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Editorial
by Ruth Mathes

Why is human nature such that momentous or catastrophic events are necessary to show us what is really important in the scheme of things? We humans slog through the muck of everyday living and wind up missing those moments of rarefied light which give our lives real meaning. I have recently had such a moment, and it has given me cause to pause....I miss Ken.

I mean, I really miss Ken. I miss my good friend with a fierceness which startles me, and makes me stop in my tracks and take a deep breath right in the middle of something totally unrelated. Naturally I miss Ken when the NorthView goes to press. We all miss Ken a lot on those days! But I have discovered that what we miss is his essence, his personality, his flavor. In other words, the part of him that makes him who he is....that's the missing element.

The flotsam and jetsam of my everyday existence really gets jerked into focus in a hurry when hard-core events appear. Words like "tumor" and "cancer" and "chemotherapy" and "radiation" and "surgery" never fail to rearrange my heartbeat. Lately, these words have been like a hot wind on the back of my neck, because they are being used in conjunction with the names of my friends. It's too close for comfort. I am scared for them, and I am scared for me.

One thing is for sure. I am discovering that I need to re-think the importance of daily events that come and go on my calendar. Friends like Ken deserve star billing.

Letters (& e-mail) to the Editor

Dear NorthView community,

I want to share my good news. I don't have heart disease and I don't have emphysema. There appear to be no permanent after-effects of my lung collapse. What a lucky woman I am, not to be just well again, but to be loved by so many people. I will never get around to writing thank you notes to everyone, and I don't know if I could even remember everyone who came to see me, assisted me, advocated for me because I was so drugged. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I especially want to thank Linda Imle who very well may have saved my life, and Grandma Daisy who still walks among us in Linda's soul, and Ruth Mathes for her generous donation of her car. And, of course, my Dearest Love who chose to endure my pain and fear.

Karen Carlisle

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Downtown at 308 G Street, Suite 303
The rainbow flag serves as a backdrop for the historical timeline of events important in the development of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual culture, one covering national celebrities and events, another posting local milestones and activities. Posters protesting the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy to one with flowers and a circled slash through them signifying "No Pansies" for the old Michael's 500 bar are set alongside Lesbian and Gay-themed books and CDs. The look was simple and striking, more like what you would expect in a large city, not a library entrance display case in Fairbanks, Alaska. Many in the straight community had the same reaction.

Gays and Lesbians have garnered three front page stories in the local newspaper this week with the controversy surrounding P-FLAG's window display at the public library. Protesters wanting the history display removed staged an informational picket of the library on Tuesday, a week after election day. Supporters for the Gay and Lesbian History Month display were also out in force. Elected officials, for the most part, steered clear of any comments, stating that they did not want to influence the outcome of the upcoming public hearing, which was held on Thursday night at the Carlson Center.

Over three hundred people attended that public hearing, where the Library Review Committee heard testimony for over four hours. The first speaker was a borough assemblyman who apologized for his earlier remarks reported in the paper, that the borough had more pressing issues than this to attend to. He apologized for the homophobic sentiments carried in his attempt to avoid the issue as an elected official. The minister of the Lutheran Church located directly across the street from the library testified that he had heard a local talk show host chastise the library for allowing pornographic material directly recruiting children into the "homosexual lifestyle" to be presented. He went twice, thinking he had missed something, but found the historical presentation tasteful and quite acceptable for children to view. The majority of the people attending were in favor of the display. Many of those who testified identified themselves as Gay.

On other fronts, the comment cards received by the library have been running 75% in favor of the display. The anonymous phone calls being received at the mayor's office have been overwhelmingly against. Local talk radio has been saturated with this story and only this story for the past week. On Thursday, the past president of P-FLAG Fairbanks and the faculty advisor for the Lesbian, Gay and bisexual university group AGLA fielded questions from the community at large on an all-in program. The questions revealed some ignorance and, in some cases, hatred; however, most calls were from people genuinely interested in finding out more about the Gay and Lesbian community in Fairbanks.

The issues generated by the display and the unprecedented media coverage focusing on the LasBigGay community have opened up many avenues of dialogue that otherwise would not have easily been found. The members of P-FLAG were sorry that some people were offended by the factual display but hoped that they would be able to use that information to draw more informed decisions and allow them to see the contributions made by the LasBigGay community both nationally and locally.
Out Loud And Proud Department: right there in the middle of the potluck last month (see the other article in this issue for a roundup of what happened during the program), DG inveighed upon SMc (recent couple seen around town and mentioned in last month’s NorthView), to buy him a house. After all, you need a yard and garden if you’re going to plant dahlias. SM replied, "I promised, maybe, but when is a different story." During the program at that self-same potluck, MW started talking about the best fertilizer for lilacs. She’d discovered years ago, she said, that a certain gentleman (that even EYE doesn’t know), took a fancy to peeing on the plants and they grew at a much more, shall we say, accelerated rate than the ones in the 'control group.' EYE was told that a certain MF’s eyes lit up with, what, anticipation? EYE isn’t sure EYE wants to know.

Gay News
(from the Internet and other places)

.....National

Martina Navratilova, Subaru of America, the Travelers Bank and Visa U.S.A. are teaming up for a marketing program targeting gay and lesbian consumers. The program involves an affinity card that will help raise funds for charitable causes through a new Rainbow Card Foundation.

Colorado’s Amendment 2, an anti-gay initiative faces the U.S. Supreme Court. The amendment was struck down in the Colorado Supreme Court, "because it bars gay men, lesbians and bisexuels from having an effective voice in governmental affairs," especially in seeking legislation that would protect them from discrimination.

The Christian Coalition, a right-wing organization founded six years ago by Pat Robertson held a September conference in Washington. Robertson told coalition members, "You can’t force someone to be moral. But what you can do is stop the government from funding those who want to destroy the morality of the country." The Coalition has an estimated 1.7 million members and according to independent monitors, controls GOP caucuses in 18 states and has heavy influence in 13 others.

.....State

The Fairbanks library has an exhibit in observance of National Gay and Lesbian History Month. The exhibit has received criticism and also support. Greg Hill, the library’s director said, "Our policy on displays is they’re open to communities and groups. We can’t discriminate." However, a patron complained about the exhibit so Mayor Jim Sampson has called for a hearing.

"He’s so talented that for years he almost exploded. It was the fact that he had to publicly reject his gayness that made his life tough. All of those outrageous costumes were a cry for help."

-- Blackwell on Elton John, in Genre.
"So let them be gay people elsewhere, they shall be sad people here"

So says President Robert Mugabe of the southern African country of Zimbabwe. In the September issue of *Northview*, I briefly commented on the current situation in Zimbabwe concerning a group called GALZ (Gays & Lesbians of Zimbabwe). Since then I have received additional information over the Internet from a gay man named Stephen who is a member of GALZ. Sometimes we can feel very isolated living in Alaska as openly lesbigaytrans people. Consider what it must be like to be a gay man, a lesbian, a bisexual or a transgendered person living in Zimbabwe at this time.

Gays & Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) was established in 1989 as a support group for the homosexual and lesbian community. Its aims were to try to provide services to the gay community such as counselling, access to literature and films, and AIDS awareness.

Up until 1994 there was no official public reaction to the formation of GALZ. There were a few raids on the founder member's houses and materials were confiscated, never to be returned, but by and large it was a case of live and let live. GALZ flourished as a social club with its functions being well attended and membership growing.

In January 1994 GALZ placed a rather ambiguous advertisement in The Daily Gazette advertising its counselling services. The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr D. Dabengwa, was outraged; he subsequently stated with great conviction that "We are going to arrest them. It is illegal in this country".

This led to a surprisingly volatile debate on the issue of gay life in Zimbabwe; ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. The debate raged from January 1994 until mid-1994 when suddenly all media went quiet on the subject. Rumor has it that the government, not liking the direction in which the subject was going, placed an embargo on the reporting of any gay related subject. The silence was deafening.

GALZ, having established itself as a functioning organization, decided late 1994 that it should try to fulfill its obligations to its members in bettering conditions within Zimbabwe - and what better way than to advertise its existence than at Africa's largest Book Fair. GALZ, assuming that they had a right as a legal organization and considering the theme of the 1995 Book Fair was Human Rights & Justice, applied to the trustees for a stand at the Fair.

On 24 July 1995 the government responded to GALZ's initiative by demanding the Fair withdraw GALZ from the exhibit as "... the Zimbabwean Society and Government do not accept the public display of homosexual literature and material" and "In the interest of continued cooperation with Government, please withdraw the participation of GALZ."

On 1 August 1995 the Fair was opened by President Mugabe where he made his views on gays clearly known:

"I find it extremely outrageous and repugnant to my human conscience that such immoral and revulsive organizations, like those of homosexuals, who offend both against the law of nature and the morals of religious beliefs espoused by our society should have any advocates in our midst and even elsewhere in the world"

he went on to say:

"... denial of their alleged right to have sex in public is a violation of their human rights ... is any sane government which is a protector of society's moral values expected to countenance their accessions?"

Mr. Mugabe put it much more clearly on 2 August 1995 when he was reported by The New York Times as bluntly stating: "I don't believe they (gays and lesbians) have any rights at all."

Gay and Lesbian organizations world wide were outraged by Mr Mugabe's statements and the International Community was plainly disturbed by the bigoted attitude of Zimbabwe's leader. Barney Frank and Maxine Waters, Democratic members of the U.S. Congress sent a letter including seventy other signatories from the American Congress pointing out that "When individuals are mistreated by government because of some basic characteristic of their nature, human rights are violated" and requesting that he "... reexamine this issue"

Mugabe's response:

"Let the Americans keep their sodomy, bestiality, stupid and foolish ways to themselves. Keep those out of Zimbabwe. We do not want those kinds of behavior in our country. We will not accept them here at all. So let them be gay in the United States, Europe and elsewhere, they shall be sad people here."

As Stephen said at the end of his message, "We hope when the glare of the international limelight turns to another topic, the homosexual and lesbian community of Zimbabwe will not suffer horrific reprisals for daring to want equality."

How can you help your sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe? Over 300 Alaskans have signed a petition I am sending to the government of Zimbabwe as well as religious organizations and newspapers in Zimbabwe. If you would like to sign the petition or have me include your letter with my packet, please give me a call (274-9226).

Dan Carter is a local gay activist
Survey Results In:
NorthView Readers
Rate Rag

The results of our rating poll are presented to you below. The return rate was a whopping 14%. The highest possible score was 180 points. "Potter's Lane" is rated separately because it was not on both surveys. Cartoon ratings, although listed separately, can be measured in with the regular features. These results will be used in shaping The NorthView in the coming months. Our thanks to Barbara Soule for computing these results, and to all those who took the time to complete and return the surveys. We are pleased to have your help in designing the kind of magazine you want.

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There's Sunshine Out of the Closet
by Karen Carlisle

Tonight, alpenglow lights the mountains at sunset. Its warm glow reflects the way I feel. It's been a good day. Today I found out that I don't have heart disease. I don't have emphysema. This knowledge makes me feel friskier than I thought I'd ever feel again. That and last weekend with Dear Love.

Her Eminence and I attended the Pride Conference together. For the first time in our relationship, we got to be valued as lovers before a community that approves of us ... a powerful experience. I had no idea. I've been out for 17 years. I've had a lover or four or more. And since I'd come out in the protected environment of feminism, I'd always been out.

But other lovers had been less out than I. Or wanted to seem to be not coupled although coupling was certainly what we were doing on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Or else the affair was illicit. (I know I seem too old and stodgy to have done this, but I did and even worse, though I'm not proud of it.)

And too, I've never had a lover as affectionate as Dear Love, as adoring as Dear Love. (No, I'm not being conceited, I adore her too, as if you couldn't tell if you were at the conference.) With those former lovers, I translated homophobia, the desire to stay available and secretive into the belief that I wasn't quite good enough. Dear readers, I hope none of you have ever done that.

And that's not all. Like K.J. said so eloquently at the conference, I semi-retired into the closet, if spending the night at each other's houses although coupling was in full view of the whole town for a year before moving in together can be called living in the closet. But you didn't see us walking around holding hands, you didn't see me burying my mouth in Dear Love's hair, you didn't see her nibbling on my earlobe except behind curtained windows, although I did manage to call her honey across the grocery parking lot on more than one occasion. Dear readers, you can take the world out of the girl, but you can't take the girl out of the world. Once you have lived out, the damn door won't shut anymore.

Dear Love works with youth. You know. Those types of humans those scaredy cat rigids think we queers are going to recruit if we get within a mile of them. So I told myself I would accept this closet with the door ajar for the sake of her job. (I had been rigidly militant myself about being out with She-Who-Was and it had been one of The Issues in our relationship which I now regret; I could have been more accepting.)

But the truth is, I wasn't in too big a hurry to make myself a target in the midst of a town of 2500 people of which the male variety carries guns and drives pickups. Being totally out in an urban area in the midst of other visible Lesbigans is way different, less threatening. I am so admiring of people like Lee Lynch who live out in other rural areas.

We've got to get out of the country—or at least on a road system. There's a reason Lesbigans have traditionally fled to the cities. Anonymity, yes—but community too. We need each other so. And Dear Love feels it too. The need to expand and grow, to be ever more herself. There's not enough air or light in the closet ... and no one can see you, not even your Family.

Pundits often say those who have been discriminated against have a greater capacity for compassion. It may often be true. I think it was feeling the approval, acceptance and compassion of our companions on the Gay journey that helped Dear Love give up another secret. That and hearing M.E.R. talk about power of attorney protective legislation for people who live with mental illnesses during Sylvia Short's class, "Living Together and Dying Separately."

Later that day, Dear Love came out to M.E. and others as a woman living with bipolar disorder. She must have expanded to her full 6' 4" height at that moment. What a woman! If you think there is discrimination against queers, you haven't seen anything yet. We are in the Dark Ages in our ignorance and fear of mental disorders and these people are at terrible risk when they are public with themselves.

Just as those of us who have been out were and are lighthouses for all those beautiful young dykes and faggots who were at the conference, so Dear Love thinks she might serve the world by coming out again in this way. Don't you just love brave people? It's so sexy. That's my girlfriend. I am quivering with pride and admiration.
Shortly after we became lovers, I moved to Anchorage for the summer to find work. Dear Love came to visit. A mile from the airport, at a stoplight, I kissed her. She went very still and searched my face for reassurance, but she didn't look around in fright. I said, "It's all right, love. No one cares. We can love freely here." But she was unable then to unlock her fear.

When we were in Anchorage for the 1995 Pride Conference, we walked holding hands everywhere. We held hands over our belated birthday dinner at the Mesa Grill. Everywhere. We kissed in the sunlight. And there was no reserve in Dear Love—no holding back. Freedom feels wonderful and freedom begets more freedom. No turn back. Never turning back even if there’s a detour once in awhile.

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Blissful in Bushville

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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 FSLEB@aurora.alaska.edu.

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

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

**Family—Anchorage:** Meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Arts Building, Room 121 on the UAA campus. Social group after 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-Thanks!)

**Gay Bar, Anchorage:** free legal question and answer sessions on issues of interest to Lesbians and Gays. Second Monday of every month, 7:00-8:30pm at 845 ’K’ St. 279-5001.

**Identity, Anchorage:** founded to improve self and community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian and Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities.

**Potluck Social:** held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St. Doors open at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the Calendar for this month’s guest speaker.

**Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), Anchorage:** is a social and support group that contributes to our Community by being active in many caueses; 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 (IAA) Fairbanks:** offers medical and dental program assistance, "buddies" (volunteers who help HIV & People Living With AIDS), meal delivery food supplement program, a lending library.
and counseling support. If you're interested in volunteering or need assistance, please call the IAA in Fairbanks at 452-4222.

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

**Last Frontier Men’s Club, Anchorage**: a members-only club for the Leather/Bear communities of Alaska. Meetings 3rd Thurs. of each month, 6:00pm at the Raven; campouts & 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. Look 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 4:00pm, Park Lanes. 561-8744 (Bob).

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

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

**Klatch, Fairbanks**: meets the first Wednesday of each month and is an informal gathering of GLBs. The group offers a place to discuss current events, ideas, hopes and needs, and it extends hospitality to newcomers. Generally, the theme of each gathering is determined by the volunteer host(s), from “Show ’n Tell” to “My Personal Agenda” to “Open Forum.” 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 Fred at 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 canoed down the Tanana River to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the Alaska Range), went halibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more information, contact Eric at 907-455-4051 or e-mail to <lsb@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 907-455-6358 or <ehlerk@northernstar.k12.ak.us>.

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

**SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous)**

Anchorage: 12-step meeting; Tues., Thurs., Sat. Check calendar for times and locations. 566-1133

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

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

**Women’s Coffeehouse, Anchorage**: every 4th Saturday, 8:00pm, Alaska Women’s Bookstore. Sliding scale, suggested donation $2. Call Barbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. Check the calendar for this month’s program.

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

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**Fourth Friday Potluck & Social**

Join Identity at its celebrated Fourth Friday Potluck & Social. Bring a dish, whether soup, salad, entree, deviled eggs, hors d’oeuvres, fruit, bread, desert, chips, dip, pizza, etc. Identity provides the drinks: tea, coffee, punch. Admission is free but we cheerfully accept donations.

**Date**: Friday, October 27

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

**Place**: Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street

**Program**: Kathy Kingdon, Mayor's Office, "Lighting Your Home for Winter."
UNITY AND DIVERSITY CONFERENCE 1995
by Barbara J. Soule

The official count was two hundred and forty participants with representation from all over the state of Alaska, and the Northwest's PFLAG district representative, Candace Steele. Kudos, to the Gay men more participated this year. A number of the old Lesbian political activists were there, too.

The opening night with a planned program, food and social mixer was much more fun than last year. The Pub was wall to wall, standing room only. The Pride Chorus got a lot of compliments, thanks to the organizing of Mike and Dennis' enthusiastic direction.

The local TV station had film clips of the Alaska Pride Chorus on the evening news. I don't care if I'm on the local news in the Pride Chorus, but I sure there were people at the opening who were surprised. One of the questions on the conference evaluation form asked how people who had not attended could be enticed to participate. One answer may be no TV cameras.

At the conference, JoAnn Loulan, dynamically upbeat in her keynote address, could do stand up comedy. Her workshop on "Enhancing Lesbian Sex" was informative, thought provoking, and verbally explicit.

Warren Blumenfeld is more an academian, historian and researcher. He is dedicated to giving the Gay community a sense of history and affirming that being Gay don't just exist in a present time vacuum.

Chris Fabbro was very pleased to be here. As a result of Fabbro's "Viral Diaries," first published in the Northview, he is syndicated and carried in a number of publications. Chris said that Los Angeles is very stratified and there is little interaction and communication between groups. He was "jazzed" to be included and experience the grassroots movement the community has here. Fabbro said that we have a unique community. Chris was surprised that his workshop on Sex and the 90's Dating was cancelled. The local men seemed to be too shy to come out and discuss explicit sexual practices.

As I wound up my conversation with Chris, Cheryl Schwartz came over. She is quite sociable and pleasant and works helping gay youth. The Identity Helpline gets calls from teens in crisis with their families. PFLAG is implementing a program for Gay teens.

The Gay Round Table, about what's keeping the community separated, was too short. By the time the issues were out on in the open, there wasn't enough time to problem solve. At the Statewide Collation Building, the PFLAG representative from the northwest district, Candace Steele, emphatically said E-MAIL, or computer network, was the way to go. The activist from Juneau, Sara Boesser, said they use the telephone to alert several key people and proceed from there. They have a specific plan of action. Shirley Randall-Harris will write a summary for the next NorthView.

The planning was evident with the changes this year. The committee did a tremendous job, the food delicious, the theme very upbeat and positive, the attendees enthusiastic. It was wonderful to get together, socialize and catch up on the news, meet new people and concentrate on building a more harmonious community. It's obviously were our heart is. All in all there just wasn't time to do everything I'd hoped to do. Next year the community needs a bigger hall for an opening program. I think we need a longer conference, two days or more, to network and build empathy and trust.

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PRIDE CONFERENCE NOT
A FLASH IN THE PAN!

The Alaska Pride Chorus will resume rehearsals in January and prepare for a spring concert. People of all affectional orientations are welcome including our straight allies. The chorus especially needs basses and sopranos. No auditions necessary, although a smaller audition chorus may also form.

Although the Pride Chorus will not be rehearsing until after the new year, we are going to sponsor a Holiday Sing, time and place to be announced in the next two NorthView editions. So look for it and come on out for a good time!

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Voices in the Age of AIDS

No one is immune to AIDS, however it seems that some people have been affected by the virus more than others. Men of color which include Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and many others, have been disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS.

Discrimination, lack of access to health care, poverty and disenfranchisement are all reasons why men of color have been devastated by HIV/AIDS.

However, it is more important what men of color have done in response. Men of color all across the country have joined hands with their brothers to form a support system of friends. In response to HIV/AIDS, men of color have formed some of the most meaningful and seasonally relationships with others in need, especially newcomers to the group, as a way of giving back some of the love they have received.

As an African-American gay male and an HIV-Challenged individual, I know well how helpful support can be. The relationships formed and shared with others can be extremely fulfilling and nurturing. Through my own support system, “The Healing Circle” and “Naaman’s Retreat” here in Cincinnati, I have formed some deep and meaningful friendships. I often feel compelled to reach out to others in need, especially new friends as a way of giving back some of the love I have received.

There often seems to be a downside to giving support. I’ve found too often that many people are not receptive to what you have to offer, probably because of fear and denial of their health status.

In other cases, people only want to receive, whether it’s money, spiritual support, or just attention.

Support, however, is a two-way street, a reciprocating exchange between the individuals involved. Support means knowing how much to give and knowing when to back off and relieve yourself from the stress that may happen when you see results. We must also support ourselves.

Often we are hesitant to reach out, especially to friends, family, and because of fear of rejection and alienation. Due to the stigma of society, many have a long way to go toward acceptance of those who may be different from themselves. But more often than not, we find acceptance when we take that step to reach out. Each situation is different, each individual should decide if, when, and how much to reach out.

Support means accepting people in their space. I’ve always encouraged myself and others to try to have the most positive outlook possible. It hit me like a slap to realize that everyone can’t do that. Everybody can’t be as positive as me. We all have different coping mechanisms. Letting people be where they are is important.

Support can mean knowing when to let go. I recently called a friend with whom I shared a hospital room, and he told me that he thought he was near the end. My first reaction was to tell him, “No, everything’s going to be alright. You’ll be fine.” But I caught myself and put myself in his place, He was at peace with where he was, and he and his mate had made all the legal and burial arrangements, picked out a hospice, etc. He had fought a long battle and realized that his time was near. I learned to accept that.

There are many of us who live in isolated areas and have no support systems. It would be good to see some help provided by our health care system, offering individual or group counseling.

Support is giving, taking, sharing, caring, and most of all, it is loving.

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Queer Abby,

I met a guy who rocks my world. He is everything I've ever dreamed about. It's hard for me because I've been with someone for over five years, and very happily at that. We have a home, two pets, and a very supportive circle of friends. My heart says to go for the new man, but the rest of me thinks I should leave things alone. I know the right thing to do but all I hear inside me is "Follow your heart." Help!

Queer Help!

Remember those multiple-choice tests from school? The teacher always said, "Go with your first instinct if you're not sure, and you'll probably get it right." There's a reason that you've been with your man for five years (I'm lucky to make it five months!). Unless you and your partner are ready for a significant change, don't give in—you even said you already know the right thing to do. My cheapest advice would be to go into a room by yourself and have a fantastic fantasy instead.

Queer Abby,

My girlfriend and I have been together for several years, and we are both very out to our families about our relationship. Whenever we stay with her parents, they put us in separate bedrooms. I accept this because it is their home. Yet whenever we visit my mother, if she doesn't put us together, my lover threatens to go to a hotel. I've tried to get her to see the double standard, but she says it's different because there's more space at her parents'. What do you think of it?

J.M.R. Santa Monica

Queer Double Standard,

So why do you give in? Pretty soon, she'll have the right to do anything you can't, like have affairs or put the toilet seat up. Either stay in a hotel all the time, or sleep in different rooms all the time and sneak together for a dangerous liaison. Just don't give in, sistah!

AIDS CONTINUES TO SPREAD
by Michael Covone

An article in the Daily News on September 1 "AIDS infection survey shows 23 new cases reported in state," portrays the AIDS epidemic in Alaska as something that is distant and warrants no need for concern. The fact is that Alaska and the world are, unfortunately, nowhere near the end of the AIDS epidemic.

Although there are many organizations, like the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, working to educate for the prevention of HIV infection, more people are continually becoming infected at an estimated rate of four a minute.

There are an estimated 17 million people infected with HIV on the planet; in the United States, AIDS is the No. 1 killer of people between the ages of 25 and 44. The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association has witnessed 10 deaths in the last 10 weeks due to AIDS. By the year 2000, there will be an estimated 25 million orphans whose parents died from AIDS.

This sobering picture is presented not to cause feelings of hopelessness and apathy, but rather to expose the gravity of the situation.

The staff at the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, and others around the country who support the prevention of HIV and AIDS, sincerely hope that the spread of HIV and AIDS will quickly diminish. Until then, we must all work together to care for people with AIDS and educate one another on how to prevent the transmission of HIV.

It will be only when we all become involved that this epidemic will stop ravaging our friends, families and communities. To find out how you can help, call the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association at 263-2050.

Michael R. Covone is Education Coordinator for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.

Anchorage Daily News, September 19, 1995
I'm always surprised when I mention P-FLAG to a gay or lesbian whose response is “What is it?” P-FLAG stands for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays.

Often, even gays and lesbians that have heard of P-FLAG think it's only for heterosexuals. Certainly, P-FLAG's first priority is to support heterosexual friends and family members. Nevertheless, gay & lesbian persons are also welcome at P-FLAG. Volunteer opportunities are always available in areas like the library, the newsletter, fundraising, advocacy, etc. Another reason for gay & lesbian persons to attend P-FLAG is to create family. Within 2 or 3 meetings faces become familiar and connections begin to form. Also, P-FLAG is a great place for input if you're considering coming out to friends and family. And, it is a place to share your unique insights and experiences for everyone's benefit.

When it comes to changing society's views, I don't know any other large organizations that educate heterosexuals so effectively. In the four years I have been a member and attendee of P-FLAG, I have seen parents and friends go from crisis, to stability, to acceptance and support, then on to be activists. It is a beautiful thing to watch people grow and learn.

I hope this letter will encourage more persons in the gay & lesbian community to support P-FLAG. And when you visit a meeting, invite a heterosexual friend or family member. Support P-FLAG. P-FLAG supports you!

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Premieres October 27

BETTY BOOP CONFIDENTIAL
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 Snow 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.

NO ONE CAN HIDE BEHIND... THE GLASS SHIELD
Crime drama about a young deputy shaken by bigotry and corruption within his precinct. Starring Michael Boam' an, Lori Petty, Ice Cube, Elliot Gould and M. Emmett Walsh. 108min., rated PG13 for intense dramatic material.
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JEFFREY
Based on the smash off-Broadway hit. Comedy about a gay man who decides to abstain from sex in the age of AIDS, but then he meets Mr. Perfect... starring Patrick Stewart, Sigourney Weaver and Steven Weber as Jeffrey. 94min., rated R for sexual references and language.
Premieres November 3

THE INNOCENT
Cold-war thriller set in 1955 Berlin about a sexually inexperienced British electronics expert, his mysterious German lover, and the strange CIA man who is after them. Anthony Hopkins, Isabella Rossellini and Campbell Scott stars. Rated R for sexuality, brief language and a sequence of violence. Nov. 17-13

An Awfully Big Adventure
Romantic comedy-drama set in 1960s Liverpool, about a 16-year-old girl who stumbles upon dark secrets when she takes a job with a local theatre company. Starring Hugh Grant, Gerogia Cates and Alan Rickman. Rated R for sexuality and some language. Nov. 17-23

All Programs and Schedules are subject to change. Please call ahead to avoid disappointment.

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LESBIAN ACTIVIST Urvashi Vaid: Is She Ready To Return To Gay Politics?

Cover Story in the next issue of The Advocate

Los Angeles—Designated by Time as one of the nation's most influential young leaders, Urvashi Vaid. The former head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has written a new book.

Destined to be controversial, Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation, is a weighty treatise on gay politics in which Vaid criticizes such wealthy gay figures as entertainment mogul David Geffen and political consultant David Mixner.

Says Vaid: "I think some people are not going to be happy with me. It's a subjective book. I pushed myself to take positions and not wimp out by being objective. I'd like it to shatter people's sense of complacency."

Founded in 1967, The Advocate is the award-winning gay and lesbian magazine of record, reporting bi-weekly on news, politics, business, medical issues, the arts, and entertainment.

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Sleepless in Seattle or Ken Went Where?

Yes, dear readers, Ken went south. But not for the winter. Ken Freedman is a temporary resident of Seattle as he receives chemotherapy for bone cancer in his elbow. Between treatments he plans to return to Anchorage to be near his family of choice and receive "warm fuzzies" from all of us here. Although he loves to chat with us, he has requested that we publish only a mailing address (in care of a friend). Please direct your correspondence to:

F. Kenneth Freedman
c/o Karen Brady
2814 East Valley Street
Seattle, WA 98112

You can leave Ken phone messages on his local machine (248-7722) as he retrieves them on a regular basis. He will be back home (we think) the latter part of October. Do send him your written good wishes. As for us at the NorthView office, we hope you will bear with us during this difficult period. This publication will most likely display some creative alterations in the near future. The old adage, "necessity is the mother of invention," was never more true. If you think you miss Ken, you should try it from this end!
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
WOODCRAFT:
STEFEN GINGRICH
BY RUTH MATHES

Curiosity figured heavily in my motivation to interview Steve Gingrich for this column. I do the layout for this rag, and I often wondered what the strange letters on his business card meant. Like a true artist, his woodshop was in his Eagle River home. I dodged a Siamese cat, inhaled the yummy aroma of a stew on the stove, and took up residence by the fireplace.

IDENTITY: You must tell our readers about your mysterious business card. It's all Greek to me.

S.G.: If you really happen to read Greek it would be easy. The letters are Greek, and spell out "woodcraft". I just happened to like the look of them, and woodworking is an ancient art.

IDENTITY: Are you a longtime Alaskan, Steve?

S.G.: I moved here in 1964. I've been in Anchorage since 1978, and out here in Eagle River for the past five years.

IDENTITY: What type of wood projects are you hired for?

S.G.: Remodeling jobs are the most popular ... windows, cabinets, an occasional piece of furniture. I find that folks do not always have a clear picture of what they want and ask my advice. That's the time to ask them specific questions about their, a-a-h, lifestyle (smile). That does affect what I design for a customer.

IDENTITY: Do you have a favorite kind of wood you prefer to work in? (That stew was getting most of my attention, and I nearly ended the sentence with a preposition!)

S.G.: You've probably never heard of it, but it's padauk. It comes from the Andaman Islands near India. It is a super hard wood and finishes beautifully. (Steve showed me a small candle-stick maker of padauk. It had a lustrous, silky finish.)

IDENTITY: Do you favor a particular style or period of furniture?

S.G.: If I had to pick a favorite it would probably be oriental in flavor. Much of what I create has that particular characteristic.

IDENTITY: Suppose I hired you to design something for me and I had never seen any of your work before. How would I know how good you are?

S.G.: I have a portfolio and photographs to show customers what I am able to do. It often acts as an idea book for folks.

IDENTITY: (I knew if I didn't leave soon Steve would have nothing left for supper, so I headed for the door. The cat followed my passage with little interest.)

IDENTITY: We'll send you all our friends. Just promise to feed them!

Ruth Mathes is nesting for the winter. ▼

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A Letter from their Majesties

The past month has been very exciting for us as we have met so many exciting people throughout the state who aspire to become involved with the "Flaming Aurora Glacial Reign" and the Imperial Court's fundraising goals. A hearty "Thank You" for your support. We'll be calling on each of you in the near future.

Travel to other Empires has begun already with HIM Aurora Empress XI, Myrna La Choy traveling to the Ducal Ball in San Francisco. She donned a new gown, presented herself with HIM Denali Emperor XXI Ross and Consort Mike (both gown attired as well) and won "Best Out of Town Entrance." We are proud, once again! Thanks Myrn ....!

HMM Denali Emperor XXIII Madeline will be attending The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Portland's Coronation on October 21st.

We join the College of Monarchs and community of Anchorage to mourn the recent passing of HIM Denali Emperor, Ken Solberg. Ken was our cowboy Emperor. He will be remembered by all of us for his robust character and diligence to the Imperial Court. We'll all miss Ken! Our thoughts of love and compassion go to his family and friends.

Planning for the Halloween function is in the hands of Their Highnesses, Mr. and Ms. Gay Alaska, Miran and Brittany. Saturday the 28th at the WAVE will be the "ghouli" gig. Keep your eyes open for details.

That's all for now. A reminder that the Court memberships are due as soon as possible. Applications are available downtown and from Board members or mail $15.00 membership dues to Box 104023, 99510. We look forward to working with our newly selected "Roundtable" volunteers. Any questions on what we are up to call 338-3327 for clarification.

We remain, in Peace, Love and Unity...

H.M.I.M. Denali Emperor XXXIII
The Glacier Emperor Madeline

H.M.I.M. Aurora Empress XXIII
The Flaming-O Empress Lana Duvall
Where in the World?
by Bob DeLoach

Dinah Shore Women’s Week
Skylink Travel has packaged Palm Springs for the Dinah Shore Women’s week March 21-25 in California. This is expected to be the largest gathering of lesbians anywhere in the world.

The package includes 4 nights at the Hampton Inn across the street from the Riviera Hotel, the host of the largest parties during the event. Continental breakfast daily, “The Girl Bar Party Passport” which includes entry to the four hottest parties during the event, unlimited mileage compact car for 4 days, and a “Meet the Author party” for Claire of the Moon producer and author of the new lesbian book “Passion’s Shadow” Your own personal hard cover copy of the book signed by the author is included in the package. Total price for all of this is $499.00 Per person, double occupancy.

Tacky Tourist Club Party
“Things that go bump in the night” is the title of the latest wild do planned by the Tacky Tourist Club of Seattle, on the waterfront at the Seattle International Trade Center Saturday October 28th. Billed as a Halloween costume Extravaganza, there will be non-stop dancing with Agnes and Friends, Monster music with DJ Dana Dub as well as a Fabulous costume show and contest with a $1000.00 grand prize. Tickets are $20.00 each.

Men on Vacation
Don Quixote’s Adventure to Spain departs November 17 for a 10 day tour of sunny Spain and the haunts of Don Quixote. This tour departs from NYC and includes round trip air on Iberia Airlines, Hotel accommodations at 100 year old Castillian Mansions, all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, local English speaking gay guide, all ground transportation in Spain, entry fees to museums and sights, cocktails and appetizers at selected establishments, and a special private all gay bullfight (we can’t guarantee the bulls are gay). The tour visits Toledo, Almagro, Argamassilla de Alba, Infantes, Valdepenas, Viso del Marques, Campo de Criptana, Ciudad Real, Cuenca, and Madrid before returning to the states. Complete package is $1989, Dbl. Occ.

New Year’s Down Under from December 25-January 4 promises warmth to spare in Australia. The tour includes 4 nts. at the Novotel in Melbourne and 5 nts. at Morgans Suites in Sydney, breakfast daily, Round trip air aboard Qantas Airways from LA as well as domestic air in Australia. Tickets to the “New Year’s Pride Dance Party” as well as dinner in Melbourne and lots of other events. Complete package is $2539. Dbl. Occ. Land only is available for $1099. Dbl.

New Zealand Back Road Adventure is 12 days of gay fun in Kiwi Country and offers 2 departures, Nov. 15-26 and Nov. 21-Dec. 3. This is a “no-sweat” back road cycling/hiking tour. It is not quite into all this exercise you always will have the option of riding in the air conditioned bus and watching the countryside pass by. Space in limited to 10 persons per departure transportation from LA, lodging and meals are included at $3199 PP Dbl. Occ.

Olivia announces their women’s season
A leader in women’s travel, Olivia has announced their 95-96 season. The fun begins on November 4-11 with Club Med Ixtapa in Mexico. April 8-15 it’s The Grand Caribbean cruise over spring break. July 26-July 3 finds the girls back in Alaska with their Alaska’s Inland passage cruise. The week of July 28-August 4 they will be cruising France, Spain and Italy. And to close out the season it will be back to Mexico again but this time at Sonora Bay Resort. All in all a well rounded season. Details and more information as it becomes available.

PFD information
At press time there were only three players in the Alaska PFD travel game. Northwest was the first major airline to announce their offer for your hard earned dividend. They are offering 3 round trip tickets to the east coast with their non-stop service to Minn./St. Paul and beyond. West coast cities are not included. Mark Air Express is offering 6 round trip tickets for travel within Alaska which is a great deal for Alaskans who life outside of the two major cities. Hawaiian Vacations is offering 3 round trip tickets to Hawaii for your PFD. Look for Alaska, Delta and United to join the group with their own deals and there may be some sweetening of the pots as other players vie for your travel dollars.
Contact your IGTA travel agent for the latest information on what will likely be good deals for the traveling public.

Bob DeLoach, president of Apollo Travel, BG Tax and Accounting, The Electric Doctor, Apollo Real Estate, Look Doc, is an insurance broker and still finds time to write novels for adults, take part in Community Theatre, write this column, and be active in the Community.
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One of the big issues in the spiritual community is the focus on Angels. Recent books abound with historical to personal experiences and even Costco carries a selection. Saturday night there is a prime time TV show, "Touched by an Angel" on channel eleven, starring Ms. Della Reese. The recent Christopher Walken film, "The Prophecy" presents a startling negative side to the angelic hosts. The current catalogues carry framed prints, bed linens, Christmas ornaments, books, silk scarves, jewelry and various other gewgaws with angel motifs.

One of the most complete book that lists and discusses the types and functions of angels on a spiritual level is the "Book of Urantia" It is more extensive than the Bible. The Book of Urantia is out of print, but I found mine at a local used book store. It is a very large thick volume with tissue thin pages and small print and will cost between twenty-five to thirty dollars.

For over two thousand years, humankind has talked about angels, devas, elves, leprechauns, ghosts and fairies or "helpers," as guides from the spirit realm. At one time, I'd say my "guts told me". Finally, I told my therapist that I heard a voice in my head, but was afraid to say so because many mentally ill people hear voices. My therapist remarked, "while that maybe true, your voice always comes up with remarkably valuable insight and useful information."

In one of the first psychic readings that I did professionally, when I described "the ethereal being" standing next to my client, she burst into tears of joy and said, "Oh, that's my Guardian Angel. I haven't seen him for years!" I think that I understand why angels are depicted with wings. The array of light and energy behind the being ripples and flutters like giant wings.

Local Astrologer, Maureen Allya, told me the highest realm humans can touch is the angelic realm. She wasn't clear how our human con-

sciousness ascends to that height. As busy human beings, our life has a spiritual relationship to a Divine Center. I personally think that there are a number of evolved souls in the community here. We can literally touch the Angels, if we wish. I think we do so on a regular basis.

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Obituaries

KENNETH L. SOLBERG

Kenneth Lee Solberg, 39, died September 22, 1995, at Providence Extended Care Center after a long illness.

A visitation will be held today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, downtown. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Evergreen with the Rev. Ed Knisy and Deacon Alice Phillips of the Municipal Community Church officiating. Burial will follow at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Solberg was born October 14, 1955, in Anchorage. He attended Inlet View Elementary School and Wendler Junior High School and graduated from East Anchorage High School. He was known as "Ken" to his friends and "Kenny" to his family. He loved to tinker with cars, his family said.

He was remembered by his friends for cruising the strip in his Olds 442. He started his love for music in the chorus at West Anchorage High and went on to love country music. He would sing at the Karaoke Bar at the Woodshed. He also loved to photograph family, friends and the landscape of Anchorage.

Mr. Solberg started his career at the U.S. Postal Service as a letter sorter and keypunch operator. He was very computer-oriented. He could run almost any program and loved to troubleshoot, which he did for Spenard Builders Supply and Arco Alaska.

His family said: "He was a good cook, a skill he learned from his mom. He enjoyed cooking for friends and family. He loved people and helped his friends on many occasions. He felt when he got better, he would be able to pay back the help others had given him."

Mr. Solberg is survived by his parents, Richard "Dick" and Mae of Anchorage; brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Vicki, Kurt and Cheryl, and Karl and Tanya, all of Anchorage; brother, Roger of Anchorage; sisters-in-law, Jolynn Mikkelsen and Barbara Riley; nieces and nephews, Richie, Amber, Heather, Chad, Jesse, Erik, Karl, Jr., Brandi, Jared, Becca, Amy, Sven, Dylan, Joshua, Caleigha, Garret, Tyler, and Chelsea Rose, all of Anchorage. He also leaves behind his longtime friend and companion, Cheryl Parker.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, No. 102, Anchorage 95034. 

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The Future of the LesBiGayTrans Community

by Dan Carter, cochair, EQUAL

Nothing like trying to tackle a rather broad topic with that headline, eh? As many of you are aware, rumors are rampant about the collapse of several predominately lesbigaytrans organizations in Alaska. Although I don’t know if the rumors are true, I am counting on our community to pull together to prevent this from happening.

EQUAL is a relatively new organization and although we had a much larger turnout for our meetings during the time the sexual orientation ordinance was being debated by the Municipal Assembly, we continue to meet to plan for future activities—many times with only members of the board present.

We are holding a “brainstorm/strategy session” on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00pm, at Doug Frank’s house (211 E. Cook Avenue on Government Hill) and EVERYONE is invited to attend! We need your input, whether you have been a member of EQUAL for three years or if this will be your first meeting.

As a group formed to provide information and education about political issues, it is understandable that interest rises and falls with the political season. With over 1,000 registered voters in our organization, we had a tremendous impact on the race for Governor last year as the progressive candidate won by less than 500 votes. Additionally, this past April, progressive candidates won in each of the three Assembly districts targeted by EQUAL for a get-out-the-vote drive (In each of these districts, Anchorage Baptist Temple’s political machine had a more conservative candidate running).

There are a number of different ways to help our organization. We do mailings about three or four times a year and can always use another pair of hands to stuff envelopes. If you like to talk, we are considering establishing a speakers bureau. You could occasionally attend meetings and provide suggestions for future activities. You could serve on a fund raising committee or you could donate some funds to help with our mailing expenses!

If you need more information about EQUAL, contact Dan Carter (274-9226), Amy Young (258-9925) or come to the meeting on October 22 to give your ideas on the future of EQUAL. See you there!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Municipal Equal Rights Commission will meet on Thursday, November 16, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Mayor’s Conference Room located on the 8th Floor of City Hall (corner of 6th Avenue and G Street).

For more details on this meeting, contact Dan Carter (274-9226) or transmit email via the internet to equal907@aol.com

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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.

'87
Judge Robert Bork, who outlined his opposition to Gay rights in the 1984 Dronenburg decision, is tapped for the Supreme Court. His nomination is rejected.

Delta Air Lines publicly apologizes for arguing in plane-crash litigation that it should pay less in compensation for the life of a Gay passenger than for a heterosexual one because he may have had AIDS.

In Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown University Law Center v. Georgetown University, a federal appeals court rules that a Washington, D.C., Gay rights ordinance requires religious schools to provide benefits and services to Gay student groups. Congress later exempts religious schools from the ordinance.

The New Hampshire supreme court OK's a newly passed law barring Gays and Lesbians from adopting children, becoming foster parents, or running childcare agencies.

In Blackwell v. United States Department of the Treasury, a federal appeals court rejects a fired civil servant's argument that his transvestitism is a disability protected by federal antibias law.

In S.E.G. v. R.A.G. a Missouri appeals court rules that societal prejudice is a sufficient reason to deny child custody to a Lesbian mother.

'88
Oregonians surprise the rest of the nation by voting in a referendum to repeal Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's year-old ban on anti-Gay job discrimination. The victory will embolden the referendum's backer, archconservative Lon Mabon, to pepper local ballots throughout Oregon with anti-Gay initiatives in the early '90s.

In Gay and Lesbian Students Association v. Gohn, a federal appeals court rules that the denial of funding to a Gay group at the University of Arkansas violates free-speech rights.

In Elden v. Sheldon the California supreme court vacates a loss-of-consortium award to a man whose domestic partner, a woman, was killed in a car accident. Such an award would routinely have been made to a married man whose wife was killed under similar circumstances, and the decision marks a significant turning point in the court's previously liberal attitude regarding domestic partnerships.
Look at Your Mailing Label!
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We are struggling to continue our activities, which include the NorthView, the monthly Potlucks and the Helpline, not to mention the Lesbian & Gay Pride Picnic and National Coming Out Day! Please send your membership now (more if you can, less if you can't) and support your Identity!

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"Definitely a man," George decides. "His voice is a dead giveaway."

"Her voice, George, you're supposed to call them she. Take a picture." Ethel smiles as George snaps away. Someone asks for my autograph. I make up a drap name: Dusty Tchotchkes. A crowd gathers. "You'll have to excuse me," I apologize. "It's show time." I make a dash backstage into Lotta Sequins' dressing room.

"Darling, you look fabulous." Lotta kisses my cheek. "Oh those shoes. I've got to try them on. I kick off my shoes and Lotta slides her size 25 feet into them. They fit perfectly."

"Listen Lotta," I say. "I'll trade you those pumps for a phone call."

"Oh my God," Lotta shrieks, hearing my voice. "You're a girl!" She puts her hands on her hips and glares. "What the hell is this, Victor/Victoria?"

I explain everything and Lotta shows me the phone. "They'll be there within the hour," the dispatcher says. I race outside to tell Flash, who is now directing traffic. "You, in the Toyota, back up. This aisle has to stay clear for a tow truck." I watch my butch with price. Those years working traffic control at Michigan had definitely paid off.

Just as Lotta belts out "Enough is Enough," the tow truck arrives.

"Hi, I'm Diesel." A woman with short black hair climbs out of the truck. I don't know why I'm surprised to see a dyke. I mean this is Provincetown, after all. Diesel looks like she could lift Flash's car out of the sand with her bare hands. She attaches chains to the car and turns on the juice. Flash kneels to the ground. "C'mon baby, you can do it baby, that's it, do it for me baby yes, yes, yes," she croons as if she's egging me on to orgasm rather than coaxing her car out of the sand. Finally, the car is on solid ground, Flash is behind the wheel and we are heading out of the parking lot, with Lotta Sequins' "Everything's Coming Up Roses," ringing in our ears.

"God, that was a drag," Flash says.

"You don't know the half of it." I tell Flash about George, Ethel and Dusty Tchotchkes.

"Thank God they didn't ask you to sing," she says.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T," I remind Flash, imitating a young, gifted and tone deaf Aretha.

"Please," Flash begs. "Stop singing and I'll buy you a new pair of shoes tomorrow."

That shuts us up fast. I zip my lips and remain silent all the way home, glad that the evening didn't turn out to be a total loss after all.

Lesléa Newman is the author of twenty books and the editor of five anthologies. Her newest titles are The Femme Mystique and A Loving Testimony: Remembering Loved Ones Lost to AIDS.
The Albums of Potter's Lane
(Remembering)
by Dan Cook

Part 30
"Hotel Caribe"

The World's Fair in New York was huge (1939-1941); the vacationers who usually spent their money in Florida were doing it in New York even in the winter. In an effort to keep their tourist trade, Florida designed a big air show in Miami.

Consolidated had Cha Cha's plane and their PBY flying boat as part of the air show. Other manufacturers were doing the same thing hoping to pick up lucrative airmail contracts. Commercial passenger airlines were getting very popular, so Cha Cha knew when they landed it would be two weeks before any of them saw the plane again.

Cha Cha followed a car marked "FOLLOW ME" to her spot next to the PBY. They had to remove every personal item so the public could browse through. Thank God there was a ground crew who helped and drove them to the hotel. That's where Cha Cha was interviewed by the local paper.

She was livid when she saw the headlines:
HOUSEWIFE CLAIMS NEW PLANE AS EASY
TO FLY AS THE FAMILY CAR, and then a nice story about Cha Cha.

"All I said is if you can drive a car you can learn to fly. And I'm not a housewife. Do I look like a blanketly blank housewife?"

Other than that we all had a great time in Miami for three days before we left for Havana.

We had our choice of boats leaving for Havana, every shape and every price. They let the hotel select the boat, a combination cargo/passenger liner, very small but with a great bar and a huge buffet. It was more than enough for the quick trip.

Mother warned them to take a nap. She had a long night planned for them but they wanted to play bridge and once that started there would be no time for a nap.

IN TRUE MOTHER POTTER FASHION, SHE WAS ON THE DOCK IN WHITE CHIFFON AND LACE WITH A MATCHING PARASOL, BEHIND HER TWO OPEN SURREYS WITH DRIVERS, NEXT TO HER THE AMERICAN ATTACHÉ AND A CUSTOMS OFFICER.

Havana was old, beautiful and broke. You didn't have to look for the contrast of rich and poor, it stuck out like a sore thumb. Money was just starting to pour into Cuba. Everywhere new cars were dodging carts pulled by donkeys or people. There were sidewalk vendors next to the exclusive stores, and children with no shoes carrying packages heavier than they were.

HAVANA WAS SQUEAKY CLEAN WITH ITS SWEEPED STREETS AND NEW COATS OF PAINT. EACH BUILDING SEEMED TO HAVE NEW STUCCO. THE FLOWER AND ICE CONE CARTS WERE BRIGHTLY COLORED.

The ride from the waterfront to old Havana was short, but the cobblestone road made it seem a lot longer. At least their bottoms thought so.

Mother's hotel and casino was called the Caribe, a name it had borne for almost a hundred years. The hotel had a great reputation and THE BALLROOM JUST INSIDE THE LOBBY MADE IT IDEAL FOR THE CASINO. A STAGE AT THE BACK HAD BEEN CONVERTED BY MOTHER INTO A BAR AND RESTAURANT.

Before going to their rooms mother introduced her hotel manager, a Mrs. Fabiola Cash. They had met at the Astoria Hotel in New York. She was the assistant to the assistant manager and at that time she was training her boss. She was a woman and only men could hold jobs above her rank. That ticked mother off when she found out.

Mother had listened to Fabiola, who told her that women were the hardest to please and most hotels were not designed with women in mind. She said they should be because all men wanted was a firm mattress and if you want return customers you have to please their wives.

There were no rooms, only suites. Drapes and undercurtains all in lace, thick oriental rugs, large cozy chairs, dressing tables with lace doilies, full length mirrors and fresh flowers even in the bathrooms. She had gone all out with lace canopy beds with extra pillows. If you wanted breakfast it was served in bed or your room; the restaurant didn't open until 11am, and that was for high tea served on the mezzanine with soft romantic music. These two women had discovered a gold mine. Women talked about their vacation when they went home and those women were keeping the hotel booked.

The fourth floor had six executive or honeymoon suites, all facing the ocean. The two open elevators along the staircase were like two skinny Cinderella coaches, their ornate wrought iron and glass panels were made for a beautiful entrance for ladies of high fashion. The men enjoyed this little fashion show, but
mother made sure there was more for the men. She had the largest exporter of cigars open an exclusive shop in the lobby of the hotel. She also made sure that there were no in-house whores on the premises. The elevator operators and the male desk clerks on request could give that information. There wasn't anything cheap about mother or her hotel. There were other hotels as grand or even grander but if you stayed at the Caribe you shouldn't ask how much it cost. If you had to do that, you couldn't afford it.

Time was measured, not day to day but from night to night. The nightlife was a lot more fun. They were crawling into bed as the sun was coming up. About the only alarm clock they all had was a thunderstorm, which occurred each day about noon.

Mother hadn't mentioned sleeping arrangements, but the one bed in her suite said it all. If Mother didn't want to talk about it, so be it.

Between mother and Fabiola they were all introduced to the notables at the hotel and also to the local privileged class. These groups were made up of nobility and government officials who belonged to the socially exclusive (snobs).

One of those was Francisco Carlos, the owner of one of the largest privately owned sugar plantations in Cuba. He was old Spanish nobility, and was at the tables every other night. As Fabiola would say, "He's of your persuasion, Mike." Well, there was no doubt about that; Mike had caught him looking at Steve.

**FRANCISCO'S PRIVATE RAIL CAR, RIDING HORSES ON THE BEACH. FRANCISCO'S PLANTATION HOUSE ON ITS LAST LEGS.**

Francisco's plantation was on the southwest side of the island. His invitation to see the real Cuba by rail and horse was a real eye-opener. First of all, his private rail car was more like a caboose. It was the last car in a long chain of flat-beds holding sugar cane, and there was nothing glamorous about it. The scenery, however, was spectacular. Our host indicated points of interest as the small train wound its way across the island country. For some reason they thought there would be a depot but there wasn't even a platform, only a clearing.

**MEN WITH HORSES STANDING BENEATH A CANOPY OF TALL PALMS.** Francisco pointed out how handsome his men were. Mike agreed. Then he said Mike could have his pick. "They are all Macho." Mike got the drift and said he and Steve were not interested. The men seemed to be accustomed to Francisco bringing his buddies to the plantation for a lot of hospitality.

The plantation house must have been very grand a century ago, but now most of the storm shutters were barely hanging, and the grounds were overgrown. The only reason it was still standing was because it was made of brick. The tropical forest was doing its best to reclaim the house; heavy moss grew on the roof and thick vines covered the outside walls. The inside was completely different...pristine with its high polished floors and furnished as though for a nobleman. The household staff were all very young men. As they rode through the plantation they never once saw a women. That did make the girls very nervous.

When they finally got back to the hotel all had to agree that although Francisco had been very nice, he wasn't their "cup of tea". Mike didn't care for anyone who had that much power over another person.

The telegram read "Mr. Steve Lane. Stop. Your mother passed away in her sleep. Stop. Your sister needs you in Boise. Stop. Robert." Cha Cha called Miami and told them to have her plane ready and to pick them up at the docks. She was flying them all to Boise. Once again this family of friends was facing another problem together.

Turning the page....

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

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The Directory

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

All listings are in Anchorage unless otherwise indicated.

AA:
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see AA's page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), Juneau, 463-5568
(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, 977-463-5685, 1-800-478-AIDS (2437)
(A) S.T.O.P. AIDS Project, Kona, 278-5919

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

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2339
(A) Gatekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327

Amusements:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 561-8064

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

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

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

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

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

Bars:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-8441
(G/L) O'Brady's, 344-8023, 338-1680, 563-1080 (see ad)
(G/L) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaskanland (Fri and Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(I/G) The Wave, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Feather, Doug, 277-3662
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 907-235-5045 (see ad)
(L) Blue Heron B&B (Missouri), Lucille, 417-993-4302

(l) The Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 808-966-7936
(l) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Janetta, 337-4391
(l) The Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Phil/Bobby, 907-451-6501
(l) Garden Cottage (Orlando, FL), Lisa, 407-894-5395
(l) Gingerbread House, Yves (Montreal), 514-597-2804
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 907-235-2265 (see ad)
(l) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bonnie (Fl. Lauderdale, FL), 305-565-8437
(l) Normandy South (Miami Beach, FL), Hank/Brucie, 305-674-1197
(l) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106

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

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

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

Books:
(l) Bona Dea Women's Bookstore, Joann/Marsh, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Alaskaana, Gene, 561-1348 (see ad)
(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

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

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

Chemical Dependency:
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 600-54 PRIDE 547-7433. Also Los Angeles, CA, Coconut Grove, FL and New York City.

Child Care:
(G) Kid Zone, Andrew, 337-3882

Churches:
see Spiritual

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

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

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

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

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(l) Angle, 337-8252 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Fken, 248-2422
(l) CDA Services, Walrand, 276-6962
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) gra/x, Lucian, 561-5856
(l) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(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, Malcom, 274-3158

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

Counseling:
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(G) Ability Design Associates, Derotan, 562-9575
(A) Connie, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9408
(L) Katia, 563-2684
(A) Marion, 562-8012
(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, try
(A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3456, voice, 258-2232, try

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

Drug 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) Frigidaire North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

Electrolusis:
(G) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(A) Gentle Touch, 561-6085 (see ad)

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

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

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

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

Flightseeing:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-733-3765

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

Florists:
(G) Every Bloomin' Thing, Jerry, Malcolm, 274-3158
(A) Growing Concern Florsit, 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) Bonzai Women's Bookstore, JoAnn/Marj, 562-4716 (see ad)
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 272-4438 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-8876

Glacier Landings:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-733-3765

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

Health:
(A) Gatekey, 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, 561-0181
(A) The Ole 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)

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

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of Alaska, Madeline, 338-3327

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 (mass-age), 278-3346
(A) Marion, 562-8012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222
(L) Beth (MT), Debbie (CMT), 566-0842

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

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

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

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

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

Newsletters/Newspapers:
(L) Kroundyke Contact (Alaska Women's Cultural Center), 337-0253
(GLA) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
(GL) Perspective (S.E.A.G.L.A. (Juneau)), 586-4297

Nightclubs:
Obstetrics & Gynecology:
(A) June, 563-5151

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

Painting:
(I) 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) Fotos by Frank, Frank, 337-3399 (see ad)

Political:
(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America (ACALA), Ruth, 333-1190
(A) Anchorage Women's Political Caucus, Rhonda, 274-9308
(G/L) Equal, Inc., 274-9226 (see ad)
(G/L) Log Cabin Republicans, (503) 642-7292

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

Private Instruction:
(I) Carolyn Lancaster, M.Ed., School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059

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

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

Recreation:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-799-3701
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-8661 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Hillman, 248-2804; 563-5156 (see ad)
(I) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucille, 417-745-8798 (6); 417-993-4302 (b)
(I) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(I) Waithraud Barron, 274-2634

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

Research:
(I) Crucian & Associates, 279-3982 (see ad)

Restaurants:
(A) Cyrano's Cafe, 274-1173
(G) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 339-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

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

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

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

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

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

Social/Educational:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 258-4777
(GL:A) Q*Klatch (Fairbanks), Eric, 455-4051

Social Research Design, Student Consultation, Evaluation:
(I) 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. Nanmee Sweeney, 258-8010
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Church of the Covenant (Matanuska Valley), Pastor Howard Bess, 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:
(I) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226
(A) Alaskan Runners (Eagle River), 907-694-0694
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Kell, 800-564-1765
(G) Roy's Bike & Fitness, Roy, 333-8221

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA, Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-2049 (see Club Notes)
(G/L) The Family (formerly Lesbian, Gay & Bi Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(A) F-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4992, Ered 562-7161
(A) F-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), TBA

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

Therapeutic Facilities Out-of-State:
(A) Tom Croke, 277-7084

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

Tours:
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-799-3701

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

Tutoring:
(A) James, Biology, 248-6412
(L) Carolyn Lancaster, M.Ed., School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059

Veterinarian:
(A) Ginny, 345-1515
(L) Vicki, 345-1515
(A) Dr. Jean Buttig (Fairbanks) 452-6055

Woodworking:
(I) North Star Signs, Rusty, 333-7990

Writing & Editing Assistance:
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(I) Kathy, 278-2049 ▼
Calendar

If you have any information or corrections for the Calendar, please call:
Lou: 333-3319, Ruth: 563-1324
Angie/Linda: 337-0253, Ken: 248-7722
Identity Hotline: 258-4777

λ = Anchorage
◇ = Fairbanks
◈ = Juneau

Oct. 20, Fri:
λ Roxanna Ward Concert, 7:00pm, the Wave (no smoking), tix $15.00 at the Wave. Linda 277-5630.

Oct. 21, Sat:
λ Feminist Sing-a-Long, 6:30pm potluck; 7:30pm singing, 1741 Westview Circle. Carol or Fran: 333-0871.
λ Roxanna Ward Concert, 7:00pm, the Wave, tix $15.00 at the Wave. Linda 277-5630.

Oct. 22, Sun:
λ AUUF Services, 9:00am (Rise Up and Call Her Name, Highlights From the Journey) & 10:30am, (Campaign Finance Reform: Putting People First, the Honorable David Finkelstein) 3201 Turnagain St., 248-3737.
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.
λ Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA), 4:00-6:00pm, potluck, Mary and Val Jean 276-3478.

Oct. 23, Mon:
λ Helpline Potluck, 7:00pm. Spaghetti provided. Bring salads, bread & desserts, 3900 E. 9th Ave, #9. Barbara/Candy 552-2308.

Oct. 24, Tues:
λ Identity Board Meeting, 7:00pm, AUUF, Room A, Ken 248-7722.

Oct. 25, Wed:
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
団 MCRTF Meeting (Juneau), 7:00pm, 907-586-6623.

Oct. 26, Thurs:
λ 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. 28, Sat:
λ OPAL Halloween Party, 7 pm to 11:30 pm, Pioneer School House, tix $5 at Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore or at the door.
λ Women’s Coffee House, 8:00pm, Ellen Foreman and others singing, Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore. Barbara 552-2308.
団 Halloween Dance! 9:30 pm to 1:00 am VFW Hall.

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

Nov. 1, Wed:
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00pm, service, 615 Hollywood Dr., 258-5266.
λ Alaska Women’s Political Caucus, 7 pm, First United Methodist Church.

Nov. 2, Thu:
λ EQUAL Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, Metropolitan Community Church. Dan, 274-9226.

Nov. 4, Sat:
λ Women’s 2-Minute lessons 7:30, dancing at 8:30pm, Pioneer Schoolhouse.

Nov. 5, Sun:
λ AUUF Services, 9:00am & 10:30am, 248-3737.
λ Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 11:00am and 7:00pm, 258-5266, 615 Hollywood Dr.

λ NorthView Deadline

Nov. 10, Fri:
λ Auction at The Wave, 8 - 10 pm, benefit for Identity.

Nov. 11, Sat:
λ Gretchen Legler reads from new book “All The Powerful Invisible Things”, UAA, 7 pm, call 279-9519 for location.

Nov. 13, Mon:
λ Gay Bar, 7 - 8:30 pm, Legal Q&A. Bring questions & concerns. Allison 279-5001.

Nov. 15, Wed:
λ PFLAG Southcentral, 7 pm, AUUF, Fred 562-7161 or Sylvia 562-4992.

Nov. 16, Thu:
λ The Last Frontier Men’s Club, 6 pm, Raven.

Nov. 18, Sat:
λ Feminist Sing-a-Long, 6:30 pm potluck; 7:30 pm singing, 1741 Westview Circle, Carol or Fran 333-0871.

Nov. 19, Sun:
λ Gretchen Legler reads from new book “All The Powerful Invisible Things”, Cyranos’s, 2 pm.

Nov. 21, Tue:
団 PFLAG Fairbanks Monthly Meeting, 5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin, Mary Jo 907-459-8985.

Nov. 23, Thu:
λ Thanksgiving Potluck, 2 pm, turkey provided, bring trimmings, 1741 Westview Circle. Carol or Fran: 333-0871.
Nov. 24, Fri:

- Identity Potluck/Social: 6:00pm doors open, 7:00pm dinner, 7:30 pm program: Mark Mathis, "Computer Technology or What Is A Megabyte?"

Nov. 26, Sun:

- Anchorage Lesbian Families Alliance (ALFA), 4 - 6 pm, Potluck, Mary and Val Jean, 276-3478.

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

SATURDAYS

- The Family (UAA), 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 Alaskaland.
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Business Card: $25.00
Quarter Page: $40.00
Half Page: $65.00
Full Page: $100.00
Full Inside Back Page: $150.00
Insert (1 page): $50.00
Insert (2+ pages): +$25.00/page

3 months: 10% discount
6 months: 15% discount
12 months: 20% discount