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Thanks! Thanks!
As October approaches and the year visibly wanes, the members of the LesBiGay Community can look forward to a month in which similar communities in every city celebrate (for the second year) Gay History Month. October is the perfect month to celebrate this event, and Anchorage is deep in the final planning stages of our second Pride Conference, our first Pride chorus performance, and our umpteenth celebration of N.C.O.D. (National Coming Out Day).

Alaska in general and Anchorage in particular should be proud of the energy we generate on a regular basis to promote positive educational information throughout our state regarding issues as they relate to the LesBiGay Community. We are active in support of candidates and legislation which favors these issues. We produce, on a regular basis, creditable literature to further inform the citizenry. We participate in classes and seminars to offer an unbiased view to those who will listen and learn. We are serious about our work...we are intent in our efforts to let our community know how to help themselves, and how to demonstrate an attitude of tolerance for their 'straight' friends.

As you read this issue of the NorthView, think of someone who would benefit from its pages. Tear out the membership form and give them a gift of 12 issues. Make a silent pledge to attend the conference this year. Make an additional pledge to take someone with you. The next time you hear of an event which needs an extra pair of hands, be that pair of hands. Register to vote if you have not already done so, and take someone with you to the polls during the next election. Build a float with others in the Community, go to a potluck, sing with the chorus, frequent a business you know is gay or lesbian owned or operated.

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Ruth Mathes is Co-Chair of Identity and co-Editor of the NorthView.

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Date: Friday, September 22

Time: 6:30pm doors open/socialize; 7:00pm dinner; 7:30pm announcements & program

Place: Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. 3201 Turnagain St.

Program: Mary Whybark, Providence horticulturist in residence. "Planting for fall gardens."
1995 Alaska Pride Conference

In less than a month it will be time for the 1995 Alaska Pride Conference. Held on the campus of UAA, the Conference begins Friday evening, October 6. Along with a host of Alaskan presenters, The Pride Conference is proud to present JoAnn Loulan, noted author and entertainer, as our Keynote Speaker. Other Special Guest Speakers include Warren Blumenfeld, author and activist; Christopher Fabbro, journalist and HIV Educator; and Cheryl Schwartz, Director of the Gay Community Center in Denver.

The Opening Night Mixer at the UAA Pub will include meeting the speakers and workshop presenters, and the debut performance of the Alaska Gay & Lesbian Chorus. In recognition of the First Annual Gay & Lesbian History Month (October), Guest Speaker Warren Blumenfeld will present a short overview of his slide presentation "Recovering Our Past: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual History." Pizza and soft drinks will be provided, and there will be a table set up for late registration. Everyone is encouraged to go to the Wave on Friday, Oct. 6, as the proceeds from the cover charge that night are being donated to the Conference.

The second day of the Conference begins at 8:00am on Saturday, Oct 7, with muffins, juice, coffee and tea. Workshops begin at 9:00am and continue throughout the day. A lunch break from 11:30 - 1:30 will include a box lunch (provided) and the keynote address by JoAnn Loulan, beginning at 12:30.

Workshop topics include:

*Unlearning Internalized Homophobia, with Warren Blumenfeld
*Keeping the Passion Alive, with JoAnn Loulan
*Issues Facing Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth, with Cheryl Schwartz
*Creating Support Program for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth, with Cheryl Schwartz

*S刘 Esteem and Attitudes, with Christopher Fabbro
*Sex and 90's Dating, with Christopher Fabbro
*Homosexuality and the Bible: How Wrong is the Right?, with Jim Morgan
*Politics and Law: Advancing Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, with Mark Tumeo and Sara Boesser

*Gay and Lesbian Issues in the Native Community, with Roy Aqloinga
*Youth Leadership Training: Getting Involved in Your Community, with Laura Burleson
*Eroticizing Safer Sex for Men, with Michael Covone and Miran Turner
*The Wild and Playful Spirit of Women, with Rachel Holzworth

*Drumming Circle, with Rachel Holzworth
*The First Time Ever--A Creative Writing Workshop, with Gretchen Legler
*Basic Self Defense: Surviving the Streets, with Darl Schaaff
*How Gays & Lesbians Are Perceived/Depicted in the Media, with Kim Severson and a Panel of Media Experts

*P-FLAG, A Resource to the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Community, with Marsh Buck
*AA Programs for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community, with Naomi Blankenship
*Planning Ahead for Living Together & Dying Separately, with Sylvia Short
*Round Table Discussion: Current Issues Dividing the Community, with Mark Tumeo
*Proposed Networking Discussions from 4:00pm to 6:00pm: - Statewide Networking, - Gay
Businesses in the 90's, - Political Activism, -
Support Groups

This is an incredible line-up of presenters... an
unique opportunity to learn from each other, and to
share all that is positive within our community.
Many workshops are repeated, to maximize the
number of people who can participate throughout
the day.

Sunday closes out the Conference with a catered
Brunch, at which the conference attendees and
presenters can talk, mingle, and share their
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event within our community! Early Registration is
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October 6. Full-time High School and College
students may register for $15 at any time.
Registration Fee Scholarships are available—please
call 566-2048 for more information. Registration
forms are available at Bona Dea Women’s
Bookstore, and at the Wave, or by calling 566-2048.

The Alaska Pride Conference is open to all
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Your help and support is appreciated. If you would
like to donate time, money or in-kind services to the
Conference, please call the Conference Voice-Mail
Box at 566-2048. The Alaska Pride Conference is
being organized by an all-volunteer group, who are
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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. 

'85
At the prodding of Gov. Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts department of human services devises a hierarchy for the evaluation of adoption applications. Married heterosexual couples are placed at the top, while single people and Gay and Lesbian couples are relegated to the bottom.

Released from prison, Dan White kills himself.

In Olivieri v. Ward a federal appeals court refuses to allow the Gay Roman Catholic group Dignity to stage a demonstration outside St. Patrick's Cathedral during New York City's Gay pride march.

In Roe v. Roe the Virginia supreme court strips a Gay father of custody of his daughter, ruling that "continuous exposure of the child to his immoral and illicit relationship (with his lover) renders him an unfit and improper custodian."

In Baker v. Ward a federal appeals court dissolves a district judge's decision voiding the state's misdemeanor sodomy law, apparently leaving the law in force.

In Madsen v. Erwin the Massachusetts supreme judicial court upholds a Christian Science Church policy barring the employment of Gays and Lesbians.

'86
In Bowers v. Hardwick the Supreme Court finally speaks on sodomy laws -- and the result is a big setback for Gay rights. A bitterly divided court upholds the constitutionality of the laws, sparking a rash of protests.

Attorney general Edwin Meese's blue-ribbon panel on pornography concludes that use of sexually explicit materials is linked to violent crime. The report presages a federal crackdown on pornography.

Closeted Gay attorney Roy Cohn dies of complications related to AIDS, insisting to the end that he doesn't have the disease.

The justice department drops its policy of asking prospective prosecutors if they are Gay or Lesbian.

Californians reject an initiative that would quarantine people with AIDS.

In Daly v. Daly the Nevada supreme court rules that a father's parental rights may be terminated when he has a sex change.

In D.C. and M.S. v. City of St. Louis, a federal appeals court rules that a drag show performed by dancer Michelle Mouth did not violate a city indecency ordinance.

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Plumbing Fixtures and Dental Work (Or What I Understand About Life and Relationships)

By Jen Kohout

I've moved into this new apartment in Ann Arbor. While there are plenty of redeeming things about the place—it's within walking distance to my favorite burrito stand and it has a fireplace—I'm having to make some life adjustments. Like my showering habits. I stand in this foreign bathtub contemplating the mystery of relationships and every time I try to position myself under the weak stream of lukewarm water, I rattle my head against this sorry excuse of a shower head.

Probably because I've been reading so many Buddhist meditation books (to keep me centered while I figure it all out), I've decided not to rip the damn thing out of the wall with my bare hands. Instead, I came to the conclusion that my encounter with this particular piece of plumbing must offer some universal analogy for relationships. What that analogy might be, however, totally escapes me.

Fact is I have no clue why and how relationships work the way they do. And I'm starting to get the sense that I am going to spend the rest of my life sliding up and down the learning curve. Which isn't necessarily a bad thing—it's just that those periods of enlightenment are usually inspired by the kind of heartache that spurs me to listen to country music, skip meals, go for walks in the pouring rain, and run twice a day trying not to trip over curbs that I can't see because my eyes are filled with tears.

But, back to this learning process. I used to think of the phases of my life as seasons. Sometimes warm and glowing like summers. Sometimes cold and painful like winters. After moving to Anchorage, however, I've come to realize that winter has unique and wonderful aspects as well. Living in a place where winter lasts from October until April, I'm not sure I had much of a choice. It's a little hard to ignore six feet of snow and 20 hours of darkness. I knew that winter was cold, involved a lot of shovelling, and interfered with my jogging. But I learned that winter also gave me an opportunity to commune with good friends in the warmth of their homes, to work on my watercolor skills, and to sleep—a lot. Besides the mountains look spectacular covered in white, and I could see the green hues of the northern lights walking home from work. (How's that for romanticizing about a place after you've left?)

I've come to realize that the hard periods in my life, like winter, offer me their own unique gifts. I find that I open up more to friends and discover my relationships with them deepening as a result. And between the profound insights of my friends and tips from every self-help book on relationships I can stomach, I acquire new ways of looking at the world—wisdom I carry with me long after the pain of a difficult transition has subsided. I've also noticed that as I struggle to understand the big questions, the rest of my life falls into place. I'm no longer rattled by those complications of life that sometimes seem so significant—parking tickets, slugs in the garden and defective appliances.

Suddenly, the observation that my car pulls to the left triggers thoughts about how I can be true to myself in the context of a primary relationship instead of anticipatory anxiety over an expensive alignment bill from my auto mechanic.

Which isn't to suggest that I'm particularly excited about the prospect of a painful transition. I'd rather have all my teeth pulled. But at least I know that even if heartache doesn't provide my wisdom or perspective, I can at least fit into the jeans I used to wear in college.

Jen Kohout is gone, may return, welcomes letters @ 433 S. 5th Ave. #3, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Why Support PFLAG?
by Fred Hillman

A recent column in the Anchorage Daily News by Cal Thomas about homosexuality sparked a small spate of letters-to-the-editor. Columnist Thomas is an apologist for the religious right and a homophobe of record. He now urges the American Psychological Association to be "scientific" by following the opinions of psychoanalyst Irvine Bieber and sex researchers Masters and Johnson. Their uncontrolled studies date from 1962 and 1974 and have been largely discredited. Despite his appeal to science, Thomas clearly views homosexuality as a religious issue and not a scientific one. This was revealed when he referred to a leader of Exodus International, "a Christian ministry to homosexuals," as a Christian who "has changed."

Several anti-Gay readers have responded in turn to a letter that was critical of Thomas, and all have confirmed Thomas' position. For them, too, homosexuality is a religious issue: it is a sin, it is a choice, and willfully sinful homosexual people can choose to become heterosexual through religious conversion. Never mind that these bizarre and destructive ideas fly in the face of all the factual evidence that has accumulated during the past five decades, they are widespread among the American public. Witness the debate in Congress over homosexuality in the arts that was spearheaded by Sen. Jesse Helms. Witness the controversy over Gays in the military. Remember the last two elections in Anchorage and how Gay issues were injected into the campaign to the detriment of good candidates. Or merely turn on your TV to almost any local preacher.

What can be done? Should anything be done? Who is to do it? How is the American public to learn anything about this largely taboo subject, about which so much misinformation and ignorance abound? How can people come to appreciate that Gays are being denied civil rights? How can they see that homosexuality is not a moral or religious issue? Who is trying to move the public away from their prejudices? What organizations exist to do it?

There are several Gay lobbying and educational organizations that are making a courageous effort to light some candles in the darkness. They suffer from the built-in handicap of being Gay, and their arguments too often appear to be special pleading. Several smaller and less traditional Protestant churches have put the issue behind them by fully accepting homosexual people both as members and as clergy. The Society of Friends, the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Unitarian-Universalists come to mind. Several of the large Christian denominations have small activist groups that are attempting to change church policies from within, such as Integrity, Dignity, Affirmation, and the Reconciling Congregation, but despite a lot of debate, so far none of the main-line churches have come around to full acceptance of Lesbians and Gays. Moreover, the educational efforts of church groups have been mostly directed at members of their own denomination.

There is one organization, however, that is non-Gay and nonreligious and yet vitally concerned with Gay issues, that has as one of its primary missions the education of the public about homosexuality, and that cannot be accused of self-interest. This is PFLAG—the Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

PFLAG chapters welcome everyone, as their name clearly states, nonGays and Gays alike. At the core of the organization, however, are the overwhelmingly heterosexual parents and siblings of Lesbians and Gays, and they can speak with powerful voices. Gay and Lesbian members, in addition, are significant sources of strength in both local chapters and the national organization.

PFLAG has over 265 chapters in ten countries. In Alaska there are groups in Anchorage, the MatSu valley, Fairbanks and Juneau. The national organization in Washington, DC, has published a number of brochures and reading lists of books and articles that are available. PFLAG members have lobbied Congress, and they have been influential in helping to change policies in public schools, especially in the New England states. A current national effort is "Project Open Mind," a million dollar campaign for TV spots that will reach targeted audiences across the nation.

In short, there is no other organization quite like PFLAG, nor one that is in a better position to change the anti-Gay bias of the American public. It is a major player in the political games around Gay issues, perhaps not yet locally but certainly at a national level, and believe me, aroused parents are a potent force. PFLAG is working hard to make America a livable place for you and me. This is why PFLAG should have your enthusiastic support, the support of your parents and your siblings, and the support of your friends.

Fred Hillman is one of the founders of the local PFLAG chapter.
The Amazon Trail: 
The Mautner Project 
by Lee Lynch

At fifty, Gerry is a class A old Gay good-looking smooth-talking butch living in North Dakota. She’s been around the block a few times and has that twinkly lovingly bemused ultra-cool and quietly hot look in her eyes that takes decades to get down pat. You might say that I admire her. And she has breast cancer.

The news of her illness rocked me almost as if it were my own diagnosis. Who’ll take care of her if she undergoes surgery? Who’ll be there for her if she doesn’t get better?

Another friend, Debbie Morris, happened to call and tell me about the Mautner Project. She’s a board member of this volunteer organization dedicated to helping Lesbians with cancer, their partners, and care givers. I wanted to bundle Gerry up and transport her to Washington D.C. where Susan Hester and the Mautner volunteers turn their losses and pain into service.

Debbie, a pioneer in women’s radio, has lost a lot of people to cancer. "The Washington Baltimore area has one of the highest cancer rates in the country. More African-American women die of cancer than do women in the larger population."

Each Lesbian family that calls the Mautner Project gets a coordinator who organizes some of the nearly 200 volunteers to perform services. Women are referred to Lesbian-sensitive physicians, support groups, therapists and to other Lesbians with the same types of cancer.

Her late partner’s nurse told Susan Hester, “I’ve never known Lesbians before and am just so moved by how you all create family." This kind of education is desperately needed—surveys show Ob/Gyn doctors particularly, and other health care providers, say they prefer not to treat Lesbians.

Gerry’s always worked at whatever job she could get, and she’d had health insurance once or twice, but couldn’t afford to keep it on her own. She never even thought about her breasts, except for a secret smugness that she was almost as flat-chested as she had been when she first came out.

One of the Mautner Project’s goals is targeted outreach, including advertising at Lesbian community centers, bars, clubs and other places Gerry might go if she lived in D.C. She might have picked up a self-examination brochure. She might even have volunteered to drive someone to a doctor’s appointment.

Susan Hester: "It’s remarkable that people give up the amount of time that they give up. Volunteers in direct service always say they get more than they give, see more strength and love than they’ve ever seen and end up with close friendships."

An attorney, Mary-Helen Mautner left a page of notes for her partner, Susan Hester, outlining how this type of project could be structured. This year marks the sixth anniversary of Mautner’s death from breast cancer, and the fifth anniversary of the Project.

Hester’s pride is plain when she announces, "We’ve just made available, for $10, a great technical assistance manual that any small group of women can use to start a similar project."

As long as Gerry remains intimidated by the health care system, research monies focus on male health, and information and services are not readily accessible to Lesbians in her shoes, her life depends on the proliferation of groups like the Mautner Project.

Help is coming, Gerry, hang on. You may not have to go through this alone.


Lee Lynch is a columnist/author based in southern Oregon. She writes "The Amazon Trail" regularly for The Dallas Voice, Just Out, The Washington Blade, the Identity NorthView (some 16 papers, in all) and is the author of ten books. Copyright © Lee Lynch, 1995. ▼

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Largest-Ever Quilt Display Will Blanket the National Mall from Capitol Building to Washington Monument

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has contributed $20,000 to help bring the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Washington, D.C. October 11-13, 1996. As the first major contribution specifically earmarked for the monumental 1996 display, the NEA grant kicks off The NAMES Project's aggressive fundraising campaign for the DC96 display. This is the second time the NEA has helped fund a display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C.

"The 1996 display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C. will serve as a lasting and living memorial to an epidemic we pray will end soon," says Jane Alexander, Chairperson of the NEA. "Almost a year ago, I visited the home of The NAMES Project in San Francisco. The AIDS Memorial Quilt was folded carefully on shelf after shelf, each panel stitched lovingly by a friend or family with a name, a date and an artistry which bespeaks a thousand words.

"During national elections crucial to the well-being of people with HIV and to the pace of AIDS research, this display of the Quilt will focus the eyes of our leaders and American citizens on the need for every individual in this country to help bring an end to AIDS," says Anthony Turney, Executive Director of The NAMES Project Foundation. "The Quilt is not only the largest community arts project in the world, but an unforgettable monument of an epidemic that continues to claim thousands of American lives. The NAMES Project and everyone who makes panels for the Quilt is extremely grateful for the generosity of the NEA. Support like this gives us the wheels we need to go to Washington next year.

The October 1996 event marks the first time in four years that the Quilt will be shown in its entirety. The NAMES Project estimates the display will be twice as large as the last showing of the entire Quilt, and over 23 times larger than the first display in 1987. Almost 45,000 hand-stitched three-foot by six-foot panels will be unfolded on the Mall from the Capitol to the Washington Monument. The Quilt will weigh 60 tons and occupy an area the size of 27 football fields. The NAMES Project needs up to 12,000 volunteers to successfully execute this huge display.

"The Quilt has grown inexorably since its first showing in 1987," says Mike Smith, Director of the DC96 display. "And with AIDS now a leading cause of death in this country, more and more friends and families are making panels to be added to the Quilt every day." During Columbus Day weekend next year, the litany of the names of the dead will echo unbroken for three days as 2,000 readers—elected officials, sports figures, celebrities, community and religious leaders, educators, people with AIDS, family members, friends—each take a turn at the podium.

Founded in 1987, The NAMES Project Foundation sponsors and displays the AIDS Memorial Quilt to help bring an end to the AIDS epidemic. Through a network of 40 national NAMES Project chapters and 32 international affiliates, the AIDS Memorial Quilt is seen by more than one million people annually at nearly 2,000 displays. Money raised at Quilt displays is granted to organizations that provide direct service to people everywhere who are living with HIV and AIDS. To date, some five million people have visited the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

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Lavender Ladies

DO NOT BE SO PARANOID—NO ONE BELIEVES WOMEN IN THEIR 60's CAN BE
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WELL, MAYBE NOT EVERYONE!

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Obituaries

Burnie Claston Chavers Jr., 30, died Aug. 26, 1995, at his Anchorage residence. No funeral service is planned at this time.

Mr. Chavers was born March 5, 1965, in Orlando, Fla., and came to Alaska with his family in 1968.

He graduated from West High School in 1983. He worked for Payless as a sales clerk until 1993. He loved music and had a great collection of singles, albums, and CDs. He also collected comic books and plates and enjoyed dancing and having a good time.

His family made this statement: "Burnie was a kind, gentle individual who greatly loved Alaska's glaciers. He was well liked by all who were lucky enough to know him."

Mr. Chavers is survived by his parents, Rose and Burnie Sr.; his sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Greg Saathoff; his niece and nephews, Tiffany, Timothy and Justin Saathoff, all of Anchorage; many aunts and uncles; his dear friends, Thomas Johnson and Bruce Nather of Anchorage; his cat, "Fish," and many great friends.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, 99503. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, Tuesday, August 29, 1995.


Dr. Eichberg, a clinical psychologist, co-founded National Coming Out Day, an annual celebration of Gay visibility and pride, in 1988. His leadership in the Gay community began over twenty years ago with the founding of the first political action committee working for Gay, Lesbian, and women's rights. MECLA (Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles) became a model for virtually every Gay PAC in the United States. He also played a key role in the founding of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Stop AIDS Project, and the Shanti Special Health Education Project.

As a frequent guest on national TV and radio interview shows, including two appearances on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Rob consistently articulated the vision around which his activism was organized, "By the year 2000 it will be absolutely OK to be Lesbian or Gay, and diversity will be valued and celebrated."

In 1978 he founded The Experience (formerly known as The Advocate Experience), a community-based workshop inspired by the above vision, which supports people to live with an expanded sense of truth, love, power, and integrity. Attended by over 30,000 people in many cities across the U.S. including Sacramento, Seattle, Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Santa Fe, and Dallas, The Experience continues to be a major force for change in and out of the Lesbian and Gay community.

Dr. Eichberg was active in the civil rights movement for nearly thirty years, and in programs to treat and prevent drug abuse. In the mid-1970's, he co-founded DAWN (Developing Adolescents Without Narcotics), a pilot program for high school students in Los Angeles.

Rob Eichberg is survived by his partner, Jon Landstrom, Santa Fe; mother, Shirley Greener, father, Norman Eichberg, brothers Peter and Steven Eichberg, and their families, all in the Los Angeles area, and by the tens of thousands of people whose lives he personally inspired.

Thanks to Rex Wockner, NorthView Internet correspondent.
Where in the World?
by Bob DeLoach

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The ultimate cruise experience is to be found aboard the QE2. She's had her makeover and is ready to PARTY. All-inclusive Gay vacation packages are available which include: welcome-aboard party, private dining tables for group members, on-board "Pied Piper" tour escort, private top-to-bottom tour of the ship, midnight pool party, group photo, and of course, all meals and fabulous entertainment.
* October 15, 1995 is the 10-day Med cruise from Southampton to Barcelona, Villefranche, Genoa, Palma, Gibraltar, Lisbon, and back to Southampton. Priced from $2,303.00-$4,466.00.
* October 25, 1995 It's a 5-day trans-Atlantic crossing in the Grand Style of yesteryear. Southampton to New York priced from $1,951.00-$4,348.00.
* December 20, 1995 offers 4-15 day cruises of the Caribbean sailing from New York and calling at Ft. Lauderdale, Philipsburg, Aruba, Venezuela, Grenade, Barbados, Martinique, St. Thomas, Fort Lauderdale and back to New York City. Prices range from $2,680.00-$12,580.00 depending on length of cruise and cabin.
* January 18, 1995 finds the Queen sailing from Esenada to Maui and Honolulu for a 5-day trip. Prices range from $1,295.00-$2,657.00.

Orion Travel Gay Africa

A departure of October 16-25 for Lesbians and a Nov. 6-15 departure for Gay men are being offered from Orion Travel. Included are airfare to Nairobi, superior accommodations throughout, all meals on safari, window seats and field glasses guaranteed, professional wildlife tour guide, travel insurance, and temporary membership in the Flying Doctors Society. The tour explores the heart of Africa and its big-game country. Enjoy Lake Nakuru, home of flamingos, waterbuck, gazelle, rhino, impala, leopards and many birds of prey. Drive north to Sweetwaters and Kichwa Tembo tented camps and enjoy herds of elephants, giraffe, water buffalo, oryx, zebra and leopards. Travel deep into Kikuyu country to the slopes of Mount Kenya, dine on the banks of the Mare River with full silver service and white-coated waiters, have afternoon tea at Giraffe Moana and feed the giraffes and, last but not least, visit the Maasi Mara Game reserve in the Northern Serengeti. All this for $3,995.00.

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras

This year the celebration runs from February 28-March 5, 1996 and a wide variety of travel options are available for most budgets. This is the 18th annual Gay Mardi Gras in the country down under.

Kiss This!

"Our World" magazine reports that the southern Turkish city of Adana has outlawed kissing by men because, are you ready? they say it's unsanitary! An official is quoted as saying "It is unhygienic for two men to bring their cheeks together in Adana's summer heat. Just imagine what could happen with all that sweat. Besides it is against our religion." The ban does not include men kissing women, or women kissing women. We are invited to draw our own conclusions.

Olivia's Mexico

Club Med's luxury resort at Ixtapa, Mexico is the site for women on November 4-11. The all-inclusive vacations cover lodgings, meals, entertainment and most activities. Cost is $1,095.00 for the land portion plus air to the resort.

For men at home

The unique Gay men's resort at Timberfell in the Great Smoky Mountains is celebrating it's 10th anniversary with expanded services and improvements. It is located on 250 private wooded acres near Greenvile, Tenn. Units range from a bunkhouse to suites, and a large pool, Jacuzzi, Finnish sauna and lots of hiking trails are just the start of what they offer. For only $94.00 per person you can enjoy accommodations and gourmet meals plus leather and nudism for those so inclined.

Exotic Villas

There are opportunities all over to enjoy the good life for a while in everything from condos to villas. Prices usually include fully equipped homes, some with servants, for small groups of friends. Prices start as low as $500.00 per week for entire units and can range into the stratosphere at over $15,000.00 per week.

Bob DeLoach, president of Apollo Travel, BG Tax and Accounting, The Electric Doctor, Apollo Real Estate, Lock Doc, is an insurance broker and still finds time to write novels for adults, take part in Community Theatre, write this column, and be active in the Community. ✿
Brothers Loving Brothers
Respect yourself, my brother
for we are so many wondrous things.

Like a black rose,
you are a rarity to be found.
Our leaves intertwine as I reach out to you
after the release of a gentle rain.

You precious gem,
black pearl that warms the heart,
Symbol of ageless wisdom,
I derive strength
from the touch of your hand.

Our lives blend together
like rays of light;
we are men of color,
adorned in shades of tan, red,
beige, black, and brown.

Brothers born from the same earth womb.
Brothers searching for the same star.

Love me as your equal.
Love me, brother to brother.

Lloyd Vega

The Color of HIV
Why is it that men of color have a higher rate of HIV infection
than white men? Why is it that men of color often do not get
regular HIV tests and do not seek help when they get sick from
HIV? Why is it that conventional HIV prevention techniques
usually work only marginally well for men of color?

These questions can be best answered by men of color
themselves; however, we know that discrimination, lack of
access to health care, and lack of culturally appropriate
materials and interventions are major factors in high levels of
HIV infection in men of color.

Men of color come from many different ethnic backgrounds
such as Hispanic, Indian, African, Asian, and Pacific Islander,
yet what is common for all of these groups is that HIV and
AIDS has infected their ranks more than others. The Center for
Disease Control estimates that one in every three people in the
United States with HIV is of a racial or ethnic minority. This
astounding fact alarms most in the HIV/AIDS field.

However, no one is more alarmed than men of color themselves.
We have been witnessing a national movement of men of color
against AIDS. Some key players have been large organization
such as the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and
countless grassroots organizations and small agencies around
the country.

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association has recently joined
the latter group of small organizations by receiving a grant from
the State of Alaska to work with men of color to prevent HIV
infection. With this grant, the Four A’s plans to begin
empowering men of color in Anchorage to seek care if HIV
positive and to prevent new HIV infections. Please keep an eye
on this page for more information of this effort. Anyone who is
interested in this project can call Michael at 263-2050 to get
more information or to volunteer.

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and
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Four A’s Events
* October 4, “AIDS 101 Training” for all new and old
volunteers. 5:30pm - 8:00pm Pizza and drinks provided, 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,
* Every Friday, “Friday Lunch” for clients, friends,
volunteers. 12noon at the Four A’s office.
* Every Friday, “Consumer Advisory Board Meeting” for
clients of Four A’s and people affected personally by HIV/AIDS.
Call John at 248-7220 or the Four A’s office 263-2050
The Last Summer Camp
by J.D. White

Labor Day weekend in interior Alaska is not too late for camping but some of the 26 Lesbian campers that came to Harding Lake would probably tell you different. It was a time for meeting new women, such as a visitor from San Francisco, and an opportunity to spend quality time with old friends. Though camping had been planned for Friday and Saturday nights, only 4 people stayed Friday night. Good thing another couple of campers showed up with more firewood as the early arrivals were running low. Blue tarps strung between spruce trees created a dry eating and social gathering area.

We had lots of beer to ward off the cold and for a shivering, camper, hot coffee mixed with chocolate and laced with brandy. The company was captivating, the huge fire warm and the crab feed for Sandy’s birthday a bit unusual but excellent nonetheless (Yay, Alice!). The aroma of bacon, eggs, fried potatoes and hot coffee emanated from two camp-sites on Saturday morning. An awesome lasagna and home-made cheesecake provided by Bernie and Jean hit the spot Saturday evening. Food galore!

As the day wore on, women filtered into camp bringing more firewood, more food, more chairs, more dogs and more revelry.

The weather cooperated on Saturday so that four venturesome hikers and their dogs could experience a two hour trek through the bush, following a trail that ended abruptly in a clearing. After some discussion the four headed across the clearing to another rarely used trail, coming out onto yet another trail wide enough for a 4x4 truck. Wild iris grew along the way and a couple women gathered seeds for their yards. The dogs, having decided which direction the hikers should go, led them back to the blacktop, some distance from the campground entrance. The dogs probably sniffed an area five times that covered by the hikers and afterward could be found snoozing deeply under a spruce tree near camp. Other women played cards and visited while the hikers were wounding out their own trail.

By six Saturday evening, the main campsite was inundated with cold, hungry campers. Several women came out for the day, electing to spend the night in the comfort of their own beds in Fairbanks. Long into the night there were games, stories, and laughter around the roaring fire. Conversation such as, “I just realized where I was sitting. Feel my butt.” For those of us who only heard the quote later...whatever did you mean, Jean? Only so many chairs could fit around the fire and stay dry under the tarp so those who vacated theirs to replenish food or drink returned to find it occupied by another.

Rain poured upon the campers from early Saturday evening on into Sunday morning. The first tent campers broke camp at 5:00 in the morning when their mattress deflated and the hard ground became intolerable. By 9:30 a.m. the campground was like a ghost town. Only the smoldering fire whispered the recent presence of campers. The remaining 5 campers broke camp in the rain and were headed back to town by noon. According to the next day’s newspaper, the rain turned to snow later that afternoon at Harding Lake.

J.D. White is a local Lesbian and budding writer.  

Q: "Will anything in the book shock people? Your affairs with Tyrone Power, Cary Grant, Randolph Scott?"
A: "Maybe, but that's too bad. Those people probably get shocked when they pick up a bad head of cabbage in the supermarket. The fact is that they happen to be three major names. I could have given 12 more. But I'm not telling on anyone but me. The only one I'm really outing is me."
—Fashion critic Mr. Blackwell to Genre.

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EQUAL of Interior Alaska by Mark Tumeo

Although small and new, EQUAL of Interior Alaska (EQuality Under Alaska Law) has made strides in helping to organize the Gay, Lesbian and bisexual community to fight the radical right. The group has established a phone tree with over 100 people. The "tree" works to activate the community to write letters, send POM's or call local, state or national officials whenever the radical right starts to push its anti-Gay agenda.

Fighting the Radical Right in the Legislature:
Most recently, EQUAL has taken a lead in Fairbanks in fighting HB-226, Pete Kelly's bill to gut the Human Rights Act and allow discrimination based on sexual orientation. This fight is beginning to heat up again as a result of the Supreme Court's denial of the University's request for a stay in the Tumeo vs. University of Alaska case. To comply with the Superior Court order of January 11, 1995, the University of Alaska has instituted an interim policy to provide the same benefits that are provided to the spouses of married employees to unmarried domestic partners or employees. In order to qualify, the employee and their domestic partner must sign an affidavit of domestic partnership, must show proof of financial interdependency including joint ownership of a home, joint leases and/or joint bank accounts, must have been in a domestic partnership for at least one year, and must not be related by blood to a degree that would preclude marriage.

Response from the Right has been swift. Republican State Representative Pete Kelly, a graduate of Jerry Falwell's "Liberty College," and brother of a UA Regent who opposes domestic partnership benefits, introduced legislation (HB-226) in March of 1995 to gut the Human Rights Act and explicitly allow discrimination based on marital status. When asked if this was not legislating discrimination, Kelly replied "If this is discrimination, so be it."

A coalition of groups which included EQUAL of Interior Alaska, opposed Kelly's original bill and was successful in having the bill amended to provide a definition of domestic partners and maintain the state's prohibition on discrimination based on marital status. This amendment is strongly opposed by Kelly and the radical right, who claim it undermines the traditional American family. Anyone interested in learning more about the strategy to fight HB-226 in the upcoming legislative session can contact Mark at 457-6818.

Winning at the Ballot Box: A current project EQUAL is working on is a voter registration and "get out the vote" drive. Last June, the Christian Coalition had a "leadership training" in Fairbanks. A member of EQUAL attended and learned that the goal of the Christian Coalition in Alaska is to have a precinct chair in every precinct, and to turn out tens of "Christian" voters in each precinct. In the last election, many members of the legislature and the Governor were elected by less than one vote per precinct. The Christian Coalition wants to build their machinery now, in an off-year election, so that it is at full force for the state and federal elections next year. If we do not counter this attempt by the radical right to take over the reins of government, we may be faced with an even more conservative and radical legislature than the one we have now!!!

EQUAL members are training as registrars and are beginning a program of registering bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and LesBiGay-friendly voters. The project will culminate with a get-out-the-vote effort during the local elections in October. If we are successful, we will have a mechanism to counter and maybe even beat the radical right at their own game.

Getting Ready for Gay Pride Month: Another important part of EQUAL is promoting a positive image of the Lesbian and Gay community. The group is planning a "Gay Film Festival" in October and is working with planners of the Anchorage Conference to develop workshops and increase participation. More on these activities as they develop.

We Need Members: To be successful in the long-run, EQUAL needs more active members. Membership costs $25 per year, $15 for a student, and $40 for a household (two voting members). Membership dues are on a sliding scale, so if you don't have the money, don't let that stop you from participating. If you'd like to join or would like additional information, contact Jeff or Andy at 457-3876.

Mark Tumeo is co-founder and board member of Equal, Fairbanks.
EQUA L: Past, Present & Future

by Dan Carter, cochair, EQUAL

Organizations are only as strong as the commitment of their members. EQUAL has had very good support during its short lifetime, but, as with all groups, it is time to evaluate where we are, where we've been and, more importantly, where we go from here.

The structure of EQUAL was intentionally set up to encourage participation by all members/supporters in the development of strategies, goals and objectives. While the organization has a 9-person board, everyone is encouraged to express their opinions and help mold EQUAL into a viable and effective organization.

EQUAL will meet on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00PM, at Doug Frank's home for the purpose of setting a course to follow for the future. Although, at times it may seem as if the turn to the "right" in local and state politics has reduced our ability to influence political decisions, it is most important for groups such as EQUAL to continue to pursue an effective strategy for change. However, for any strategy to be effective, it must have the support of the members of the group--your support! Please plan to attend this important meeting and be part of the future of EQUAL.

This meeting will also serve as EQUAL's Annual Meeting and the business session at the beginning of the meeting will include the election of five board members to serve for the next two years. The following positions are up for election:

- Dan Carter
- Doug Frank
- Amy Young
- open seat
- open seat

In order to maintain gender equity on the board, seats to be filled must have no fewer than three and no more than four females elected.

Other board members whose terms do not expire until September 1996 are: Linda Kellen, Frank Mabry, Richard Martin and Rev. Jim Morgan.

If you are interested in seeking a board position, contact Dan Carter (274-9226), Amy Young (258-9925) or come to the meeting on October 22 to express your willingness to serve on the board. See you there!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

EQUAL will hold its annual meeting to elect board members and a "brainstorming" session at the home of Doug Frank (211 E. Cook Avenue in Government Hill) on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 PM.

For more details on this important meeting, contact Dan Carter or Al Incontro (274-9226) or transmit email via the internet to equal907@aol.com
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Court Should Close This Pandora’s Box: 
Benefits for Domestic Partners Would Cost Alaskans Too Much 
Editorial by the Juneau Empire, August 10, 1995

[Editor’s Note: the following articles came from the S.E.A.G.L.A. Perspective and the Committee for Equality. In a note to readers the Committee noted that we could do ourselves a great favor by writing the University Regents thanking them for the domestic partners health benefits package and urging them to keep it in place. On the not so bright side is the Juneau Empire, which now has a new editorial staff, and a homophobic one at that. Fax them your views about their editorial (following) at 907-586-3028. We don’t know who wrote the letter-of-response.]

[Additional Editor’s note: seems the Juneau Empire retracted the inflammatory language though not the anti-partnership stance, in an Editorial dated 9/8/95. Someone seems to have a conscience.]

Superior Court Judge Mary E. Greene has opened a modern day Pandora’s Box that threatens not only traditional family values, but also, the pocketbooks of every Alaskan.

Judge Greene ruled in January that denying health insurance and other benefits to same-sex couples at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, amounted to discrimination based on marital status. The University has appealed to the State Supreme Court, arguing that benefits for “domestic partners” could be required at other state agencies if Greene’s decision went unchallenged.

We applaud the University for appealing this ill-conceived notion.

We don’t have a problem with what so-called domestic partners do in the privacy of their own homes, whether heterosexual or homosexual. But we do have a problem when they bring it into the marketplace and expect the same benefits of those who are married.

Marriage is not only a religious institution, it is a civil contract that has established and guaranteed the rights and responsibilities of couples who have decided to share each other’s lives.

The University has come up with an interim proposal, pending a final ruling in the case. The plan would offer benefits to partners of unmarried employees who sign an affidavit specifying that the couple has an exclusive relationship, have assumed responsibility for the common welfare of each other, consider themselves members of each other’s immediate family, share financial obligations, and live together in the same primary residence.

Those are virtually the same conditions that govern marriage. Why should the state, or the private sector, provide benefits for those who claim to have a relationship but are not committed enough to enter into the civil contract of marriage?

Without this contract, which the state and other employers historically have depended upon to define the conditions for family benefits, the system would be rife with opportunities for abuse. How is the employer to know whether or not a couple has an intimate relationship or simply are roommates for the convenience of sharing the rent? Is the state to send inspectors into the bedroom? Should employers have to provide benefits to the significant-other-of-the-month?

The state Supreme Court should uphold the legitimacy of the marriage contract and retain it as the standard for determining benefits for state workers and for workers in the private sector. Anything else dilutes the meaning of marriage, undermines family values and unfairly adds to the cost of employees for the state and the private sector.

Editorial Thinly Disguised Writer’s Intolerance

Editorial by Patricia M. Palmer
Juneau Empire, August 20, 1995

Oh, puh-leeze! Your August 10 editorial column tritely refers to “traditional family values.” Whose traditions? Whose family? Whose values?

The despicably judgmental tone in your column could never represent my family’s traditional values. Please do not presume to define for me or any other citizen of Juneau what this overused phrase should mean. In my family, traditionally we do not judge the life-choice of others, especially where affairs of the heart are concerned, especially when those to whom you sneeringly refer to as same-sex couples are denied the option of marriage in the eyes of the law. Do not pretend to be objecting to the monetary...
ramifications of allowing such couples health insurance and other benefits.

Your objection very transparently lies with the lifestyle, plain and simple. Until such time as these people are allowed to marry, I believe they have a right to the same benefits as those of us who can marry.

Contrary to what seems to be the right-wing reactionary opinion of the paper, you cannot chose whom you love; love chooses you. Kudos to Superior Court Judge Mary Greene for not sticking her head in the sand on something this controversial.

As for the issue of potential abuse of the system, the same problems can and do occur with "officially sanctioned unions" (read: marriages.) There are marriages of convenience; there are marriages that are short-lived. Yet the state does not feel compelled to investigate the legitimacy of each and every of these unions, nor should it. The addition of same-sex unions into the realm of legal legitimacy in no way diminishes the validity of the marriage contract. If anything it enhances it since it is the thing not a few homosexual couples would choose were they given the option.

If I see the phrase "family values" one more time in this usually-intelligent paper, no doubt it will cause me and many others who have more than double-digit IQ to become violently ill. Please, next time, consult your thesaurus to find some less patently inflammatory phraseology, or simply print "More Conservative Fundamentalist Drivel" at the top of the column and leave it at that.

The standard those such as the author of this tripe claim to hold for themselves so often and so ironically is Jesus Christ. Well, here's a thought for you: he loved those whom you would reject and despise; Jesus was a flaming liberal. Shame more so-called "Christians" don't choose to truly be like him.

Scandinavians Recognize Each Other's Gay Marriages
by Rex Wockner

Denmark, Norway and Sweden, the three countries where Gay marriage is legal, agreed last week to recognize each other's Gay marriages, the Danish Ministry of Justice announced.

The Gay "registered partnerships" are assumedly not recognized elsewhere in the world.

Rex Wockner is a San Diego-based journalist and a consummate gatherer of LesBiGay news. rwockner@netcom.com
I was late in the afternoon when I interviewed Bronwyn Hillman at her home on the park strip. We nursed steaming mugs of coffee while we talked.

IDENTITY: What is the real estate market like in Anchorage these days?
B.H.: The market is really slow now—very flat for single family dwellings, condos and mobile homes, which is my principle interest.
IDENTITY: What is your particular background with regard to real estate?
B.H.: I've been with Marston Real Estate since November of '91. All registered brokers must take 20 hours of course work every two years in order to stay licensed. This course work is usually offered through the local board of Realtors in the form of seminars and workshops on specific topics. I have recently completed classes which license me as an associate broker and a certified residential specialist.
IDENTITY: What sort of topic would one of those seminars cover?
B.H.: Refresher material is constantly being offered in construction, finance, comparative market analysis, and prospect analysis, as well as selling and computer skills. There are presently 1,253 licensed real estate agents in Anchorage who are members of MLS (Multiple Listing Services). These agents receive computer listings daily and are able to stay right on top of new properties which come available.
IDENTITY: What would you say is the most prestigious residential area in Anchorage?
B.H.: The Hillside area and Bootlegger's Cove both are in that category. Parts of Turnagain are, too, and some folks say the Park Strip is just as desirable.
IDENTITY: Is that why you bought on the Park Strip?
B.H.: This area is a good investment. Actually a flat market is the perfect time to upgrade if you are able to do so. Most of the calls I get are from buyers interested in south Anchorage or west Anchorage. Those two areas have continued to be highly desirable over the past several years.
IDENTITY: How long would it take you to sell a house in today's market?
B.H.: The average time to sell a house in Anchorage is 72 days, in Eagle River it's 81 days. The average sell time on a condo is 120 days. Right now there are 923 residential listings in the Anchorage Bowl. The average price of those listings is $167,569. There are 356 condos currently on the market at an average price of $85,000. As you can see, there is plenty of variety to select from, if you're interested in buying.
IDENTITY: Any parting words for our readers, Bronwyn?
B.H.: Real estate is still a great investment. I urge those who are renting to buy if at all possible, and to give me a call. I'm sure we can find the perfect property at a fair market value.

Ruth Mathes, co-editor of the NorthView, is painting trim until the snow flies.

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Financial News
"Mocha Update"
by Chris Olson

Let me tell you about my rich, rich mocha savings account! One-and-a-half years ago this coffee addict (and I mean addict) decided to reduce her mocha grande intake by 50%. I calculated that I saved about $50 per month. This was fine and dandy. I was able to still grind my own French roast at home and at work. I even bought gourmet hot chocolate (in bulk, at Costco) to make my own mochas. I was still able to get my caffeine fix and save $50 per month.

I invested this $50 over time it grew. I invested it in a high growth, high risk mutual fund. The fund has always been a favorite of mine. At the time I started my mocha account it was actually in the toilet as far as its performance. After about 10 months ($500 later) I had about $550 in the account which was dripping along at the rate of about 9%.

Last winter I decided that I could do fine without any coffee. I just up and quit altogether. It took me about a month to discover that I spent about $30 additionally on coffee EACH WEEK! Well, you can imagine what I did with that money. I boosted up my deposits into the high risk fund. By this time I am putting in $175 per month. All money that had formerly been devoted to coffee went into my mocha account.

My magic mocha account has more than $2,000 in it now some 16 months later thanks to a percolating annual return of 40%. Along with my deposits, dividends, interest, and capital gains I have seen quite an expensive habit (albeit self-stimulating) grow into a tidy little sum. I won't even tell you what I went through physically when I quit the caffeine. That story belongs in another column on addictions. I will say that at this rate I will have over $38,000 in 10 years saved up.

Suffice it to say that I am grateful for the last year's upsurge in the stock market. I am grateful that I did not spend that coffee money on other things. I am sorry to say that I cannot count the number of people who said they wanted to invest a little bit each month but never got around to it. You cannot sit and watch inflation pass you by! If you let your money sit in the bank...if you spend your money in places that you can't account for...if you spend too much period...you are only hurting yourself. Don't miss the next bull rally on the stock market! Your dreams will not come true without some action. Get off your butt and start saving so financial independence can start to happen.

As I learned this year—financial freedom comes one bean, one ground, one drip at a time! It will happen if you take that first stimulating step!

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TV Review:
Amanda Bearse
by Kurt Parish

Freestyles by Amanda Bearse is a new nationwide television series that began on July 17th, 1995 on paid programming VH-1. Advertised as a "long-awaited national Gay and Lesbian television series," it has had two other episodes that ran in August. It is geared towards the "new marketplace" of over 15 million (?) Gay and Lesbian consumers that live in the United States. The hour-long show delivers in-depth reports on an array of Gay and Lesbian-related topics including sports, health and fitness, entertainment, travel, business, design, cooking, and "innovating trends coming out of America's most exciting Gay and Lesbian communities." "Freestyles" has acquired an impressive line of corporate sponsors, most of which are well known in the community as being supporters anyway. Among the most notable are A Different Light Bookstore, The Calvert Group, Pierre Cardin, Tangerine, National Gay Newspaper Guild and Individual Benefits, Inc. If you want more information on Freestyles contact: WTD, 245 N. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 or Phone 305-427-9655.

Kurt Parish is Co-Chair of the 1995 Pride Conference, "Unity and Diversity," is Treasurer of Identity and Secretary of Anchorage Garden Buddies.
Queer Abby,

On a rerun of "Kids in the Hall," Buddy, played by Scott Thompson, made a joke about porn. He's very funny, but what he said really bothered me. It was about porn being the community standard. He said, "What you see up on that screen are the community standards. These are faggots, people!" What I don't like is that it's true. All the fundamentalists saying we're immoral may be right.

Where are our standards?

Anon

Queer soul,

Back in the 70s, Gay men chastised Larry Kramer for writing Faggots. They saw it as moralizing. After all, someone who paints Gay life as nothing but a string of drunken sex parties and says that it's damaging our psyche is probably just some sexually frustrated queen, so they said back then. Years later in a documentary done on Kramer, he was asked for a response to the folks in that crowd. He said, "They're all dead."

What frightens many of us is the bitter taste of accuracy. So does that mean promiscuity equals death? No, of course not. We know how HIV is transmitted and have the option to prevent its growth. What Kramer was talking about was the emotional and psychological turmoil of having an anonymous support network. Get it? "Anonymous support network" is a dangerous oxymoron that he was trying to warn the community about. His detractors could very well have been threatened because they were not connected with a veritable community spirit. Yet the same urban guys who are alive today (because they're really not all dead, as Kramer said) collectively admit that sexual camaraderie was a poor substitute for community.

Now...sex as recreation I wish to make no judgment upon. Unfortunately, in the process, it is easy to mistake it for friendship, fulfillment, or even love. Once the fling has been flung—one night, one week, maybe a few months—it's back to the empty bed. Back to the old acquaintances in the bars because one has no neighbors.

So, darling, Buddy Cole from Kids in the Hall was making a joke. If it still seems to be true, then you have to take control of your position in the Gay community. Set your own standard. Just don't get frustrated that others in your community operate differently than you, and certainly don't allow yourself to be branded as "immoral" just because some Gays' lives shock others.

Remember, straight porn is no more a community's standard than Gay porn.

Love, Abby

Queer Abby,

I was in the Pleasure Chest and one of the guys who works there made a loud sexual comment about me to a coworker, as if I as a customer should be happy to know how much he, the salesperson, liked my ass. I called him on it, and he acted surprised. If I accepted my lot in the community, I would not complain. After all, he was cute, and he did give me a discount.

However, I do not have to stand for being subjected to behavior that I, as a member of larger society, deem inappropriate.

Our community is at a crucial point in the American society. If we choose to present ourselves as sharing its same values (with a same-gender twist), we have a much better chance at gaining public and government approval for service in the military, same-gender marriages, adoption policies, job and housing protection, etc. If we shock the hell out of America, we will never get off the black list.

That is why it is so important to recognize that even within the Gay community, certain things are inappropriate.

Yes, I believe in moderation. No inappropriate remarks, no public sex, no public access to controlled substances, and certainly no grabbing my ass unless you have my permission.

Many in my community may call my views homophobic.

WRONG! Homophobia is a fear of homosexuality. I love homosexuality! I just tow (sic) the line at being inappropriately touched, especially in a public place. And just because I enter a Gay bar does not give a fellow patron the right to goose me. Many people I know have complained about men fondling themselves in their cars as they pass the person on the street. So who said you could come up behind me and rub your crotch against my ass while I'm in the bar line for the bathroom? Just because we're both Gay men does not mean you, a total stranger, can do things I may not even like my friends doing to me.

If we objectify ourselves and permit ourselves to be treated a certain way, it becomes a norm.

Rich, LA
Queer Rich,
Interesting point. Thanks for writing in. Men are pigs, but each of us has the power to decide how much to feed them at the trough.
Love, Abby

Queer Abby,
I'm really tired of being labeled a whore just because I'm Gay. Got any comebacks for my obnoxious (straight) coworker?
Rafael

Queer Rafael,
Tell 'em that Beavis and Butthead are a perfect example of how heterosexuality inbred itself into idiocy. (Although I personally like the ol' MTV Asswipe and Bunghole show. It's like, cool, or somethin'.)
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, 1057 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): ALFA usually meets every 4th Sunday at various locations (mostly at Susan & Janet's) to socialize and provide support for one another. Adults, children, Lesbians, allies and newcomers are welcome. Call 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 LesBiGay 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 FSL@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 till the wee hours of the morning (it's a straight tourist bar at all other times). The DJ will be spinning Country, Disco, Top 40 and Oldies for your dancing pleasures.

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group: for more information call Jeff or Andy at 457-3876.

Family—Anchorage: Meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Arts Building, Room 121 on the UAA campus. Social group after 7:00pm (bowling, dinner, etc.) High school people, bi-sexual men & women, transvestites and transsexuals most welcome! 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-Thanksgiving)

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 Emperor Madeline XXIII at 338-3327. Or write P.O. Box 104023, Anchorage 99510-4023.

Interior AIDS Association (lAA) 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 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm at 615 Hollywood Dr. Church is open Sunday through Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm. 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, 6:00 pm at the Raven; campsout & 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-ascent) Club (MMcnaC) Anchorage: is a social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. For upcoming events in the Calendar, or call Dan Cook at 561-8744.

Northern Exposure Bowling League, Anchorage (on vacation until the Fall): each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, Park Lanes. 561-8744 (Bob).

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of Fairbanks: meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm 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 562-4922 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." *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 *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 canoe'd 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 <klaitd@northstar.k12.ak.us>.

Shanti of Juneau offers support service 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, 8:00 pm, 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.

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

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Coronation '95

by Ruth Mathes

For all of those who attended the festivities at the Egan Center for this year's Coronation, it was a splendid evening. Even the weather cooperated, allowing the reigning monarchs, Bob Comeau and Jasmine LaMar, to arrive in horse-drawn carriages at the door in full view of the audience.

The evening, entitled "Follies Bergère at the Top of the World," went smoothly and had few technical problems. That is not always the case with such gala events as these. Art Services North is to be congratulated on a professional show. The hall was beautiful. (How someone can manage to decorate such vast spaces has always amazed me...I have problems with my Christmas wreath!) The art of illusion, always a major factor at these galas, is the tool by which we are transported in every film or stage play. That is the fascination of these events, as well. An understanding of that fact and an acceptance of it go a long way in enhancing one's enjoyment of Coronation.

The Imperial Court of All Alaska has held 22 Coronations. I have attended for the past nine years. Some years have been more grand or entertaining than others, but I have yet to be disappointed in a single one. I encourage each of you to make plans to attend the next one...always held on Memorial Day weekend (Sunday). You will be delighted and amazed at the talent and pageantry presented for your enjoyment.

The newly elected emperor is Madeline. Her empress is Lana Duvall. They have not yet had a full week in their new offices as this rag goes to press, but already they have pledged to continue the NorthView column "Letter from the Emperor" which appears each month. This informational piece enables our readers to keep current with events and happenings of the Court, and is yet another example of how our community is working together as we continue to offer a diverse calendar to our members.

Our thanks at the NorthView go to Bob and Jasmine as they complete a year of events that were efficiently organized, well-publicized, well-attended, and tastefully presented. Congratulations! We anticipate no less from Madeline and Lana, and are ready to help them begin their new year.

Ruth Mathes, co-editor of the NorthView, is painting trim until the snow flies.
Here are some more thoughts on Unity and Diversity. My partner says that she was in awe of me when she first met me: the first time she saw me was on stage at the Celebration of Change the year I read a dramatized eleven pages out of sixty-eight of Gertrude Stein's poem "Lifting Belly." Candy says that Gertrude Stein is too "high brow" and obscure for someone raised in public school system in Anaconda, Montana. Later, when Candy invited me over for dinner, I brought flowers and afterwards immediately sent a thank you note. Candy was convinced I was out of her league.

The truth is I was raised in the South below the Mason-Dixon line. My parents, were so poor sometimes that my mother didn't have underwear, but everyone was dressed and polished in the latest styles. Appearances had to be maintained for the family's reputation. My family sent me to private schools.

I was a painfully shy sensitive child, a teenager who caught on to the hypocrisy pretty fast and I am really glad my Dad got a job in Anchorage, Alaska when I was fifteen. The last frontier was more honest and almost classless in 1956. With families of origin thousands of miles away, Anchorage was a close-knit community of friends and neighbors who relied on each other—white-collar or blue-collar class lines and even racial lines blurred. I was lucky to be exposed to a different way of life and not to be trapped by a conventional Southern upbringing.

Candy was raised in "Big Sky" Montana. Anything country from wearing jeans, the quilt on her bed, her savoring of a well done steak, to the love of country and western music speak about a life filled with mountains, ranches, cattle, horses and cowboys.

Candy's Dad quit school in his teens and worked as a ranch hand, for Anaconda Company at the copper mines, drove a garbage truck, dug ditches, plowed snow, pumped gas, attempted to fix just about any motor made, usually successfully.

Candy and I have two very dissimilar backgrounds as well as personalities. Candy believes in God and goes to church. I believe in "Other" and do rituals. Candy goes into action, latches on like a bull dog, does it "come hell or high water" and gets the job done. She is blunt, passionate, active. Me, I have to think about it. Sometimes, by the time, I decide what to do, the problem has resolved itself, or is a moot point. Which means, I'm polite, analytical and passive. But, it's okay for each of us to be who we are. Candy doesn't interfere in my business and I stay out of hers. The fact is that Candy and I are two different women with dissimilar backgrounds and personalities.

On Friday, October 13th, Candy and I celebrate a three-year anniversary. Both of us are middle aged, been through multiple relationships, have some idea what is important in a relationship and what doesn't end up mattering so much after all. We are partners, who respect, accept, love and cherish one another.

My point is that acceptance of individuality and the suspension of negatively charged judgments are positive aspects of my relationship with my partner. The same factors are important in our community and are one way a diverse group of people can come together in unity.

The state that Candy calls home almost passed a bill where homosexuals would have to be registered with the police like criminal felons and sex offenders. It was defeated by a few votes. It certainly gave me a chilling wake-up call. It is becoming critical that the Gay community not just come together but to come together as a political and voting unit as well.

I certainly have mine. It is past time for the community to come together. Attend the conference. Be counted! See you there.

Barbara Soule is a Reiki Master, a clairvoyant psychic, a Lesbian artist, performer and writer. 

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Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE

258-4777
The Albums of Potter's Lane
(Remembering)
by Dan Cook

Part 29
"Southern Exposure"

She had the cash and the influence: the Wheeler Dealer of high finance in DC and those High Rollers of high society in New York. Yes, Mother was in her element and the social scene was paved with corruption and that made it even sweeter.

The new wealthy or that new politician, each trying to climb that social latter. Mother was more than willing to help if she got what she wanted. You scratch her back and maybe she'll scratch yours. It was her forte.

Havana wasn't a whim. Her research was right on track and she had the Cuban Ambassador and the State Department in the palm of her hand. Mother Potter knew the upper-middle class to the very rich were bored with Cape Cod and the Catskills. They needed and wanted alternative places to spend their money. Europe, India and the Orient were out. It wasn't safe to travel the high seas anymore. Our country was at peace with the world but the world wasn't at peace.

The countries south of our borders were flat broke not because of wars with other countries but because of revolutions within their own borders.

Cuba wasn't much different from the rest. It had its share of corruption. You were either rich or poor there was very little in between. But the big difference was that Americans could buy property there and you couldn't do that in most of the other countries.

Mike and Steve both knew Cha Cha had done very well in Esonada, Mexico. But Havana seemed a world away. Both the guys had thought at first Mother had finally gone off the deep end. But they were wrong as usual. Mother was in her late fifties and wasn't about to take up knitting unless the yarn was a little off color or even give a tea social unless the tea was spiked.

Mother, Aunt Vera, Cha Cha and Victoria all knew if you wanted to play with the big boys you best be a big girl before you started playing their games. You had to take the punches. But if you had the money you could kick a little butt as only a lady would do. When it's safe of course. Men in 1940 still believed women should be at home barefoot and with child. They also believed all women were easy marks until they met Mike and Steve's family.

"Oh! Johnny" was the latest hit in 1940. The country was singing and dancing to the big bands like Benny Goodman, The Dorsey's, Artie Shaw, Chick Webb and Glenn Miller. And those were just a few. Their songs were as big as the bands. "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby", "Jeepers Creepers," and "Three Little Fishes" would set the stage for Mike and Steve's 20th anniversary trip.

THE CLUB CAR WAS PACKED, as the train roared towards LA, the sound of the train drowned out by the piano and a chorus of 40 not-so-sober voices singing one song after the other. The sleek club car was a far cry from the old Fuddy Duddy first class lounge they had in 1929. They were going on a vacation. Two months of fun planned by Cha Cha, Vince, and Victoria in a style that very few people could even think about. As they were about to find out as they stepped off the train in LA.

Cha Cha's birthday gift from Victoria didn't come in a bread box it came in a hanger.

THE SIGN READS: DUVAL, INC. ON THE 2 LARGE DOORS. THE CONSOLIDATED FOUR-STAR ELECTRA WITH ITS TWO LARGE ENGINES. A BRAND NEW MODEL.

This was not the Amelia Earheart look-alike. THIS HAD THE WHEEL IN THE NOSE of the plane and the whole plane was level it looked like it was already in flight. THE STAIRS WERE BUILT INTO THE DOOR for easy access and just about anyone could walk inside without bending over if you were under 6'2'. The girl had it custom fitted with over-stuffed swivel chairs and two half-moon couches that faced each other. The galley and private lounge had everything one could wish for.

Consolidated built two of these planes in 1939 hoping to attract commercial airlines. They were fast, elegant and comfortable. But they only held 20 passengers and very little cargo, so it was back to the drawing board for the manufacturer and it had been back to flying school for Cha Cha and Vince.

They spent the rest of the afternoon packing the plane with everything from clothes to food they all loved. The plane had already had a complete overhaul and was gassed and ready to leave in the morning.

DINNER AT CHA CHA'S OUTSIDE AROUND THE POOL. MONTY COOKING
STEAKS ON A GRILL THAT LOOKED LIKE A COVERED WAGON.

This was a working vacation for Cha Cha. She had things to do but everyone would enjoy.

First of all Consolidated wanted this plane at the Miami air show in one week. In return, they were paying all of Cha Cha and Vince’s expenses and that included the round-trip gas. But that wasn’t all. The first stop was Tucson, Arizona. Cha Cha had to check out two dude ranches for MGM. They needed rooms for their staff and stars who would be there to shoot two westerns just outside of town. Once again all expenses paid for her and her staff of 4 consultants. God, she loved that.

Cha Cha didn’t spend her money she’d much rather spend the studios. And that’s why this lady had a lot more wealth than the stars that employed her.

The second stop was a visit with good friends of Cha Cha and Vince’s in Odessa, the midland area of Texas. They had met these two men at the Castaways years ago. They had cattle and oil and had helped produce many independent films over the years. Cha Cha had made a lot of money from these two every time people like Hal Roach needed an investor. She would call these two and make a fat commission. Hollywood knew them. But their friends thought these two were pulling their legs every time they told a personal story about their buddies on the silver screen.

Bill King and Ed Spofford were in their early sixties and had been lovers for over forty years. They both came from old Texas families. Bill from the temple area and Ed from Del Rio, Texas on the Mexican border. They had met in Fort Worth at the stock yards when their fathers introduced them, it being the first trip for each. While the dads partied that night the boys did their thing and found out they had a lot more in common than cattle. From that day on every time the dads went to Fort Worth to buy or sell stock, their sons went along sitting in the top row bleachers at the auction house rubbing knees.

When the boys heard of a small 10 thousand acre spread they asked their dads for a loan to help finance. They did and the rest is history. That was in 1898.

The two large engines on the Electra must have rattled every dish in the house as Cha Cha circled THE HOUSE WITH PINK MARBLE COLUMNS AND RED TILE ROOF.

The rolling hills below them covered with oil derricks and in-between them a narrow airstrip. At one end the house and at the other end a pond full of black sludge. They could see Bill and Ed’s plane pulled off to one side to give Cha Cha as much room as possible. Cha Cha said it was going to be a tight squeeze. The air strip was made for the popular two-passenger bi-planes that were so common now. The two had learned a lot about flying. But when they said “hang on, we’re going in,” it took every inch of that airstrip to handle Madam’s ship. The only thing between the plane and that oil pond was about six feet of sand, and the guys were as white as that sand. But it didn’t phase the girls as they slipped off their slippers and put on their high heels giving a few minutes to let the sand and dust settle before opening the door.

They were Texans all right: the “y’all’s” and “howdy’s” were part of the introductions as Ed and Bill came aboard. “Impressive, Madame. Impressive. We want it.” “Consolidated has one more,” she told them and she could have it delivered next week. Miss Cha Cha just made a fat commission and her two Texas buddies had another big boy toy.

That evening was planned around a Texas Bar-B-Q. Cha Cha knew a half dozen of these oil and cattlemen from the lavish parties Bill and Ed had put together in Hollywood so they could meet movie stars, but this was oil and a new breed of millionaires. Planes, furs and black tie. This wasn’t exactly a back yard Bar-B-Q. Cha Cha knew there could be customers here for her Pink Lady and the Esenada Mexico resort. This group was exclusive and they were always trying to find ways to spend their money. Cha Cha was there to give them a few suggestions. There was a lot of BS to this social climbing. It wasn’t enough to have the money; you had to be above the “cow doo” and not look like you were wearing high top boots all at the same time.

The nice thing about all this was that Mike and Steve met two fun-loving Texans that showed them what Texas hospitality was all about. They were only going to stay one day and ended up staying two. Bill and Ed took them to El Paso for lunch and A BULL FIGHT IN JUAREZ MEXICO.

MIKE AND CHA CHA WITH LARGE SOMBREROS. They were all up before dawn. The next stop was Baton Rouge, La. with a stop in Houston, Texas for lunch and fuel. This stop was strictly for fun. The girls Cha Cha and Victoria knew were girls from the Calico days. Willamina Powers. Her family had something to do with rail-
roads and her lover was the owner of a house where ladies do not go, if you get the drift. Stephenie was a lot younger than Willamina but she worshipped the ground she walked on.

They were at the airport with two black Cedillas they had borrowed from Beck's funeral parlor while Mr. Beck was being entertained they said. No, they didn't take them to the house. Their home was downtown. From the street it looked odd to Mike and Steve because THE ONLY WINDOWS WERE ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND IT HAD A WROUGHT-IRON BALCONY THAT STRETCHED ACROSS THE ENTIRE FRONT OF THE HOUSE, AND THE ONLY THING ON THE FIRST FLOOR WERE THESE HUGE ORNATE WOODEN DOORS. But inside was A COURTYARD, FOUNTAINS, TROPICAL BIRDS AND FLOWERS.

These women were very generous with there hugs. (Mike said they were a lot like Mama Lane and Lucy. Steve agreed.) The dinner was Cajun and very hot. Even Ms. Lee's Chinese mustard wasn't that hot, but the southern hospitality couldn't have been any nicer. Breakfast was served in bed, followed by coffee on the large promenade. They were off again and this time to Tampa before going to Miami and then Havana.

Turning the page....

Cherresse AKA Dan Cook was Empress I of Eugene, Oregon, Empress 18 of all Alaska and very active in Gay politics over a long period of time.

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

Dole Returning $1,000 To Gay Group
by Richard L. Berke

WASHINGTON--Scrambling to enhance relations with conservatives, Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign said Saturday that it was returning $1,000 from a Gay Republican group.

The campaign said it had accepted the June donation by mistake, and would never have taken money from an organization that supports positions Dole opposes, like allowing homosexuals in the military.

But correspondence produced Saturday by the president of the group, the Log Cabin Republicans, showed that Dole's national finance chairman had sought the group's help in raising money as recently as May.

The returned donation is the latest sign that Dole is intensifying his year-long drive to court conservative Republican groups in the aftermath of his humbling tie with Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas in an Iowa straw poll last weekend.

"Dole's getting messages from the straw poll that he's not right wing enough, then he gets word that he might be the first presidential candidate to accept money from a Gay organization," Tafel said in a telephone interview from Cincinnati, where his group is holding its annual convention. "So they panicked and said, 'We don't know who they are and we're going to give the check back.'" He added, "The issue really is integrity. What will a person do to become president?"

We have nothing to fear...but fear itself....but ignorance!

Times change and so does fear and the reason for fear. Although there are many reasons for fear, ignorance, in my opinion, is the greatest obstruction to having a world without fear for the lesbigaytrans community.

Not ignorance meaning stupid or dumb but, worse than that, the ignorance of "having a lack of knowledge." This is the ignorance of the far-right politicians, the ignorance of the so-called "Christian Coalition" and others of their ilk and, most cynical of all, the ignorance of "ex-gays" with a mission! Perhaps having a lack of knowledge is not the correct term—"not interested in obtaining knowledge" would better describe the ignorance of the above mentioned groups.

This type of ignorance seems to be more pervasive than ever...not just in our community but all over the world. The best example locally has to be the Mystrom Administration, the Assembly and the members of the Municipal Equal Rights Commission. They have continuously looked the other way as one Commissioner has proceeded to wage a campaign of intolerance and bigotry against groups of Alaskans. The fact that Michael Johnston and his "disciples" are present at many gay functions is NOT just a group of concerned citizens exercising their right to free speech. No, it is much more than that. It is Equal Rights Commissioner Michael Johnston harassing people because they are different from what he feels is "proper"! He has also distributed articles describing Unitarians, MCCers and Catholics who believe in abortion as "pseudo Christians". All of this from a person responsible for protecting the rights of others.

Mayor Mystrom, the Municipal Assembly and the other members of the Equal Rights Commission continue to pretend these actions are not taking place. They have been informed at almost every meeting over the past four years of actions this commissioner has taken and yet they continue to plead ignorance (not interested in obtaining knowledge). And as they pretend that nothing is happening, Commissioner Johnston continues to make a mockery of the position he holds.

On a national level, Senator Bob Dole, Republican candidate for president, returned a campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans. In his attempt to show he can be more extreme than his right-wing opponents he could not be "guilty" of accepting money from a group of—oh, my God—GAY REPUBLICANS! As a former Republican and one who spent many years thinking the party would revert back to its past days of tolerance, I'm not sure where the ignorance lies in this episode.

Senator Dole obviously showed his ignorance by returning the funds, particularly when it became clear that, yes, indeed, he knew for quite sometime exactly what constituents were represented by the Log Cabin Republicans. On the other hand, do gay Republicans really think they can influence the party? This may be a case of both sides being ignorant (not interested in obtaining knowledge).

On the international scene, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has taken center stage as a person not interested in obtaining knowledge. Zimbabwe hosts the largest book fair in Africa. Gay groups and authors have participated in previous fairs. But this year Mugabe has made speeches denouncing homosexuality as a "white man's disease" and uses terms such as "un-African" and "un-Christian" to describe lesbians and gays. He banned books containing the following offensive words: homosexual, gay, lesbian and bisexual. I have an internet contact in Zimbabwe and he is sending me updates on their situation. President Mugabe's latest bout with ignorance was a statement that all gays and lesbians should be arrested.

Unlike sexual orientation, ignorance as described in the above situations IS a chosen lifestyle!
Letters (& e-mail) to the Editor

Dear Ken: Enclosed please find a bank draft for our fees in Identity. Let us know when this runs out.

How are things in Alaska? I suppose it is starting to get cold up there now. We have almost finished with winter, if you could call it that. We have been wearing shorts, with shirt sleeves most of the time. Today is 25°C (77°F), and last night was 12°C (54°F). That is about average; it never seems to get cold here.

Had a lovely weekend with some Gay friends two weeks ago; we went whale watching. The whales go north in the winter, breed up there, and wander their separate ways back to Antarctica. On the way they call in here to Hervey Bay, which is sheltered by the mainland on the West, and Fraser Island on the East. About 20 boats take loads of folks out each day, to see the whales, and watch them disport. Several came close to us when we stopped; they actually swam, on their backs, under our boat, many times. We could not get away for a while, as one cannot approach them to within 100 metres. It is OK if they approach you, when the boat is stopped. A lot of people stay up here just to see the whales—and enjoy the weather of course.

Hope things are still going well there. Incidentally we still enjoy reading NorthView, especially "Albums of Potter's Lane."

Must go, as we are going downtown, and we want to post this.

Cheers, Don Allen, Cec Cooke

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Subj: identity
Date: 95-08-05 13:34:10 EDT
From: MBMarce
To: FkenF

...do you know just how good your publication is? 'cause I sure hope you do. thanks for sending me the NorthView and Klondyke Kontakt, makes me want to move to Anchorage.

quasi-gay mecca Atlanta has lotsa organizations and seems real queer but is actually fairly whitebread Bible Belt corporate anti-gay anti-intellectual greedy (stop me before I plunge toward Prozac-land or kill). Seriously, I've been looking at moving out of Atlanta for some time now and though Alaska is a bit farther than I'd planned, it nonetheless does prove there's a strong community voice that seems very vigorous and well established. (I'm actually probably headed for Boston or Philly).

anyway, we'll chat more later, just wanted to applaud your efforts. good journalism!

See 'ya, Margaret

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Letter to the (San Antonio) Editor

In his recent letter, Kim Young says he thinks the great Midwest flood was a message from God about homosexuals. If so, God missed a couple of them.

The home that my partner of 15 years and I share here in rural Iowa City, Iowa remained high and dry—not a single drop of water in our basement—while the homes of families with children, businesses, churches and even the local Youth For Christ building remained under many feet of water. These two homosexuals spent a lot of time helping flooded heterosexuals to sandbag.

It is just as likely that the floods were God's way of telling people like Kim Young that He disapproves of letters to the editor that twist His words into a hateful weapon to justify the continued persecution of the good gay citizens of America.

William C. Stosine, Iowa City, Iowa

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Homosexuality Not Going Away

I write in response to a number of letters published recently in the Daily News that have attacked homosexuals as everything from unnatural to sinful threats against society.

Several writers have branded homosexuality a disease in need of a cure. Others have called it a sin for which the offenders must seek pardon. One, Phil Simpson of Eagle River, demanded that Gays and Lesbians either "seek forgiveness or get back into the closet" (Aug. 21).

Apparently these writers are so offended by the existence of homosexuality that they claim the right to banish it from society. They don't like it so they ask that it go away. They don't want to see it, hear about it or have to acknowledge it in any way. Well, I've got news for them. Homosexuality has been around for as long as humanity has. It is part of the human experience, and it's not going to go away.
But since so many have claimed the right to insist that what they don’t like cease to exist, I’ll do the same. I don’t like narrow-minded self-righteousness. I don’t like bigotry. And I don’t like ignorance. So I’m asking the Phil Simpsons of the world to just go away. I don’t want to see you, hear from you or have to acknowledge you in any way.

I’ll bet they don’t like that. I’ll bet they don’t like being told that because of the way they think and feel, they don’t count. Nobody else does either. I hope they think about that.

Jack Curtiss
Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, Tuesday, August 29, 1995

Voice Of Caution Needed

This letter is in response to J. C. Whittaker’s letter (Aug. 17) about Gay marriages. The writer criticized the “conservative fringe” for its condemnation of homosexuality. I assume conservative Christians are included in this group.

In a world where almost everything goes, there needs to be a voice of caution and restraint regarding ideas that challenge the religious and societal norms that have existed for thousands of years, not to mention the fundamentals of nature.

If there were no higher authority than people’s whims—such as God, whose will has been represented throughout much of history by the Judeo-Christian ethic—then total moral confusion would result. At least now there is moral guidance with authority for those who choose it.

Our creator gave us divine rules for intimacy and sexuality because they are a powerful spiritual influence on our lives, and those rules include allocating sexuality to permanently committed, opposite sex couples. Dishonoring these sacred guidelines and taking part in unsanctioned sexual activity open the door to the devil’s influence in one’s life and to the superficial pseudo-peace that he offers.

I think that out of respect for our freedom, God allows us to go our own way and to learn through difficult experience to respect his wisdom and his guidelines and to reach a point where we humble ourselves and acknowledge him and submit to his divine authority willingly out of love and obedience.

I say, God bless all the conservative Christians who are defending the honor of God.

Harold E. Bartko
Thanks to the Anchorage Daily News, 9/1/95.

New AIDS Drug Hailed as Breakthrough

Winnipeg Cancer researchers have developed drugs that can paralyze the virus that causes AIDS. "It's as if the virus isn't there at all," said Dr. Jim Wright of the Manitoba Institute for Cell Biology at the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. "The cells would act as though they were normal."

The research, tested on lab animals and human tissue, is being hailed as a major breakthrough. The two genetic drugs called anti-sense molecules, which mimic DNA, were designed by Wright and colleague Dr. Mike Anazodo using insights gleaned from cancer chemotherapy drugs. The new drugs are so promising that Wright and his colleagues have applied for patents for both.

Wright synthesized genes in a test-tube to mimic the ones in HIV. He found that injecting the substance into the virus immobilized it, stopping it from growing. It's a completely new approach to blocking the AIDS virus. Wright said it acts much like an antibiotic at a genetic level. Gene therapy works by stopping the virus from copying itself. In turn, it can't spread in the body.

In three years of research, the two drugs have passed two preliminary but major hurdles. The crucial test for the new drugs is expected within a year, pending federal approval for clinical trials on people infected with the AIDS virus.

Lab tests in Winnipeg have proven the drugs immobilize the virus in monkey cells. Preliminary, collaborating research in Montreal, where one of Canada's top AIDS researchers has joined the Winnipeg work, shows that the drugs also kill AIDS in human cells in lab tests. Institute director Dr. Arnold Greenberg said that if the clinical trials confirm the promise shown so far, the drugs will be hailed in headlines around the world.

Thanks to the Winnipeg Free Press, in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, August 18, 1995.
Gay Bashing In Anchorage
By Bill Wilks

I must admit that I was a bit apprehensive when the Anchorage Police Department patrol car pulled into the driveway at the Unitarian Fellowship as we were preparing for September's Identity Potluck. No, the police were not there to investigate a crime or answer a citizen complaint. Rather, office Bill Gaither was this month's guest speaker on the topic of Gay bashing and other hate crimes.

I suppose my uneasiness was due, in part, to my own prejudice of the police in general, and in part to my belief that the police may not specifically care about the Gay community in Anchorage. After all, every time you turn around the Gay community's rights, or lack thereof, is challenged. So I presumed Gay community rights in the eyes of the police would not be commensurate with the rest of Anchorage. However, I must admit that as I listened to what Officer Gaither said, and how he presented himself, I was surprisingly pleased to discover that my initial presumptions were false.

First Officer Gaither informed us that the incidence of Gay bashing in Anchorage is low in comparison to other metropolitan cities. Further, I was surprised to learn that the Anchorage Police Department receives a significant amount of Federal funding in the form of operating grants, and that further, Federal regulations require that local police departments develop a program specifically tailored to hate crimes with the money they receive. Failure to develop these programs puts the entire Federal funding to the local police departments at risk.

Since Gay bashing is categorized as a hate crime, these crimes fall under a rigid Federal program that mandates police action. Officer Gaither informed the group that it is important to anyone victimized in a hate crime to specifically state so when reporting the crime to the police. That statement alone will initiate a process that requires an investigation and follow-up regardless of the nature of the hate crime.

Although office Gaither described the program in more detail than I'm elaborating here, the most important points I walked away with was that the Federal government mandates this program, and further, that Bill was a genuinely good person who cared about people indiscriminately. I truly felt that Bill did not care about what your political, social, or racial beliefs might be. Rather, I felt that if anyone violated your rights, he would be there to insure that you would be protected. Although I can not speak for anyone else who attended this event, I sensed by the rousing applause at the conclusion of his presentation that many of us walked away with a sense or respect for both the man and the occupation.

Bill Wilks is a person who has come along way in the quest of his true identity.

Agay in the life. by John Sieruta ©1994

Everyone says that Alaska is ten years behind the rest of the country

But, Did you know that Alaska was seven years ahead in giving women the right to vote?

Happy 75th Anniversary to Women's Suffrage

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Women's Place Is Apparently in the Basement
by Barbara Yost, Commentary

Karen Stacer, wife of a United States senator's aide, was headed for the bathroom in the basement of the U.S. CAPITOL several weeks ago when she stumbled across three tons of marble. It was a statue of three women, their names facing the wall as if in shame.

When she looked closer, she discovered they were three of the most famous women in American history: SUSAN B. ANTHONY, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AND LUCRETIA MOTT, suffragists who had helped women win the right to vote.

Upstairs in the rotunda, a place of honor, are monuments to America's great men—Jefferson, Washington, Madison, Spiro Agnew. But the women who had secured the most basic of democratic rights for half the American population are consigned to the bowels of the building, once used as storage.

In the 74 years since the statue was presented to Congress in an elaborate but apparently hypocritical ceremony, the marble women have languished in the basement despite five resolutions to move them upstairs next to the boys. No other women stand in the rotunda, giving visitors the impression that women have done little for this country besides sew flags and marry presidents.

Moving the statue requires a vote in both the Senate and the House. Led by Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, whose grandmother was an activist for women's rights, the Senate recently passed yet another resolution. The House seemed on the verge of agreement.

But last week they ran into something more immoveable, it would seem than three tons of marble. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. "Why the Speaker is doing this I have no idea," says Joan Meacham, president of the 75th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage Task Force in Washington, D.C.

Countless appeals have fallen on deaf ears, Meacham says. Gingrich, who could bring up the resolution for a vote in the House, reportedly commented that he didn't want to be associated with "a bunch of liberal women."

Liberal women? Meacham, a Republican, names some of the groups involved in the effort: The League of Women Voters, concerned Women for American—an extremely conservative group, and Republican women's organizations.

The mood is grim at Meacham's office, operating under the auspices of the National Women's Party, whose founder commissioned the statue in 1920 after the constitutional amendment was passed giving women the right to vote. "We're totally deflated," Meacham says. "I'm totally shocked... There's no reason this could not have been done."

Gingrich's office responded with a long-distance shrug. "We have no update," the press officer said. "In the long run, I don't know where he's going to come down" on the issue. But, the aide added reassuringly, "He's in favor of suffrage."

The email address for Gingrich is: georgia6@hr.house.gov. Also write to/call your own representatives to ask them to up the pressure on the newt.

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Intimations of Mortality
by Karen Carlisle

Dear readers, do you have a durable power of attorney? What is that you ask? All of us dykes who read books and Lesbian media who followed the Sharon Kowalski tragedy know this: that in the case of physical or medical trauma which causes us to be incapable of making decisions on our own behalf, our next of kin gets to do that.

In my case, it would be an adult daughter who hasn’t spoken to me in three years and who refused to respond when notified of what may have been a near-death medical crisis I recently survived. Or worse. It might be your parents who hate your queerness unless you’re one of the lucky ones. If you don’t have children or parents, and have no legal spouse, the state gets to decide what your choices are. Now that’s a sobering thought.

Having been smug about knowing why and how to do a durable power of attorney for at least eight years, I confess that Dear Love and I didn’t have them. Even though we fly in small aircraft weekly. Even though we’re both in our fifties. Even though. Denial of death is strong in our culture.

Maybe you think you have plenty of time to take care of things like that. Powers-of-attorney. Wills. Living Wills. Maybe you think you’ll have plenty of warning. Maybe you will. Maybe you won’t. I didn’t. My lung burst. And then my heart fibrillated during surgery and my blood pressure dropped dangerously low. And up to the minute it happened, I was happily healthy.

Dear Love had declined to come to the dyke wedding for which I came to Anchorage to participate. Finances. But we had such a strong need to celebrate our Lesbianism amongst others that she came at the last minute anyway. So it was she who ushered me to the hospital at midnight minutes after she arrived in town. It was she who held my hand while they thrust tubes through my chest wall to drain the air and fluid trapped in my chest cavity. I don’t know that I could have watched them do it to her. She was there. She witnessed my agony. She was there.

It wasn’t until afterward that I realized that only one had someone who cared about me been by my side during a medical crisis. And it wasn’t until after that I realized that no one at Providence Hospital tried to prevent her from being there, one of the few good things I have to say about my care at Providence. Another good thing is that they provided us with a packet called "Advanced Directives" which includes forms for "Living Wills" and "Durable Power of Attorney." Even so, it was days before we could get them filled out and notarized (Thanks, Lisa J.).

So finally, she and I got our powers-of-attorney signed, but only for health matters. We still don’t have the one that pertains to financial matters. Or our wills (I did one in handwriting as it seemed as if I was getting sicker and sicker and I wound up in intensive care).

Here’s my opinion about why we in the LesBiGay community don’t do these things (I know we don’t. Because I asked other people randomly. Two out of three don’t have them). The denial of death ranks number one. And number two? We don’t feel legitimized about our relationships, so we put off making them as legal as is possible. Or we don’t trust our partners enough to give them the awesome responsibility. Or we don’t feel worthy enough to believe they would love us enough to do it. And what about those of us who are single? Have we internalized the patriarchal idea that only a mate can do such an important thing as make life and death medical decisions for us if we can’t? Yes. We have. Would you rather have your parents or the state make these decisions than your best friend? We have got to start talking about this. We have got to start setting ourselves up to receive support and care from our own community in times of crisis. What have the men and women dying of AIDS been doing around this? Why aren’t they teaching the rest of us? Or are they and I’ve missed it living in the hinterlands? We’re all going to die, and most of us aren’t going to get to pick the way, the time, the place.

It’s a hard job. Ask Dear Love. And she got handed the first stint without us every really talking about what it might mean, what we might have to do. It doesn’t mean we wouldn’t go to the barricade to assist each other, but some decisions are damned hard and they might be wrong. It takes great courage to risk a decision that might harm your loved one, or might make her angry. In fact, the acting durable power-of-attorney can count on the sick one getting pissed somewhere along the way. That’s gratitude for you. The brave ones will know that it’s the drugs talking, it’s the pain walking, it’s the fear yelling. But the feelings of inadequacy! EEEEE!

I hurt my Dear Love’s heart during her vigil at my sickbed. I can’t talk about it yet because it’s too
close. But I can say that never have I felt so protected or loved. Never have I been able to trust someone enough to just need and want and have absolute faith that she would give me everything she had to give. And she did. I had to wait until I was 52 years old to experience that. I didn’t think it was possible. We belong to each other now. And we have more talking to do. Much more.

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INDEPENDENTLY SPEAKING
"THE GREAT AMERICAN SMELTING POT"
BY MARVIN LIEBMAN AND ANTHONY YOUNG

This past August, the authors were the featured guests at a faculty seminar at San Diego City College in California called “Celebration of Voices.” The ongoing multicultural seminar assembles speakers from different backgrounds before faculty members to engender a better understanding of diversity and to foster more effective and creative education. We were the Gay “Voices,” following a Native American poet in July and preceding a Japanese-American W.W.II internee. The seminar is duplicated, in one way or the other, on hundreds of campuses across the nation, and all with the very best of intentions. Our hosts were charming and hospitable. The questions and discussion were intelligent and to the point. The seminar could be considered a great success in furthering the faculty’s understanding and tolerance of Gay men and Lesbians which they can pass on to their students.

But, was it really successful?

The concept of the great American melting pot has sustained American culture for nearly three centuries, and it has shaped and organized our society, our values and perceptions. But the “melting pot” myth is just that. A more apt description would be the “Great American Smelting Pot” where cultural diversity and identity is subsumed and purified into a far-removed Puritanical image of the 17th Century -- the consummate white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant male who, with his dutiful wife, would proliferate and build the perfect nation. To be successful, to be part of the mainstream, America requires its citizens to typify or be as similar to the mold as possible. Our culture, in reality, requires total assimilation rather than an accommodation of the many different values and identities that make up our country. According to Dr. Gary Weaver, Professor of intercultural communications at the American University in Washington, DC, “We would have to search diligently to find evidence of Chinese, Latin, Middle Eastern, Indian-American, African, or of Eastern or Southern European ethnic patterns of behavior and thought being absorbed into the American culture.”

While Congressional measures, such as affirmative action and other mandates, have sought to level the playing field through opportunities for minorities over the years, they have been impotent in resolving the real problems of America’s diverse culture of minorities. These measures simply attempt to give a larger share of the culturally imperialistic system, created by the dominant WASP culture, to minorities whose potential success lies only in conformity and in assimilation. Too many people still believe that government can solve racism, inequity, sexism, homophobia and intolerance. Is it possible that the system by which we live is faulty? Perhaps we should stop crafting policy that still pays homage to the great American melting pot theory and simply accept people who are different, who don’t fit into the mold, and don’t necessarily want to fit.

Government policies are generally designed to give the people greater access to the “American Dream.” But this, in effect, mandates tolerance of specially selected and designated “minorities.” Much more than tolerance is required if we are to progress as a nation in the new world society and economy of the twenty-first century. We must learn, teach, and practice acceptance. But, far too many Americans still subscribe to the old thinking that “tolerance” is sufficient. How, then, can we remedy the cultural divide in America without more ill-conceived, albeit well-meaning, government programs?

It won’t be easy! The answer lies with the faculty and students of San Diego City College and the millions of other students and faculty members across the nation. Rogers and Hammerstein wrote in one of their timeless lyrics “You have to be taught to hate.” By the same token, people can be taught to accept difference. It is not necessary to embrace difference, but it is vital to accept it. Seminars and lectures and discussions and classes -- beginning early in the education process -- are what’s needed. We as a nation must endeavor to teach acceptance of different cultures, lifestyles, religions, and ethnic groups that are part of the rich fabric of American life. Without learning and practicing acceptance, America will be left behind as the new millennium
begins. Americans will become the faceless, soulless, and inhuman creatures of the ultimate meltdown: the consummate white Christian male, his comparable mate and children, all rosy-cheeked and steeped in family values, staring blindly into nothing.

Teachers, take heed of your overwhelming responsibility to the children, to the young men and women of our country. First, learn to accept difference yourselves, and then learn to teach such acceptance to your students. Make no mistake! Such teaching will face strong opposition from those full of hate in our society: from those unable to accept anything but their own mirror image. You must prevail against them for the future of our country. Over the centuries, teachers and students have helped to shape and change the world. This is the time once again.

Dr. Betty Berzon, author of the best-selling Permanent Partners and one of the great Lesbian activists and psychotherapists of our day, writes in her still-to-be-published biography:

“We live in a world that rewards sameness because in sameness there is safety. Difference is feared, and too often punished. We are, therefore, inclined to hide, when we can, the parts of ourselves that others might find displeasing or threatening, the parts we believe will stigmatize us. But hiding parts of ourselves diminishes us. We do not appear as authentic. We are fragmented, weakened, always vulnerable to discovery. Only when we come out of hiding do we gain the strength to challenge others’ false superiority over us. Only when we experience ourselves as integrated and unafraid can we become people whose lives are meaningful and potent, people who make a difference.”

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Governor Endorses History Month
Educators Gear Up for October

On July 11, Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber (D) became the first public official to declare October 1995 Lesbian and Gay History Month. This action came just days after the National Education Association took similar action.

In part, Kitzhaber's proclamation read, "Gay and Lesbian people have made important contributions to society, and... recent research has shed new light on these contributions and has increased all of our understanding of Gay and Lesbian people and their lives, and... The Kitzhaber administration is committed to fairness and the recognition of the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship and contributions of all Oregonians..."

Randy Wilson, of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Project, welcomed this proclamation and said that it is the first of its kind this year. Last year, the first year of the project, the governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut issued similar proclamations, as did the mayors of Boston and Chicago.

Wilson said the History Month Project is working on getting more proclamations issued and encouraged local organizations to do the same in their areas. In Oregon, the proclamation was released at the urging of the Coalition to End Bigotry and the group Common Cause.

The History Month Project is also working on getting activities planned for October on university and high school campuses. For more information on possible activities for your area or about getting a proclamation issued by your local officials, contact:

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Project, c/o G L S T N, 2124 Broadway, Box 160, New York, NY 10023-1722 or e-mail: lgbhm@aol.com.

And to thank the Oregon governor, write: Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor, State of Oregon, Capitol Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Leave Home Without It
American Express, a company that has courted the Gay and Lesbian market with large ads in national Gay publications, has given a full-page of advertisement to a company with a vivid history of discrimination.

American Express ran an ad in USA Today on July 7 featuring the Cracker Barrel Company president Dan Evins, saying "pleasing people, honest and trusting... That's what we wish to be about."

But in 1990 Cracker Barrel didn't seem so "honest and trusting" when it issued an edict to identify and fire Lesbian and Gay employees. Although the policy was eventually rescinded, the company has yet to re-hire any of the employees that were dismissed or to adopt an anti-discrimination employment policy that includes sexual orientation.

Is this American Express' idea of "pleasing people"? An American Express spokesperson said Cracker Barrel was chosen because of its level of patronage. Other policies, such as its discrimination policy, were not taken into consideration.


Sour grapes from TV Guide
And a bitter Tom Selleck

The cover of the August 5 issue of TV Guide tells of Tom Selleck's "battle" with the "vicious rumors" that he is Gay.

The story explores Selleck's bad attitude towards "pushy" fans and an unsympathetic Hollywood. It also exposes his touchiness about his marriage and this career.

Prominent in the article is Selleck's response to the much bandied rumor that he is Gay. He spoke of a threatened lawsuit against the tabloid The Globe after it printed a story hinting at his alleged homosexuality.

"I wasn't worried about my career. I cared about who I was as a man, and I have a wife and kid, and I am not going to spit on my wife and falsify that commitment. What is implied if you're married and Gay? You've got two lives. I mean, that's crazy."

He also said "I couldn't care less whether people who are Gay want me to be Gay... This is not going to happen. I am as proud of my sexual orientation as anybody else is. And if a Gay person finds it insulting to have to stay in the closet, I find this just as insulting. It isn't anti-Gay to say that you're heterosexual."
The author, Mary Murphy, emphasized Selleck's passionate concern for this issue: "What concerns me the most is that rumors that still haunt him today could hurt his child." She writes that there is a "fire in his eyes" as Selleck speaks about the subject with such "intense emotion."

Selleck and TV Guide both ignore the fact that homophobia is what might hurt his child in the future, not rumors of homosexuality. To let TV Guide know how you feel about these "vicious rumors," contact:

TV Guide, Anthea Disney, Editor-in-Chief, (or "Letters Department" for letters to be published), Box 500, Randor, PA 19088-0500. e-mail: tvgeditor@delphi.com.

Gay-friendly Skies at FOX

The fall season on the FOX Network will welcome a new show about four airline attendants, one of whom is a Gay man.

"The Crew" is the creation of producer-writer Gay couple Marc Cherry and Jamie Whooten. "Paul," the Gay character, will be played by actor David Burke. Cherry and Whooten are committed to Paul's development, including his social life. "Jamie and I have a vested interest in making sure this is a very positive portrayal," Cherry told a group of television critics. "It's not a voice that you see on every show."

Whooten and Cherry were also responsible for Blanche's Gay brother on "The Golden Girls." That show was then the target of an anti-advertiser campaign orchestrated by the American Family Association.

To offer support for this innovative programming, write: Marc Cherry & Jamie Whooten, "The Crew," FOX Broadcasting, P. O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. 310-277-2211. foxnet@delphi.com.

Response of the Month

GLAAD LookOUT Merideth J. Tupper, of Tampa, FL, recently wrote Kinko's, the nationwide copying service, out of concern for their sponsorship of "The Rush Limbaugh Show." In a letter dated August 4, Kinko's responded by writing that, in fact, sponsorship of Limbaugh's show was against their company's policy.

In part, the letter said: "Kinko's is not a national sponsor of this program. Our guidelines prohibit advertising in association with programming that does not explore issues from a variety of viewpoints... In the rare instance that stations do not comply with our guidelines we make every effort to see that our policy is followed in the future and hold stations accountable for doing so."

Kudos to Kinko's and to Merideth Tupper! Have you gotten a response lately from a media outlet or an advertiser that you feel merits special attention? If so, send it in and we'll consider it for publication in an upcoming issue of the Dispatch-Bulletin.


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Sept. 15, Fri:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Sept. 16, Sat:
□ PFLAG Juneau Meeting, noon, Mendenhall Mall/Valley Library. 907-463-5420.
□ Feminist Sing-a-Long, 6:30pm potluck; 7:30pm singing, 1741 Westview Circle. Carol or Fran: 333-0871.
◊ AGLA Dance to benefit Interior AIDS Assn., 10:00pm, Dogmusher’s Hall, $5.00. Jenna: 907-451-8465.

Sept. 17, Sun:
□ AUUF Services, 9:00am (“Living with Nature,” Hillary Hilscher (Nature Conservancy)) & 10:30am (“On the Way to a ‘100% Natural’ Religion?” Art Curtis), 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
□ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Sept. 18, Mon:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Sept. 19, Tues:
◊ PFLAG Fairbanks Monthly Meeting, 5:30pm at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin. Mary Jo 907-459-8985.

Sept. 20, Wed:
□ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
□ PFLAG Southcentral, 7:00pm, AUUF, Fred 562-7161 or Sylvia 562-4992.
□ Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

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

Sept. 22, Fri:
◊ Identity Potluck, “Planting for Fall Gardens,” presented by Mary Whybark: 6:30pm, AUUF.

Sept. 23, Sat:
□ AUUF Services, 9:00am (“If We Had Days of Awe, Like the Jews,” Art Curtis) & 10:30am (“The Public Inebriate: Who is the Victim? The Inebriate, the Public or the Government?” Mike Huesman, Planner in the City Health Dept.), 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
□ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.
□ Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA), 4:00-6:00pm, potluck, Mary and Val Jean 276-3478.

Sept. 24, Sun:
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Sept. 25, Mon:
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Sept. 26, Tues:
□ Identity Board Meeting, 7:00pm, AUUF, Room A, Ken 248-7722.

Sept. 27, Wed:
□ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
□ MCRTF Meeting (Juneau), 7:00pm, 907-586-6623.
□ Pride Conference Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, for place, call Kurt 272-3990 or Susan 248-9887.

Sept. 28, Thurs:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Sept. 29, Fri:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Sept. 30, Sat:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Oct. 1, Sun:
□ AUUF Services, 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
□ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Oct. 2, Mon:
□ Quiet Remembrance of 1 Year Anniversary of Death of Carolyn Frichette, 6:00pm, Auke Bay Dock.

Oct. 3, Tues:
* Check On-Going Items for Events.

Oct. 4, 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.
**Oct. 5, Thurs:**

**NorthView Deadline!**

- **EQUAL** meeting, 7:00pm, AUUF. Dan 274-9226.
- Out North Theater presents Bloopies from London in "Island of Lost Shoes." 7:00pm, Out North, $2.00 from each ticket goes back to the Pride Conference if you are a registered Conference goer. 279-8200.
- Toast presents "Lonely Planet" by Steven Dieta. Call 25-TOAST for time. Tix are $12.00. $2.00 from each ticket goes back to the Pride Conference if you are a registered Conference goer.

**Oct. 6, Fri:**

- **1995 Alaska Pride Conference,** 6:30-8:30pm, Opening Introductions, Registration, Pride Chorus, brief slide show--Lesbian/Gay History Highlights. Pizza provided. Hotline 566-2048. UAA Campus Center Cub.
- **Capri Cinema,** "Postcards from America," 9:30pm. $1.00 goes back to Pride Conference if you are a registered Conference goer. Call 561-0064.
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- Cover Charge at Wave generously donated to Pride Conference.

**Oct. 7, Sat:**

- **1995 Alaska Pride Conference,** 8:00am-5:00pm, Workshops, Luncheon, Keynote Address, Networking meetings, information tables. UAA CAS. Hotline 566-2048.
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**Oct. 8, Sun:**

- **AUUF Services,** 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
- **1995 Alaska Pride Conference,** 11:30am-2:00pm, Closing Ceremonies, Brunch, sharing, closing remarks. UAA Campus Center Cub. Hotline 566-2048.
- **Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church,** 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

**Oct. 10, Tues:**

- **Gay Bar,** 7:00-8:30pm, Legal Q&A. Bring questions & concerns. Allison 279-5001.
- Check On-Going Items for Events.

**Oct. 11, Wed:**

- **Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church,** 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
- Check On-Going Items for Events.

**Oct. 12, Thurs:**

- Check On-Going Items for Events.

**Oct. 14, Sat:**

- **National Coming Out Day at the Wave,** 9:00-10:00pm. Pride Chorus performs, NCOH shirts, line-dance demo, music/dancing. Donation at the door benefits Identity.

**Oct. 15, Sun:**

- **AUUF Services,** 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
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Oct. 23, Mon:
- Helpline Potluck, 7:00pm. Spaghetti provided. Bring salads, bread & desserts. 3900 E. 9th Ave. #5. Barbara/Candy 552-2308.

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Oct. 26, Thurs:
- Identity Potluck/Social, 6:00pm doors open, 7:00pm dinner, 7:30pm program: Kathy Kingston, Mayor’s Beautification Project Manager, "Outdoor Lighting for Winter."

Oct. 27, Fri:
- * Check On-Going Items for Events.

Oct. 28, Sat:
- Women’s Coffee House, 8:00pm, Ellen Foreman and others, singing. Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore. Barbara 552-2308.

Oct. 29, Sun:
- AUUF Services, 9:00am & 10:30am, 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
- Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

Oct. 30, Mon:
- * Check On-Going Items for Events.

Oct. 31, Tues:
- * Check On-Going Items for Events.

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ON-GOING CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

TUESDAYS
- Country Dancing at the Wave, 8:00pm, taught by Patty. 561-2983.

WEDNESDAYS
- Free HIV TEST at 4A’s, 2:00-4:00pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste. 102, 263-2050.
- Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
- "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.
- Alaska Pride Chorus, 6-7:30pm, AUUF through Oct. 5. Call Mike 243-6108.
- Gay, Joyous & Free, 7:00pm, AA Meeting 1231 W. 27th Ave.

FRIDAYS
- PLWA lunch, 4A’s, 12:00-1:00pm, 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 Alaska.

SATURDAYS
- The Family (UAA), 6:00pm, UAA Arts Bldg, Rm 121, Graham, 562-8463 or Kimberly 563-1421.
- 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 Alaska.

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CATHERINE DENEUVE
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Miramax Films and Martin Scorsese present this restored 1967 French-Italian classic from director Luis Bunuel. Catherine Deneuve is the virginial newywed who works the day shift in a high-class Parisian brothel, unbeknownst to her patient husband. "Four Stars..." - Leonard Maltin. 99 min., rated R. Subtitled. Debuts October 13

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- Janet Maltin, THE NEW YORK TIMES

LIVING IN OBLIVION
A NEW FILM BY TOM DIGILLO

Comedy-drama about the mishaps and anxieties that occur amongst the egos and libidos of a third-rate crew during the making of a low-budget movie. Starring Steve Buscemi (Pulp Fiction), Dermot Mulroney and Danielle von Zerneck. 92 min., rated R for strong language. Premieres October 27

HOLLYWOOD "RIVETING"
Molly Anderson, NY Newsday

Postcards FROM AMERICA

Inspired by the writings of David Wojnarowicz, Postcards weaves together three fictional stories from the life of a young gay outsider. A violent suburban childhood spent with an abusive father in New Jersey in the early 1960s, is seen from a queer child's perspective; it leads to his years as a teenage hustler on the streets of New York and eventually to his adult fascination with anonymous sex, the American desert and the open road. 91 min., not rated but mature subject matter includes strong language, violence and rough but not graphic gay sex. Presentation in co-operation with the 1995 Pride Conference. Debuts Oct. 6

THE POSTMAN (IL POSTINO)

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 Noiret. Italian with English subtitles, 109 min., rated PG for mild thematic elements. Premieres Oct. 20

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Still sexy at 65, the Boop is back! New 35mm prints struck from the original nitrate negatives and from negatives recently restored by the UCLA Film and Television Archives bring Betty Boop's enduring appeal into sharp focus. Among the uncut, pre-code classics is Show White featuring Cab Calloway which was selected as a 1994 addition to the Library of Congress National Film Registry. Not rated, mild cartoon sensuality. Premieres Nov. 3.

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Movie Review:

"Postcards From America" is based on the autobiographical writings of the late controversial artist David Wojnarowicz and reveals the reflective poetic sensibility that evolves within a male street hustler.

By Kevin Thomas, Times Staff Writer

Steve McLean’s scorching "Postcards From America" opens with a young man, David (James Lyons), hitchhiking across a desert. The vast wasteland he surveys mirrors the emptiness of his soul, and as the film moves forward with his experiences on the road it also begins flashing back to memories of his brutal life.

By the time we meet the adult David, he has been living on the edge virtually from the time he was born. During his childhood at the hands of a savage, gun-wielding alcoholic father (Michael Ringer, truly scary), remembered by his son as a man “who hated children, his wife, animals and obviously himself,” he was in scarcely less danger than he was as a teen-age hustler working Times Square with his one good friend (Michael Imperioli).

Gritty, spare and dynamic, charged with emotion but free of sentimentality, "Postcards From America" is based on two collections of autobiographical writings by David Wojnarowicz, a controversial artist who had been at the center of a debate over government support of the arts when he died of AIDS at 37 on 1992.

This is rightly a primarily shadowy film, lit by virtuoso cinematographer Ellen Kuras much in the manner of Errol Morris’ "The Thin Blue Line," and it captures the excitement as well as the desperation of surviving precariously.

The film is an odyssey, as David recalls his experiences, alternately comic, sad and dangerous, as a teen male hustler whose hard life so easily could have destroyed him but instead nurtures a reflective poetic sensibility and a capacity for love and tenderness. Personal tragedy, however, has propelled David on to the highway, rushing toward his destiny, embracing his fate.

The portrayals McLean gets from Olmo Tighe as the young David, Michael Tighe as the angelic-looking teen-age David and Lyons as the handsome adult David are remarkable—and remarkably well-matched.

"Postcards From America" captures the world of the street hustler and sexual outlaw—to borrow John Rechy’s phrase—with raw authenticity as McLean explores interrelated aspects of family, sexuality and masculinity.

Working with Wojnarowicz, McLean initially conceived of the film as a documentary, and as it evolved into a narrative, he kept his promise to the artist not to make it a literal biography of his life.

Yet this tough, truthful yet compassionate film might have been even stronger had the film’s David, like the actual Wojnarowicz, attended Manhattan’s High School of Art and Music by day while hustling by night. As it is, we’re left to puzzle how a man of no evident education or talent or even permanent address could narrate his own story with such eloquence. •
The Directory

This directory is our "yellow pages" and reference guide. Want to be listed? Know someone who you think wants to be listed? It's free! Write Identity or call Ken at 248-7722 or Angle/Linda at the AK at 337-0253.

The designations of (L) lesbain, (G) gay and (A) ally indicate that the business or service is owned by (L) lesbians, (G) gays or (A) allies. 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.

AAA:
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see A's page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), Juneau, Rta, 463-5689
(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, Koola, 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) Gateley, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327

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

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

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

Astrology:
(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-0982

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

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

Bars:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G/L) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1888, 563-1050 (see ad)
(G/L) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaskanland (Fri and Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(L/G) The Wave, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Feather, Doug, 277-3862
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 907-235-5945 (see ad)
(L) Blue Heron B&B (Missouri), Lucille, 417-993-4020

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

Boarding School Selection:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7004

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

Books:
(L) Bona Dea Women's Bookstore, Joann/Marina, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaska, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cynara's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2699
(A) Into the Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

Carpet & Linoleum Installation:
(A) Big Bob's, Mark, 561-2121
(A) Don, 349-1065

Catering:
(G) Alaska's 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/R) 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, 337-3802

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-0064
(G/L) The Sociatic Tide at the Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

College Selection:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7004

Computer Bulletin Board:
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4039
(G) Wingstel, 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) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Eken, 248-2422
(I) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magic, Phil, 274-3528
(grat/s, Lucian, 272-0328
(A) Helleck & Associates, Terry, 276-3669
(A) LLM Technologies, Logan, 272-7377
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

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

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

Construction:
(L) R&L Construction, Lita, 279-4066
Counseling:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(A) Connie, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9488
(L) Katia, 562-2684
(A) Marlene, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795

Dancing:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

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

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

Drag Shows:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, Misty Dawn, 277-0441
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

Drug Dependency:
(G/L/B) 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) Frigida North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

Electrolysis:
(A) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(A) Gentle Touch, 561-6688 (see ad)

Entertainment:
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064, Movieline: 275-3799 (see ad)
(A) Maccorin Music, Diane, 277-9751
(L) Real Talent Productions, Karyn, 562-5777, 278-5683
(A) Syzygy/Magic Music, Linda, 274-2599

Financial, Insurance, Investments:
(L) Chris, 561-8040/338-3962 (see ad)

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

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

Flightseeing:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or Lee Ann, 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 & Keli, 800-564-1765

Furniture:
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 279-0638 (see ad)

Gas:
(A) Courtney'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/Marla, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 272-4438 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876

Glacier Landings:
(L) McKinley Air Service, Keli or Lee Ann, 800-564-1765; 907-733-1765

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

Health:
(A) Gately, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(L) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature's Own Way, Roberto/Debby, 561-0811
(A) The Olde Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
(G/L/B) 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

Helpline:
(G/L) Fairbanks Lesbian/Gay Line, 907-458-8288
(G/L) Identity Helpline, 258-4777 (see ad)

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

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

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of All Alaska, Jasmine, 563-8650, Bob 272-3042

Hypnotherapy:
(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-0852

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

Landscaping:
(L) Wood Nymph Landscaping, Valerie, 274-8006

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) Gabriel, 272-9045
(A) Joyce, CMT, 562-1916 (see ad)
(L) Leslie (non-sexual), 278-3346
(A) Marlene, 562-0012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

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

Meetings:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

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

Music/Instruments:
(A) Oldtime Music Company, Marge, 561-6622 (see ad)

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

Newsletters/Newspapers:
(L) Klondyke Kontact (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 Blue Moon, 277-8441
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

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

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

Painting:
(l) L&L 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, Arlid, 279-5861

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

Political:
(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America (ACALMA), 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, (503) 642-7292

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-3860
(A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
(A) Timeframe, 562-3822 (see ad)

Private Instruction:
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059

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

Producing:
(l) Real Talent Productions, Karyn, 562-5777, 578-5863

Recreation:
(l) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Bronwyn Hillman, 248-2804; 563-5196 (see ad)
(l) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucille, 417-745-6798 (e); 417-993-4382 (h)
(l) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(l) Waitrad Barron, 274-2634

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

Research:
(l) Craciun & Associates, 279-3982 (see ad)

Restaurants:
(A) Cyrano's Cafe, 274-1713
(G) O'Bryant's, 544-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

Retirement Plans:
(A) Lynn (LaPerriere) Thomas, 263-0720 (see ad)

Rooming Houses:
(A) Reginald, 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 & Keli, 800-564-1765
(l) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)

Social/Educational:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 258-4777
(GB) 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. Nancee Sweeney, 258-8010
(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) Files by Ten (Eagle River), 907-694-6946
(A) McKinley Air SVC., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-3221

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 562-4992, 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, 279-8009

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

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) Apollo Travel Agency, Anchorage, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) 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
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059

Veterinarian:
(A) Gimmy, 345-1515
(l) Vicki, 345-1515
(A) Dr. Jean Battig (Fairbanks), 452-6055

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

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(l) Kathy, 278-2840 ▼
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