membership Meeting, 7-9:30pm, KTOO.

Aug. 19, Sat:
- PFLAG Juneau Meeting, 12:00noon, Mendenhall Mall Public Library, Marsha Buck, 907-789-6167.
- Feminist Sing-A-Long, 6:30pm, potluck, 7:30pm singing, 1741 Westview Cir., Carol or Fran, 337-0871.
- Lesbian Video Night: The War Widow, 8:00pm, Susan and Lillian’s, 907-463-3188.

Aug. 20, Sun:
- AUUF Services, 10:30am ("More About Surviving Alaska," Jay Hammond), 3201 Turnagain St. 248-3737.
- Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am & 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Aug. 21, Mon:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Aug. 22, Tues:
- Identity Board Meeting, 7:00pm, AUUF, Room A, Ken 248-7722.

Aug. 23, Wed:
- Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
- Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

Aug. 24, Thurs:
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Aug. 25, Fri:
- Identity Potluck, "Anchorage Police on Lesbian/Gay Bashing," 6:30pm, AUUF.

Aug. 26, Sat:
- Celebration of Women’s Right to Vote! 75th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, 1-6pm, Anchorage Town Square, Lois Spees, 333-5979.

Aug. 27, Sun:
  - AUUF Services, 10:30am ("Alaska to Chile: Cultural Understanding Through the Arts," Sharon Sidell) 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
  - Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am & 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

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Aug. 29, Tues:
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Aug. 30, Wed:
  - Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
  - MCRTF Meeting (Juneau), 7:00pm, 907-586-6623.

Aug. 31, Thurs:
  - Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Youth Meeting (26 & under), 5:30pm (Juneau), 907-463-5688.

Sept. 1, Fri:
- Imperial Court of All Alaska, Coronation XXIII In-Town Show. Door 7:00pm, Show 8:00pm. Elks Lodge. Tixs $8 at the door or Carr’s tix.

Sept. 2, Sat:
- Women’s 2-Step, resumes in October.
- Imperial Court of All Alaska, Coronation XXIII Out-of-Town Show. Door 6:00pm, Show 7:00pm. Elks Lodge. Tixs $8 at the door or Carr’s tix.

Sept. 3, Sun:
  - Imperial Court of All Alaska and the North Star Diamond Reign Coronation XXIII Ball. Door 5:00pm, Ball 6:00pm. Egan Center. $25/35/30 door.
  - Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am & 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Sept. 4, Mon:
- Imperial Court of All Alaska Victory Brunch, 12:30pm, Sheraton Hotel. $15.00.

Sept. 5, Tues:

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- AGLA Meeting, 6:30pm, Brooks 201, Jenna 907-451-8465.

Sept. 6, Wed:
- Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
- Alaska Women’s Political Caucus, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church.
- Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

Sept. 7, Thurs:
- EQUAL Meeting, 7:00pm, AUUF, Dan 274-9226.
- EQUAL Inc., Fairbanks, 7:00pm, 531 Duckering Blvd, Andy 907-457-3876.
Sept. 8, Fri:
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Sept. 9, Sat:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Sept. 10, Sun:
λ AUUF Services, 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
λ Northern Exposure Bowling League Meeting, 3:00pm, Park Lanes, Dan or Bob 561-8744.
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am & 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Sept. 11, Mon:
λ Gay Bar, 7:00-8:30pm, Legal Q&A, bring questions & concerns, Allison or Lisa, 279-5001.

Sept. 12, Tues:
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Sept. 13, Wed:
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
λ Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

Sept. 14, Thurs:
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Sept. 15, Fri:
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Sept. 16, Sat:
λ PFLAG Juneau Meeting, noon, Mendenhall Mall/Valley Library. 1-907-463-4205.
λ Feminist Sing-a-Long, 6:30pm potluck; 7:30pm singing, 1741 Westview Circle. Carol or Fran: 333-0871.
λ AGLA Dance to benefit Interior AIDS Assn., 10:00pm, Dogmusher's Hall. $5.00. Jenna: 907-451-8465.

Sept. 17, Sun:
λ AUUF Services, 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

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λ PFLAG Fairbanks Monthly Meeting, 5:30pm at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin. Mary Jo 907-459-8985.

Sept. 20, Wed:
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λ PFLAG Southcentral, 7:00pm, AUUF, Fred 562-7161 or Sylvia 562-4992.
λ Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

Sept. 21, Thurs:
λ The Last Frontier Men's Club, 6:00pm, Raven.
λ Call Dan to verify EQUAL, Inc. Social/Coffee House, 7:00-9:00pm, Hollywood Canteen (Capri Cinema), Dan, 274-9226.

Sept. 22, Fri:
λ Identity Potluck, "Bulbs and winter landscaping & gardening," presented by Trevor Parker: 6:30pm, AUUF.

Sept. 23, Sat:
λ No Women's Coffee House (see next entry).
λ The Night of Rock n Roll Women—benefit for the Alaska Women's Cultural Center, 7:00pm, Wendy Williamson Aud., Tix at Bona Dea: $10 advance, $12.50 at door. 562-4716.

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λ Anchorage Lesbian Families' Alliance (ALFA), 4:00-6:00pm, potluck, Mary and Val Jean 276-3478.

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**ON-GOING CALENDAR ITEMS**

**SUNDAYS**
λ Midnight Sons AA Meeting, 1:00pm, (Gay, Lesbian) only, MCC Church, 615 Hollywood Dr.
λ Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4:00pm, Park Lanes, Dan or Bob 561-8744.
λ Gay, Joyous & Free, 7:00pm, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th Ave.

**MONDAYS**
λ Gay, Joyous & Free, 7:00pm, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th Ave.

**WEDNESDAYS**
λ Free HIV TEST at 4A's, 2:00-4:00pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste. 102, 263-2050.
λ Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
λ "Women's Prerogative," KTOO-FM, Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00pm.
La Cage aux Wave (drag show), 10:00pm, $3 cover.
Blue Moon Follies, 10:00pm, $3 cover.

**THURSDAYS**

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Youth Meeting (26 & under), 5:30pm, 907-463-5688.
LesBigGay Chorus, 6-7:30pm, Place TBA call Mike 243-6108.
Gay, Jovous & Free, 7:00pm, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th Ave.
Country Dancing at the Wave, 8:00pm, taught by Behr. 561-2983.

**FRIDAYS**

PLWA lunch, 4A's, 12noon-1:00pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, 263-2050.
Live and Let Live AA Meeting, 7:00pm, 637 A St. (non-smoking).
Midnight Sons Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 7:30-9:00pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11:00pm-3:00am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.

**SATURDAYS**

The Family (UAA), call for Time & Place, Graham, 562-8463.
SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting, 12:00noon, 566-1133.
KSUA, 103.9 FM, 5:00-7:00pm, "Queer Beans" (Gay issues and music).
Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11:00pm-3:00am, Palace Saloon in Alaskaland.
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