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Calendar Replacement
Do you appreciate having the Calendar of events published in NorthView? Did you know it will disappear from NorthView unless we find a person willing to take it over?
That’s right! After 3 years of gathering the information and putting it together, Tori wants to serve in other ways. So, you are looking at the last Calendar to appear in NorthView unless someone comes forward NOW!

Contact Ruth at 563-1324 to volunteer.
Guest editorial
Seattle Dispatch by Karen Carlisle

I have seen Himself, the beautiful, lovable, courageous F. Ken. I suppose this is a terrible thing to say, but he looks far better than I imagined. He’s thin, but not emaciated or gaunt. He’s hairless, of course, but adorable.

I have held him in my arms, petted and been petted by him, helped him man-watch on Capitol Hill. We have shared meals several times and walked in the rain.

Our dear friend can even read some now and his appetite is good — he’s regaining some weight. He is very busy napping frequently and answering correspondence.

By the time you read this, he will have had his tumor removed, had a bone graft and be in physical rehabilitation.

Perhaps his next several months of chemo will be less devastating. The doctors are hopeful a new mix will make this true.

I had to see him and touch him to know if he was going to be well.

Without the hair, the facades of success, and all his accouterments, his beautiful soul is right there — luminous and large. He’s going to make it!

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Women's coffeehouse
by Barbara Soule and Candy Bonham

Don’t forget the Women’s Coffeehouse is sponsoring an Erotic Poetry Contest beginning December first. The contest is open to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community and their Allies, including P-FLAG members. Poetry of erotic and explicit sexual content of any style or length up to ten double-spaced typewritten pages will be accepted. Include a cover page with your name, address and daytime contact phone number. Do not put your name on individual poems. There is a first prize of $100 dollars cash, second and third place gift certificates and honorable mention certificates. The deadline for submission or postmark is February 1, 1996.

Poetry can be dropped off at Cyrano’s Bookstore, 413 D St., given to Barbara Soule or Candy Bonham, or mailed: Poetry Contest c/o Identity, Inc., P.O. Box 200070 Anchorage, AK 99520. The winning poetry will be announced, prizes awarded and the poetry read at the Women’s Coffeehouse Erotic Poetry Reading, Saturday, February 24, 1996, 8pm to 10pm at the The Wave’s Sociatic Tide. Winners may present their own work at the reading or someone else will read for them. Donation is $3, more if you can, less if you can’t; proceeds to go to Identity, Inc. for the HelpLine.

Performers still needed for March and April; call 337-2011 and ask for Candy or Barbara if you’re interested.

Sleeping in Seattle
or How’s Ken Doing? Part III

Since Karen’s visit with Ken, the surgery has been performed (all 7 hours of it!) and Ken is doing just great. Once gaining access to the tumor, the surgeon discovered it had shrunk even more than hoped for — the chemotherapy had done better than anticipated!

Ken has a cast to keep his elbow immobile, of course, but he says he can move and feel his fingers — meaning the muscles and nerves are in tact. His spirits are remarkable for a person whose been through hell — backwards — and is alive to tell us about it!

He eagerly awaits your missives ... keep them cards and letters rollin’ in! He really does need to hear from us often. Hearing from friends makes home seem closer. Here’s the address:

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Planning for financial independence

Financial news

What does it take to retire comfortably? This is a very subjective area that depends on a wide variety of variables. Most people want to retire at least at their current standard of living. That means you will need to spend the same amount of money on living expenses after you quit working as you did when you were working.

Some of your expenses will change, however. You won’t have the expense of commuting to work. You will probably eat out less. You will need fewer work clothes. These bills will decrease. Your cost of insurance may increase if you have to pay for premiums that your employer previously paid. You may have lifetime benefits after retirement if you are lucky enough to have worked for an employer that provides this coverage.

Will you incur more travel expenses when you retire? What will you do, that you do not do now, that will require more money? Will you earn some money in a new venture? Will you rent your home? Will your mortgage be paid off? Do you expect to acquire an inheritance? Do you expect to collect a pension benefit? Do you think that Social Security benefits will be available to you? These are questions that I have to ask when I calculate a projected retirement income for my clients. I advise people to construct a future budget and compare it with their current budget to see what sort of future expenses they can expect.

It is very important that you consider these questions when you dream about that day when you will not need to go to work ever again. You must take concrete steps now to prepare for that day. You can plan accordingly and structure your savings program to fit your projected needs.

What will it really take to retire? Here is an example. A 30-year-old who has worked for 10 years has $5,000 saved in her 401(k) at work. This is all the retirement saving that she has done. She earns $30,000 per year and expects annual raises of at least 3% or more. She wants to retire in 20 years at age 50. Is this possible? What will it take to make it possible? Her $5,000 (if invested at 10%) will generate an annual income of $3,364 beginning at age 50. This is great but she will need an additional $50,820 to maintain her current standard of living ($30,000 in today’s dollars). Remember that inflation is a factor. In order to accumulate enough funds to generate this sort of annual income, $8,066 needs to be invested yearly for the next 20 years. This is equal to $672 per month. If it returns an average of 10% this woman can retire comfortably in 20 years.

$672 per month represents about 27% of total income. If this woman changed her retirement goal to age 55, she would only have to save $442 per month (15% of income) to reach that goal. This is about as much as a new car payment. If she decided she could retire at age 55 on 75% of her current standard of living ($22,500) she would only need to save $321 per month. Does this sound more feasible?

If you are under age 30 and have the ability to sock this kind of money away — you should start doing it so you won’t be playing catch up later on. Time works in your favor when you start saving early.

My point in illustrating this is to encourage you to get started NOW! Every variable has an impact on your specific situation. When you compute the figures you may very well discover that you are closer than you think to that magic day. You do have the power to become financially independent. Financial independence comes after planning and action on your part. As always, just do it and it will come true for you!

Chris Olson is a fully licensed insurance and securities representative, has lived in Alaska for 14 years and welcomes new clients and referrals, especially from the Gay & Lesbian Community.

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A letter from their majesties

With the dawn of 1996 upon us, we look forward to a vigorous year of fundraising and excitement throughout Anchorage and other communities in the state. The vitality of this Reign is yet to be realized as we look forward to working in harmony with the many non-profit gay organizations in Alaska.

Upcoming events include the “Closet Ball” on January 27th at the Blue Moon. This is the time when virgin cross-dressers emerge to assume the titles of Closet King and Queen. Anyone who has not cross-dressed publicly (other than Halloween) is eligible. The pageant includes introductions in birth gender, a transition segment followed by an entrance or entertainment in drag (male or female) attire. This function is always very popular and allows the spirit of cross-dress to be celebrated.

Look out for the Fur Rendezvous Parade gay community float which is spearheaded by the reigning Imperial Crown Prince Michael and Princess Taylor. Past entries by the ICOAA have been award winners. This year will be no exception.

Upcoming Coronations include Seattle on February 18th and San Francisco on March 2nd. Alaskans will be attending both.

For further information on the above, you may call us at 338-3327.

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

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The Glacier Emperor Madeline

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The Flaming-O Empress Lana Duval

PFLAG

New meeting date

Next meeting will be MONDAY, January 15, 1996 at the AUUF Social Hall (where Identity potlucks are held) at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. We will start with our program, an excerpt from Torch Song Trilogy, enacted by Shirley Randall-Harris and Don Naff (about “coming out” to Mama!)

The QUESTION OF EQUALITY

We now have the four 50-minute videotapes of the history of the modern Gay/lesbian movement. They are: OUT RAGE ’69 (the Stonewall riots, Anita Bryant charges, early alliances); CULTURE WARS (homophobic backlash and the demonizing of gays and lesbians by the radical right); HOLLOW LIBERTY (the “don’t ask, don’t tell” military policy and subsequent court decisions; March on Washington); GENERATION Q (highlighting achievements of lesbian and gay youth and equal protection gains under newly-enacted enlightened laws, but always on the lookout for the restrictive work of the radical right). Plans are being made to highlight this series in the new year:
Watch for announcements!

P-FLAG March on Washington: On March 19 and 20 at least 20 states will be represented by P-FLAGgers on the steps of the Capitol, with an ecumenical service on the Washington mall and a visit to the Holocaust Museum. We want Alaska to be one of those states, so fund-raising plans are being made (they may include the showings of Question of Equality [see above]). Donations, including flight mileage, to enable at least one representative to travel to our national capitol and be housed for two nights will be welcome, and we are tax-deductible! The project concept is “for persons who are not gay to stand up for persons who are gay,” and all who are committed to justice and equality and who recognize that all of society suffers when discrimination is tolerated are included, regardless of orientation.
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Sylvia L. Short, Attorney at Law, lives in Anchorage
Where in the World?

by Bob DeLoach

Well the rush and fuss of the Christmas season has at last come and gone and we can now turn our thoughts to other more important matters like TRAVEL!

There are lots of opportunities for travel at this time of year. Whether you are interested in sun and sea or some place where there is snow, there are places for you. If you are interested in the high points of Europe at great winter prices or the good old USA at also great prices, this is the time of year for you. Our first airfare war busted out the new year with great prices to just about anywhere. Examples like Orlando round trip for $390, Las Vegas for $261 round trip, or Amsterdam for $525 round trip. The fare war plus Uncle Sam’s refusal to re-enact the 10% tax on travel and departure taxes has made for a real after Christmas Sale in the travel industry. I expect that when the politicians in Washington figure out that they are losing $15 million a day they will soon fix the tax break, but in the mean time it is bargain shopping time.

Try out a Virgin

Virgin Atlantic Vacations is offering customized Gay & Lesbian packages to London and beyond. The packages include air, hotels, meet & greet service, transfers, theater tickets, breakfasts, as well as discount packages to gay clubs and businesses in Europe. The prices start at $679. And departures are Jan 11, Feb 8, and Mar 6, 1996. British Midland is offering their “Discover Europe Airpass” through March 31st. One can fly from London to Paris, Nice, Palma, Frankfurt, Brussels, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Bergen and throughout the British Isles for $109 each way with no minimum purchase.

Cruising, Anyone?

There are more and more opportunities for Gays and Lesbians to cruise (on a ship) than ever. RSVP has two departures in February. On Feb. 11-18 they will be doing the Tropical Caribbean out of Miami with a departure to St. Maarten, Martinique, Antigua, and San Juan. Following this on February 18-25 it’s The Deep Caribbean with ports of call at San Juan, Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts. Prices start at only $795.

Olivia’s Unique vacations for Women kicks off its season in April with the Grand Caribbean Cruise, The Alaska Cruise in June, The Mediterranean, France Spain and Italy in July, and docks on land at the Club Med Sonora Bay, Mexico in October.

Atlantis Events is doing their land package at the Club Med resort in the Caribbean Jan 27 - Feb 4th where their all-inclusive package includes accommodations, meals, all activities and sports, and all the great facilities at the resort. Price is $1350 per person plus airfare.

Toto Tours sails the British Virgin Islands aboard a 125’ sailing ship Feb. 8 - 16 and the QE2 is the luxury liner of choice for Pied Piper’s “Transatlantic Crossing in Style” offering for the gay community which is just $1595 per person and includes airfare back to the states from England.

February plans

Men on Vacation Hero Party in Auckland, New Zealand on the 17th of the month.

Whistler Gay Ski Week from the 4 - 11 in B.C.

Winterfest in Innsbruck, Austria Feb 22 - Mar 3rd.

Carnival in Rio, Brazil the 10th - 22nd and in New Orleans its Mardi Gras the 16th - 20th.

Queen of Siam?

This reporter and his ever-loving depart for the mysterious Orient on January 24th and return on March 4th. Stops include Japan and Hong Kong with the majority of the time to be spent in the former Siam, Thailand. We promise insights into this great country with our next offering.

Thailand has become a very popular destination for the gay community and we understand that the average temperature for this time of year is 89 degrees with one day per month of rain expected . . . Wish you were there!!

Bob DeLoach, president of Apollo Travel, BG Tax and Accounting, The Electric Doctor, Apollo Real Estate, Lock Doc, is an insurance broker and still finds time to write novels for adults, take part in Community Theatre, write this column, and be active in the Community.
StarGazer Commentary

by Barbara J. Soule

A new year! For Mariah and Joanne, formerly of the women's bookstore, their life seems to be on hold until the accounting to the IRS is done. I asked them, "Then, what will you do?" Both women seemed too in the throes of shock and grief at the time to have a coherent answer. Maybe by February second, Mariah and Joanne will have more of an idea about their personal goals for the future.

The date is traditionally called Candelmas, the day of dedication to one's path in life. The time when witches went through initiation. It is also the feast of legionary goddess, Bridget. She is the patroness of craftsmen, silversmiths, and musicians. There are other aspects of Bridget. She is called the threefold goddess, who embodied all the aspects of humanity - the Maiden, Mother and Crone - youth, maturity and the wisdom of age. This describes the multiple energy I've associated with the women's bookstore and what it's meant to many of us in the community. The bookstore provided an aspect of humanity usually denied to women, a wealth of knowledge in one place and helped to support multiples of craftsmen, including the silversmiths and local musicians directly often with no commission for the bookstore.

The stories of Bridget are many and seem to span more than one lifetime. Bridget may have been a deNanan. The word deNanan means simply "the people." The deNanan were a race apart, reputed to be larger than life, with longer life spans, possessing magical powers and the stuff of which legends are made. Maybe it's time "the people" of the Gay community spread the heroism around.

We have been doubly blessed in this community by "the people," such as Mariah and Joanne, Angie and Linda, Ruth, F. Ken, Tom, Tori, Dan and Al, etc., who put out incredible amounts of time, effort and energy providing services for the community. Candy and I work forty hours a week and then coordinate and produce the Women's Coffeehouse once a month. On top of that, we make an extra effort to attend functions to show our support because the two of us know what they cost in personal time.

I think that we've become too complacent in our expectations. Is it time for another Gay Community Center? Such an endeavor takes a tremendous amount of time and work. With some retirees and more soon to retire in the Gay community, one could be a legend or couch potato in their own time. How do the words "Dedicated Gay Activist" sound as part of your obituary or on your tombstone? Think about it.

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Larry Noland

Obituaries The Anchorage Daily News

Larry Noland, 46, died January 2, 1996, at his home in Seattle of complications from AIDS. A memorial service will be held at Seattle Unity Church followed by a celebration of life at his home.

Mr. Noland was born January 14, 1949, in Richland, Washington. After completing his bachelor of arts in business administration at Washington State University, he began his professional career in the Tri-Cities area. Within a few years, he owned and operated a restaurant and bar in San Francisco. Mr. Noland returned to Washington in 1980 as assistant finance director for the city of Pasco.

Due to an opportunity to become a vice president and comptroller of Rainier Bank, Mr. Noland moved to Anchorage in 1983 and resided in Alaska for eight years. He enjoyed skiing, the arts, and volunteered for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.

Upon returning to Seattle in 1990, Mr. Noland retired from Bank of America and continued his spiritual growth through reading, meditation and attending Seattle Unity Church.

His family said: “His love and compassion were evident in the many lives that he touched. Larry’s journey was filled with awareness of the beauty around and in himself and others.”

Mr. Noland is survived by his partner, Roger Decker of Seattle; mother, Helen Noland of Richland; three brothers, Pat, Bob and Jim, and sister, Andrea March, all of Washington state; many cherished nieces and nephews; and other friends and family.

Mr. Noland volunteered many hours for programs assisting persons with AIDS and their families. Because he was also a recipient of such support, his family would like to extend its heart-felt appreciation to all those who contributed to Larry’s life and transition from this life.

Memorial donations may be sent to Bailey Boushay House, 2720 East Madison, Seattle, Washington 98112; or Northwest AIDS Foundation, 127 East Broadway, Suite 200, Seattle, Washington 98102.
The Eye

Not to be confused with the Ulna

See...I told you you couldn’t count on me to show up every single time you print one of these things! A girl occasionally has better things to do! However, there are one or two teeny weenie (oops, maybe EYE should rethink my adjectives) items worth mentioning. In the Straight (sorry)-from-the-Horse’s-Mouth-Department: the latest couple in the family way is DB&AH. Not only that, but they only tried once! EYE was impressed. Also heard that SM&DG will be sharing the same digs. About time, too, EYE might add. In the Attention-Must-Be-Paid department, a new face on the NorthView staff is RL, svelte and auburn-locked as usual. Lots of folk meet in KF’s living room these days! Warmer climate calls to MH&SK and to BV...EYE is envious of them, and wants to sign up. KP&BW are ready to, how shall EYE say, break new ground this spring. Congrats! The Last-But-Not-Least department has told EYE that KF, mending at last, will be returning sometime in April. EYE am sure glad, for fueling this column has been more that EYE bargained for! Ta-ta, lovey!

NorthView Classifieds

And want ads

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association seeks a part-time outreach worker to target Hispanic men for HIV prevention. Must be fluent in Spanish, have access to the Hispanic Community and be able to work nights and weekends. $10 to $12 per hour, DOE. Send resume to: 1057 West Fireweed, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503-1736, ATTN: Michael Covone, or call 263-2050.

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association seeks a part-time outreach worker to target Gay men for HIV prevention. Must have access to the Gay Community and be able to work nights and weekends. $10 to $12 per hour, DOE. Send resume to: 1057 West Fireweed, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503-1736, ATTN: Michael Covone, or call 263-2050.

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United Airlines' legal victory is a loss for those with HIV

By Stephen Chrysler

Two gay airline captains who were unwillingly grounded for being HIV positive have had a serious set-back in their fight to change United Airline's policies against those with HIV or AIDS. The pilots struggled to build a case against United that was scheduled for trial this month. United's attorneys persuaded the United States District Court to dismiss the case before trial. The pilots, Chris Prilliman and Paul Rafalowski, are appealing the dismissal.

In an emotionally controlled statement on November 9, Peter Laura, the pilots' attorney, explained, "Judge Abraham Gorenfeld based his decision dismissing the case on FAA regulations, which he interpreted to mandate the grounding of airline pilots with AIDS, and on his belief that United was not required to reasonably accommodate the plaintiffs in this case."

Chris Prilliman stated that the suit is not about personal financial gain. The pilots had filed suit with no monetary amount named, but were asking for United to: institute retirement benefits, institute training programs about HIV issues, include AIDS organizations in their public relations charity programs, and most importantly, actively assist those employees with HIV or AIDS who want to work.

United claims no wrong-doing, but one month earlier, offered the pilots $10,000 to drop the case. Peter Laura rejected the offer explaining that at that time, "We're looking forward to the trial and we're confident we can get a good result from the jury."

On the day in August, 1994 when Prilliman was suddenly and permanently grounded, United also froze his final paychecks, canceled his stock options, and cut his health insurance. Prilliman said, "I felt like I was treated, once they learned my HIV status, like a common criminal, like a pariah. The feeling that I got, by the harassment that I got, was just like 'maybe it'll push him over the edge and he'll get sicker and die and just go away.'"

If that was United's strategy, it was successful with the other captain, Paul Rafalowski. Since beginning the battle to be retired humanely, his viral load shot up, and CMV infected his spinal cord, eye, and possibly his brain. He was robust at the time of his dismissal, but now is mentally compromised and wheelchair confined. Paul's lover is angry at United's actions and explained how United's treatment, including the pettiness of an 8 week cat and mouse game about dental insurance, helped topple Paul who was already dealing with: HIV infection, losing his source of income, and losing his much-loved career. Paul's lover, who is a pilot at Delta Air Lines said, "Delta is much more human and understanding towards their employees that get HIV."

Prilliman expressed hope that if giant corporation like United would improve treatment of HIV employees, that others would follow. Besides choosing another carrier when traveling, Prilliman and Rafalowski have asked those concerned with United's bad corporate citizenship to leave a concerned message for United's CEO, Gerald Greenwald, at (708) 952-5488.

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

Business spotlight

by Ruth Mathes

When Lynn Thomas welcomed me to her office, I was struck by two observations...she was little, and she had lots of energy! (I am always impressed by folks who are as short as I am). It was nearly lunch time, so we got right down to business.

NV: What is your professional history, Lynn?
LT: I have been in Anchorage 16 years, the last six have been with City Mortgage. Before that I was at Key Bank. I have always worked in the field of finance.

NV: What is the main focus of your job at City Mortgage?
LT: I work in four major areas; financing, re-financing, tax preparation, and retirement planning. Some of these areas are obvious ones for a mortgage company, but some are really specified fields.

NV: Do you have a preference?
LT: I'm trying to expand the tax preparation portion of my work. Your subscribers may wish to know that I might be able to prepare their returns for less money than they now pay someone else...H & R Block, for instance.

NV: What does the housing market look like these days?
LT: Rents are high right now, and the market is good to buy a home. Even duplexes are a good buy at the present time. Nothing larger than a 4-plex would be a decent investment, though.

NV: To what do you attribute this buyer's market, Lynn?
LT: New construction is presently based on contracts established prior to the new year. That, plus the fact that interest rates are at a 2-year low, makes this a good time to finance a house.

NV: Why do you advertise in a Les-Bi-Gay magazine?
LT: Gay clients have historically been among my most reliable customers. They tend to be stable, have a strong work ethic, and appreciate an understanding agent who isn't homophobic. I think I can say with accuracy that gay loans are great business for me.

NV: How can you help an average home-owner to use real estate as a sound investment? (My internal lunch bell was ringing, so I struggled into seventeen pounds of arctic clothing, and made ready to depart.)
LT: I can show anyone how to pay off a 30-year mortgage in 12 years by paying a little extra and utilizing their permanent fund check to get debt-free.

Encourage your readers to make inquiries. Thanks for the interview! Doesn't your car have a heater?

Ruth Mathes is into thermostat denial and Maui dreams.
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So many clocks, so little time

by Lesléa Newman

“C’mon, Flash, we’re late.” I point to our bagel-shaped clock. The big hand is on the cream cheese and the little hand is on the lox: ten minutes to six and counting.

“One second.” Flash is in the bathroom sculpting the back of her head into a perfect D.A. “Two minute warning,” I shout, ducking into my closet to change my shoes. But as soon as I change my shoes I change my mind: my shoes are right, my pants are wrong.

“Are you ready?” Flash peeks into my closet, sees me standing there half naked and decides she has time to water the plants. I emerge, see Flash cooing to my Wandering Jew (“Drink up, Moishe.”) and decide I have time to do my nails.

“Aren’t you ready?” Flash sees me blow drying my hands. “Why are you doing your nails now?” she asks. “Because you were watering the plants,” I say coolly. “I was only watering the plants because you were combing your hair”, I scream. “Can’t I take five seconds to comb my hair?” Flash yells. “Not if in those five seconds I can change my outfit four times,” I shriek. Then I soften. “Oh never mind. Let’s just go.” My darling is a little suspicious: I don’t usually abandon an argument that has great potential for developing into a rip-roaring fight. But I restrain myself, hoping to get my punctuality-challenged girlfriend out of the house by the time the big hand is on the butter (six-twenty-two).

We get into the car and I pop Melissa Etheridge into the tape deck so Flash won’t turn on the radio and hear the D.J. announce the correct time: 6:02. Flash doesn’t know that all the clocks in the house have a unique setting. Our house is divided into time zones: BST (Bedroom Standard Time: 10 minutes fast), LST (Living Room Standard Time: 15 minutes fast) and KST (Kitchen Standard Time: 20 minutes fast). As far as I can tell, my beloved has yet to realize that after we share a post-coital dish of ice cream in the kitchen at 11:11 p.m. (my favorite time incidentally, for symmetrical reasons) we retreat back into the bedroom at 11:01. Nor does my deluded darling realize that it’s impossible to leave the house at 6:20 p.m. and arrive at the movies at 6:25, when the theater is fifteen miles away. Flash just thinks she’s an incredibly good driver.

“What time is it?” Flash asks as she parks the car. “Six-twenty-five,” I say. Flash doesn’t know my watch is set to Bedroom Standard Time, giving us an extra ten minutes. Most people wouldn’t need ten minutes to cross the parking lot, buy tickets and popcorn, find seats, and check out the girls. But Flash is easily distracted. Before we get out of the car she combs her hair and fixes her collar. Once we’re out of the car she makes sure all the doors are locked and the dent I put in the fender a week ago is still there. As we cross the parking lot, Flash stops to tie her shoe and admire a red Bronco. When we’re finally inside the theater, I find seats, since I know Flash will lose ten minutes at the candy counter. She has a dozen decisions to make about popcorn: to share or not to share? Small or large? Buttered or plain? Salted or unsalted? And then I’m sure she’ll stop at the water fountain and the bathroom. Clearly, my girlfriend has elevated tardiness into a high form of art, unlike yours truly, the original early bird. Most of our friends are in sync with Flash, running on QST (Queer Standard Time) but my internal clock is forever set on NST (Neurotic Standard Time).

Of course, now that Flash and I are joined at the hip, I am no longer on time. But it’s a small price to pay for love, I think as Flash settles down next to me just as the movie begins. Later, when we get home, Flash makes herself an 11:18 snack (Kitchen Standard Time) and remembers tonight’s the night we change the clocks.

“Fall forward, spring back?” I ask. “Close,” Flash says. “Fall back, spring ahead.” I look up at the clock, “So we lose an hour?” “No, we gain an hour.” Flash shakes her head. “Why don’t you relax? I’ll change the clocks.” “No, I’ll do it.” I try to sound nonchalant. “No,” says Flash, “I insist.” She starts with the kitchen clock. I follow her from room to room thinking that tomorrow I’ll lose the hour I just gained because I have to reset the clocks back to their respective times. But to my amazement, Flash follows my system to a tee.

“You know about the clocks?” I guess it’s true: you can fool some of the butches all of the time and all of the butches some of the time, but I’ve yet to find a time when I can fool my butch.

“Of course,” Flash says. “But if that’s what it takes to get you out of the house on time...”

“Get me out of the house on time?” I yell. Then I let it go, at least for now. After all, it doesn’t matter what Flash thinks, as long as the system is working. “Hey, Flash,” I say, “thanks for understanding about the clocks.”

“No problem,” Flash says. “As long as we’ve got an extra hour, want to spend it in the bedroom?”

“Sure,” I say. You see, timing is everything.

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Lesbians are fashionable this year

by Barbara J. Soule

Well, who ever thought having an affair with a Lesbian would be fashionable? According to a five-page article by Sara Nelson in this month's issue of Glamour magazine, sleeping with a lesbian enhances even straight women's sense of self, sensuality and sexuality. The author cited "Dual Attraction", a 1994 study published by Oxford University Press. In this study of women in their twenties, thirties and forties, about 50% of the heterosexual woman admitted being sexually attracted to another woman, 25% had romantic feelings and 12% actually had a homosexual affair. Apparently on many university campuses, a LUG (Lesbian—Until-Graduation,) is an accepted phenomenon.

The women interviewed for the Glamour article thought the sex was great and the experience perfectly wonderful and natural. All the women agreed that the experience enhanced their sense of self-esteem. One woman was quoted as saying, "If I want nurturing in sex, it makes sense to go to a woman, not a man."

For a feminist, fashion is about women dressing to please men, to attract heterosexual men and to display a man’s wealth (or "one upmanship") to other men. Men dominate the fashion industry in both design and marketing. Fashion is condescending to women by telling them how to look, dress and act. Women are relegated to models, wives, mistresses and playthings.

Two women being sexual together is a heterosexual man’s fantasy. A positive article in a national heterosexual women's magazine is a stunningly positive step, suggesting to women that they are not alone in their attraction and desire for other woman. This fact mitigates some of the isolation, secrecy and shame of homosexual desires. For many adult lesbians, a homosexual lifestyle had no positive personal benefits or positive role models. Of course, no one was telling the truth. At this time, that truth is out loud and in print.

Barbara J. Soule is a long-time lesbian activist.
Lambda Literary Awards ballot

Note: Pull out the ballot insert in this issue, get a pencil, and read this CLOSELY!!

WASHINGTON, DC - November 15, 1995 - Lambda Book Report today opened nominations for the Seventh Annual Lambda Literary Awards. The “Lammys,” recognizing excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing, will be presented during a gala banquet in Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, June 14, 1996, during the American Booksellers Association Convention.

Since their inception in 1989, the Lammys have witnessed a still expanding publishing boom. Deacon Maccubbin, publisher of the Lambda Book Report, which sponsors the Awards, said “This year marked the maturation of the gay and lesbian book industry, as many of the books that a few years ago made news for their six figure author advances from mainstream houses began to appear on the shelves. At the same time, the gay and lesbian small presses continue to thrive and expand. As a result, the pool from which we draw the finalists and winners of the Lambda Literary Awards grows in size and depth. We are proud of the part that the Lammys have played in developing and celebrating our literary tradition.”

Books must have a 1995 copyright date in order to be eligible and must be available in the United States. Nominations forms must be returned to Lambda Book Report offices by the February 16 deadline. Books need be nominated only once to be considered.

Gretchen Legler’s new book, All the Powerful, Invisible Things: A Sportswoman’s Notebook, (Seal Press, 1995) could be nominated for “Lesbian Biography/Autobiography” and/or “G/L Small Press Book.”


Susan also has work in The First Time Ever: Love Stories by Naiad Press Authors (Naiad Press, 1995). The anthology could be nominated under “Lesbian & Gay Anthologies/Nonfiction.”

Martin Palmer has work in Flesh and the Word III (Penguin/Plume, 1995) which could be nominated for “Lesbian & Gay Anthologies/Fiction.”

Five finalists in each category will be announced nationally on March 1, 1996. One hundred-four judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community, will then select a single book in each category from among the finalists. Award recipients will not be announced until the night of the banquet.

Don’t hesitate to nominate other books and authors whose work you’ve read and loved over the past year. Fill out the ballot and send it today!
Twenty-five years of courtroom trauma

History

In the year each issue of the NorthView has reviewed a couple of years of legal developments in the world of sex and sexual diversity as compiled by The Advocate. As you may have noticed, it is most often we who lead and the law that follows. This is the last in that series.

1993

Trying to keep a campaign promise, President Clinton announces days after his inauguration that he'll lift the Pentagon’s ban on gay and lesbian service personnel. He immediately hits a congressional brick wall, waffles for six months, and finally announces the “don’t ask, don’t tell” plan, a so-called compromise that differs little from the original ban.

The Hawaii supreme court sparks hope that it will approve same-sex marriages when it rules that a lower court improperly dismissed a lawsuit challenging the state’s policy of denying marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples.

Prosecutors in California v. Menendez, the year’s hottest murder trial, try desperately to introduce evidence regarding codefendant Erik Menendez’s sexual orientation into his parricide trial. They fail but assert in closing arguments that Menendez and his brother killed their parents because they disapproved of Menendez’s homosexuality. Jurors fail to reach a verdict.

1994

An appellate judge in Virginia voids a lower-court ruling that stripped lesbian Richmond resident Sharon Bottoms of custody of her 2-year-old child because of her sexual orientation.

The first lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy are filed.

A bill that would prohibit antigay employment discrimination is introduced in the House of Representatives.

Openly Lesbian San Francisco police officer Stephanie Thorne announces a planned sex change, making her the city’s first openly transsexual cop.

A gay man in Philadelphia accuses Chicago Roman Catholic cardinal Joseph Bernardin of molesting him as a child but later recants.

John Wayne Gacy, convicted of raping and killing 33 young men and boys in the ’70s, is executed in Illinois.

Superior court judges void gay rights ordinances in Atlanta and Minneapolis.
Michelle Abdill, 1953-1995

"I want to wave my magic wand and make it okay"  by Lee Lynch

This is the most difficult column I've ever written. Not because Michelle Abdill and Roxie Ellis, the two women murdered in Oregon, are hard to write about. Although I never had the honor of meeting them, many people I respect and care about were in their lives, either through P-FLAG, other human rights organizations or lesbian social life.

In the week of horror and terror that included the announcement that two dykes were missing, the discovery of their bodies and the capture of a suspect, I learned a lot about these two women. They moved to Oregon about five years ago from conservative Colorado Springs, thinking they could be more free here. When the 1992 anti-gay initiative hit the Oregon ballot they fought to keep that new found freedom.

Roxie was a mother and a grandmother. My friend Anna was in tears as she described how close Roxie and Lori and Lori's little daughter were. "They were just so cute together." Michelle's mom has a real estate business in the area and Michelle was a broker. Roxie and Michelle owned a property management business. At a sharing service I attended, testimony was given to their stature in the business community both by speakers and by the presence of so many non-gay business people, in particular their fellow realtors.

When two activist friends of the women, partners who died within months of each other, entered their final AIDS-related illnesses, it was Michelle and Roxie who provided not just care, but care with class for Bill and Rex. Nor did Roxie and Michelle limit their volunteer work to gay people. They were active in their church where they commanded and received respect and inclusion.

How many of us can say we've done even half this much for our communities? How many of us are willing to pick up their work and carry it on?

That is what makes this column so hard to write. I try not to imagine what these women went through in their last hours. I want to go on and on about the news cast that showed a smirk on the face of the creature who has been charged with this outrage. I want to harangue you, and myself, until we —

Until we what? Avenge the deaths of these vital women? Do a publicity blitz until the world acknowledges that gay murders do not happen in a vacuum? Pull the plug on hate radio to stop comments like, "They stoned people like this in the Bible," and, "They deserved it" — both of which listeners have reported hearing since the deaths.

A few days after the killings (how that word sticks in my throat) a lesbian said to me, "So are you gonna have a good Christmas? She'd caught me between bouts of tears. "I'm trying," I told her, "but with what's happened this week, I can't even think of the holidays." "Yes," she said, "that was terrible, but we have to put it behind us now." But I said to her, "no, we can't put this behind us or it will never stop happening!"

What I witnessed in this week of great tribulation was what Roxie and Michelle helped build. People pulled together as I could not have imagined. Our work since the Oregon Citizens Alliance began its onslaught has created a magnificent population of people loving people, non-gays side by side with gays. I watch daily as we turn tragedy to triumph, turn hate to love, fear to courage.

Magnify my little display by thousands and you might have an inkling of the way this has touched Oregon.

There is no way I can fully describe the loss of Roxie and Michelle, or adequately portray these vibrant, generous and well-loved women. Cherie Garland, President of the local P-FLAG, has given me permission to do better than that, to reprint some of Michelle's words left as footprints to follow:

"From time to time I've been thumped on the head (figuratively speaking!) and reminded that everyone walks a different path. By that I mean I've found that life is a journey and we all move on that journey in our own, very personal fashion. That includes moving at our own pace.

"Some of us have been dealing with, or 'walking with,' the knowledge that our child, parent, loved one or self is gay for a very long time. But for others this is fresh news. Sometimes it is also a fresh raw wound.

"I've experienced my own frustration when everyone I know is not as 'enlightened' (read this with tongue firmly in cheek) as myself. I want to wave my magic wand and make it okay. But it doesn't happen that way. Recently I met a wonderful parent who told me that he thinks he and his wife may be ready to try P-FLAG again. I was curious about this and asked why they hadn't been ready before. He shared that the pain and confusion had just been too overwhelming to share even with a P-FLAG group.

"Immediately I stiffened and wanted to say, 'But that's what P-FLAG is for. A place for you to bring that pain and confusion. A place to be with people who have felt the same things.' But for once I bit my tongue and said, 'Good, I hope the time is right for you, we'd love to have you come.'

"Has P-FLAG become a place only for those who are comfortable with the Gay issue? I don't believe so and in talking with him, neither did he. I believe that we all walk our own path and when the time is right we will come to a place where we can reach out and accept the hand offered to us. Let us always offer that hand, knowing we can't force people to accept it, and always be willing to listen to individual needs and concerns, knowing that not everyone walks our path."

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Victory Fund supports fifteen openly gay candidates

National slate includes two congressional hopefuls

WASHINGTON, DC - 22 December 1995 - The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has recommended fifteen openly gay and lesbian candidates to its national donor network, including two candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives. All fifteen candidates have undergone rigorous screening to determine their viability as potential public officials, according to Victory Fund Executive Director David Clarenbach. The qualified candidates and their races, in order of election dates, are:

Karen Gotzler for Milwaukee Common Council; Primary: 6 February
Larry McKeon for Illinois House of Reps; Primary: 19 March
Sebastian Patti for Cook Count (IL) Court; Primary: 19 March
Rick Zbur for U.S. House of Reps [CA-38]; Primary: 26 March
Carole Migden for California State Assembly; Primary: 26 March
Gerrie Schipske for California State Assembly; Primary: 26 March
Ken Yeager for California State Assembly; Primary: 26 March
Maddy Hirschfield for Sonoma County (CA) Boar; Primary: 26 March
Kevin McCarthy for San Francisco Superior Court; Primary: 26 March
Gail Shibley for Portland City Council; Primary: 21 May
Frank Dixon for Oregon State Senate; Primary: 21 May
Bob Duehmig for Oregon House of Rep; Primary: 21 May
Chuck Carpenter for Oregon House of Reps; Primary: 21 May
Dale McCormick for U.S. House of Reps (ME-1); Primary: 11 June
Ron St. John for Arizona House of Reps; Primary: 10 September

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is a national donor network that helps qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates overcome the obstacles which have historically denied them fair and equal political opportunities. Since its inception in 1991, the Victory Fund has given more than $1.3 million to qualified openly gay candidates. Thirty-six Victory Fund alumni are currently serving in elective office.

Michelle Abdill, cont.

... Michelle Abdill, Editorial, March/April 1995, Jefferson Banner, the Newsletter of P-FLAG of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

A Memorial fund has been established in order to create a "safe house" for lesbians and gay men. Please send donations to: P-FLAG — Abdill/Ellis Memorial Fund — P O Box 13, Ashland, OR 97520.

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Breast cancer

Final update

It’s the end of 1995, a stunner of a year for me. My chemotherapy and radiation treatments for breast cancer have been completed, my strength returns daily, and my hair is fashionably short and oh-so-soft.

I am now entering the “surveillance” phase, which means I return to the doctors for frequent check-ups (every 2-3 months the first year) to make sure there are no signs of recurring cancer. The next few years I expect will be nerve-producing, each follow-up appointment requiring courage to face whatever news is coming. I hope and trust and pray the news will all be good.

It’s true a person learns valuable lessons from a life-threatening illness. I have learned how loved I am, how much I need my partner, how much friends can give, how sustaining music — and baseball, of course — are to me, how great I look bald, what a closet spiritual person I am, what courage I have, and how much it takes to survive the worst year of my life. Or has it been the best year?

Through it all I have kept my spirits and sense of humor, Connie has been the most wonderful partner and caregiver imaginable, and my parents and friends — both here in Alaska and throughout the country — have been abundant and unflinching in their support. My most heartfelt thanks to all of you.

As you know, the probability is now one in eight that a woman will get breast cancer sometime in her life. I wish that my experience meant that seven of you reading this article would never have to get cancer yourselves. This is statistically true, but alas my diagnosis does not protect you in the real world. Only you can do that for yourselves.

So do what you can: For prevention, eat less fat, which will improve everything else about your health as well. And, if you’re approaching menopause, think long and hard before you take those hormones they like to hand out.

And, for early detection — which can be the difference between life and death — examine your own breasts every month, have an annual breast exam by a doctor or other experienced person and have an annual mammogram if you’re forty or older. And, if you do find a lump, find out what it is immediately!

All this takes courage, I know. But we are in the midst of an epidemic of breast cancer, and denial will certainly not protect us. Think of it this way: We wouldn’t be lesbians if we didn’t already have lots of courage. Let’s find just a bit more to help keep ourselves alive.

So, be brave. Be well. Be loving. Happy New Year!

Night vision

by Jen Kohout

It’s dark outside. I strain to read the large green signs flying by as I speed along the highway. Squinting into the night, I curse my optometrist; has to be the wrong contact prescription because the fuzzy white lines that pass for letters couldn’t possibly have anything to do with my weakening eyesight. The exits speed by, alternative routes peeling off into the night. I realize that I have no idea where I’m going. But I’m alone in the dark car and Bonnie Raitt is singing in the background, so I don’t really care. I’ve got a full tank of gas and no place better to be.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, I had a vision of what my future looked like. A person, a place, familiar routines, a sense of community. The kinds of things that tether us to this whirling blue-green ball of metamorphic rock. In the dark, I imagine the planet spinning through space while I cling desperately to the narrow limbs of some poor vine. Trying to hang on to some constant in this ever changing world. But there are no constants. Life is unpredictable and I know from experience that if I hold too tightly to the people, places and things that bind me to the Earth, I’m bound to trip. On the other hand, if I hang on too loosely, I miss out on the richness that comes from connecting. From what I can tell, people strike the balance in all sorts of places.

Personally, I’ve always considered myself a loose-grip kind of gal, an Air Force brat who spent her youth living out of cardboard boxes. Looking forward to a significant event like becoming captain of my elementary school safety patrol was futile; invariably I’d end up in a new school with an electric cross walk. After having too many plans dashed by the arrival of the next set of orders, I learned to not spend too much time constructing a vision of my future because it never looked like what I imagined. All this said, I still crave some constants in my life. So I exchange a ring, or buy a house, or stay at a job in an effort to pin one corner of my life down. To give me some sense of what tomorrow will look like. To give me an anchor around which everything else can shift, slide, slither along at its own mysterious pace.

Embod Unknown

But every so often the wind picks up and a gust comes along that blows out the feeble metal stakes. The rocks, carefully stacked on top of the stakes to weigh things down, topple away uselessly onto the tundra. And the tent comes crashing down. It’s not a comfortable place to be.

As I drive along tonight, I have this sense that I’ve careened to a halt. Everything outside the car is whirling past; I’m motionless. Unable to see beyond the limited space illuminated by my headlights, I concentrate on the large blue sign moving towards me, “21 miles to next rest area,” and the dashed white lines rolling beneath my tires. It’s an odd sensation for someone who’s used to movement, used to plowing down the road towards the next mile mark-

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Hauole Kamakamaka Hou. Happy New Year from Hawaii.
The vacation in the Big Warm is over.

How will we thrive through four more months of winter?
Besides living in our Now, we have a shared memory of paradise
to call upon in winter-made cranky moments.
Kaneoke, the lesbian-run B & B on Moloka’i, where we said
our Forever, is only a visualization away.

I know. Paradise is a tired cliché, but the only things
that could make it more paradisical would be to have more time
and less evening mosquitoes, for I love to walk by the sea in
the dark with the stars and moon playing the sky.

This is our quiet story — to be in woman-made artistic
space, a patch of sea and beach virtually empty all day — no
people, no cars, naps in a hammock next to the sea, falling
asleep at night to the ocean's lullaby and marvelous dinners.

I hope Dear Love won’t mind me telling this. Many
times she has said “Will you marry me?” I have treated her
question as a joke, have spouted diatribes against that patriarchal,
oppressive institution, have changed the subject, have refused to face the idea in a dozen ways — which makes
Dear Love’s tenacity impressive. I knew she meant “will you
spend your life with me, will you make ceremony to testify
to our intent?”

One day she changed the question: “Will you love me
forever?” I felt an unequivocal yes rise in my throat and
before the cynic in my brain could bite it in half, it was out
of my mouth and in Dear Love’s ear. I said, “I could say
Forever with you in Hawaii.” So we did. On Moloka’i.

We invited Victoria and Zelio to make ceremony with us
on the beach, to witness the making of vows to honor our
love and promise the future.

Neither Dear Love nor I had any ideas what to do or say.
But the answers were there in Paradise. Cat’s images came
in nap dreams. Mine came after swimming naked in the sea
— the images lapped over me as I sang and danced in the
warm water.

That morning, we meditated silently together face to face
and the truths in our hearts welled in our eyes. And Dear
Love has begun to hear my thoughts, so, almost simultaneoulsy, we decided we wanted to create a version of the Naomi/Ruth, declaration of forever to speak about our future.

I wrote it out of the Bible. Then Dear Love edited it.
The first things to go were the “whosoever”s and the
“Lords.” Instead we said, “Before the Mother Earth and the
Mother Sea…”

Next went the archaic sentence structure simply because
we couldn’t remember it, so foreign to our patterns of speech is it. We settled on an acceptable version and began
to memorize while I drove our purple car rental to
Kaunakakai. Dear Love read a sentence; I reported. All the
way to town and back, we repeated, but we wouldn’t get it
perfect. I wanted to say it simultaneously while touching
and looking at each other. It couldn’t be read! So we edited
again — memorized some more and still we could not grasp
it entirely, but I had faith that we would.

We declared that laughter and imperfection would be
acceptable, but in truth, I wanted it to flow seriously, to
stand in the sunset on the beach in our stone circle and feel
deeply moved. Our memorization attempts didn’t auger
well for this outcome.

The moment came. Little and Bone, the standard-issue
lesbian dogs, entered our sacred circle with us — Bone to
keep his nose on the fruit and nut loaf we brought for the
feast. Little waited to dig a hole and hunt crabs, so she did.
It is hard to do serious blessing and convocation when dogs
are busy being doggie. God’s way of letting me know I
don’t control the universe.

Then the time came for us to do the Ruth and Naomi
bit. Nervous, Dear Love began too soon, so we started over.
The recitation was doomed from the git-go. We tripped
over each other’s words and rhythms and just couldn’t get it
together. By the time we got to the part about “Where you
die, there also shall I be buried,” we both broke into loud
guffaws right in each other’s faces.

But it’s okay. Laughter has been a constant hallmark of
our life together. It is fitting that it be central to our
Forever.

So when the 170th day of winter starts to drag me under,
I will remember Dear Love rising from the sea like Venus
adorned with nothing but naked joy on her face. I will
remember the soft sea flowing into my body and stroking
my tired mind. I will remember the trade winds whispering
peace, the bareness of my skin to the elements, the warmth
of the air even in a rain squall.

I will remember holding Dear Love, kissing her whenever
I wanted, and moving against each other freely in that place.
I will remember adoring her with my eyes without reserve,
and being adored by hers, and I will remember laughing
about dying.

We will listen to Zelio’s warm deep voice singing traditional Hawaiian music and do the hula as exercise to a
Teaching video. And we will plan our Forever with the vision
wheels that No’eau taught us to do.

I don’t know if our head leis returned with the next tide,
but we will return to Moloka’i some day.

“Before the Mother Earth and the Mother Sea, I promise
naught but death will part thee and me.” It doesn’t get any-
more forever than that.

Karen Carlisle
Basking in Bushville
Gay Census ’96
by Ruth Matheas

Overlooked Opinions, the Chicago-based market research firm, has announced the launch of GayCensus ’96 and are calling it the single largest assessment of the lesbian and gay population of the U.S. and Canada ever undertaken.

“Nothing like GayCensus ’96 has ever been done. We anticipate reaching in excess of 1 million lesbian, gay and bisexual adults in the next three months alone. The 10-minute survey covers basic demographics as well as a wide variety of questions including discrimination, political beliefs, consumer behavior and general opinions.

When 1-800-Gay-Voice is dialed the caller will hear a brief description and will be asked to respond to questions by pressing buttons on their touch-tone phone. Callers without a touch-tone phone will be sent a survey by mail. A TTY can also be reached by non-hearing callers at 1-800-555-0900. The survey can be taken 24 hours a day, and the call is free.

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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! Thanks!

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Part 33, “Islands of Security”

by Don Cook

Steve’s wants were few but there was one that Mike would not agree to, even in the heat of passion. He wanted a plane.

The cattleman’s association was sponsoring flying lessons in Bend. Mike agreed to the lessons and gave Steve a “maybe” on the plane. Cha Cha and Victoria were on Steve’s side talking about planes every time they all were together. Without coming right out and saying “Mike, it’s time” Mike got the hint loud and clear.

In 1941 there wasn’t that much to learn about aviation (or at least they didn’t require what they do today). Steve was the only rancher that signed up, so the instructor came to the ranch and stayed for the next three months with his two-seater Piper cub. The neighbors viewed “touch and go” operations from the knoll at first, but after a couple of weeks, even they stopped coming out to watch.

The day of Steve’s solo, the knoll was packed once again. Mrs. Holt and the girls put out a picnic table full of goodies for the locals, including a wash tub full of ice and Coca-Cola. Mike and all those present held their breath as Steve taxied down the field. Each time the plane left the ground or landed, a cheer went up. Cha Cha had never landed her plane as smoothly as Steve was doing. Although Mike never had any doubts about Steve’s ability, he now found himself on the spot to honor the rest of the promise.

July 1941 found Mike, Steve, Cha Cha and Victoria at the Seattle airport, now called Boeing Field, negotiating with three or four airplane dealers. The idea at first was to buy a good used four-seater that could fly them to Seattle and back to the ranch on a tank of gas. Instead, they purchased a new Piper Champion designed for family flying. At least that’s what the brochure said.

The summer of 1941 found everyone going in many directions fulfilling dreams and desires. Robert was already in Seattle. He was spending more and more time each weekend with Neal at the island. During the week he worked in the law offices of Mike’s uncle. Whenever he returned to John Day it was only to clear his desk and then head back to the city. Victoria and Robert were staying at Mother’s estate when they were in town, and mother was having a good time in New York and Havana. Victoria was spending a lot of time in L. A. or on the island. Even Fingers and Snap were on the island more than they were in Portland. Fingers was almost retired from the night club scene, and Joe and Nick were sailing the “Sisters” almost daily now that they were thinking of selling their fishing boat.

The world in and around John Day wasn’t slowing down either. Roland had accepted the job as superintendent of schools for the five counties, and Charles was now a Principal. Etta and Mary’s Bargain Basement store was a real winner but was keeping them very busy. Brisk and his trucking and auto repair was making more money than he could ever have thought possible. The Clinic kept Parry and Mike jumping, but it wasn’t just their gay friends, it was everyone from the Lee’s to Lucy and her pickles. People were lucky to squeeze in one day just for relaxing.

The best excuse Steve had for flying was taking the locals up for a spin and flying to Seattle on the weekends. If they left John Day by 1pm they would be on the boat by 6pm and having a late dinner on the island that night.

The sounds were so different at night. At the ranch only a few sounds could break the silence ... the elk during rut, an owl, or the crickets. But on the island there was a variety of noises; the waterfalls, the surf, and when the fog rolled in you could hear the fog horns drifting across the sound and through the lagoon.

These were soothing sounds to sleep or make love by ... their big bay windows open to allow the sea breeze to embrace two lovers as the breeze picked its way through the evergreens. Saltwater and the mixing of those smells with the flowers in every window box kept every room as fresh as sheets dried by the wind and sun. The pond was a favorite place at night. It was shallow and warm in the summer, very much like a swimming pool without heat. After cards you could find Robert, Neal, Joe and Nick skinny-dipping and playing grab-ass. Often, before retiring for the evening, Steve and Mike would slip out of the house and into the pond. The water felt warmer at night and the water lilies were heavy with scent, almost like gardenias. The aroma clung to the steam, and only the stars above them seemed to break through the soft clouds of moisture that held the two lovers as if they were floating on air and feathers. This was no fantasy, but a world of peace and contentment ... so strong at times they almost felt guilty for having so much ... glad to share their good fortune with those they loved.

Their families knew this island was a safe haven and it was becoming a second home to all of them. That’s the way Victoria, Mike and Steve wanted it.

Between 1937 and 1942 our nation became ‘class’ conscious. There weren’t just distinctions between poor and rich as there were during the depression. Now it was poor, lower middle class, middle class, upper middle class, rich and wealthy. There wasn’t anything wrong with that, but they were looking down their noses at each other. If they couldn’t do that they would find a minority to degrade. Even the churches were putting down other churches. It’s hard to believe, but just a few years ago neighbors were helping one another. Now these city-dwellers had forgotten everything they had learned, and it was back to ‘dog-eat-dog.’

Mike explained just how dangerous it was ... not only for gays, blacks and Jews, but if you were Irish living in an Italian neighborhood, or visa-versa, you would eventually be forced to move. People had forgotten that we were a nation built of all religions, creeds, colors, and beliefs, and that only the
American Indian had the God-given right to claim this land as ancestral.

In 1940 there were three great marches in Washington: The KKK, The American Nazi Party, and the American Communist Party. As hard as it is to believe today, all three marches were very popular but that gives you the gist of what was happening. Our nation was very naive and vulnerable.

The Depression was over, but the scars were deep. People wanted to fit in, and the ones that didn't belong to any one religion, race, creed or belief were in the majority. But they felt like a minority, and began to point their fingers at real minorities, blaming them for everything that went wrong. Southern churches were backed by the KKK, and were probably among the worst offenders. They were buying their way into state and local governments, seeking to alter separation of church and state, and they nearly succeeded. The war provided the nation another chance to pull together and put bigotry and hate behind us. Even the churches had a rallying cry to use, and once again a great nation would pull together, neighbor helping neighbor for the common good of all.

On Sunday December 7, 1941, Etta and Mary were at the ranch for cards and Mrs. Holt's fried chicken dinner. Their Bargain Basement was having a great Christmas season. The conversation was light and easy ... Steve's plane, a new addition to the Bargain Basement, and Mike talking about retirement and devoting more time to the ranch even though he was only 41.

Sunday was always a lazy day at the ranch. Even Bob and David who stayed in the little house each winter only did what had to be done (a ranch had animals to feed). The routine had been set years ago with coffee at 9am, breakfast at 10am, and a light lunch at 1pm. As always, there was Mrs. Holt's fried chicken at 5pm, reading, playing cards and listening to the phonograph, and trying out new dance steps.

Mike and Steve recalled everything that happened that afternoon ... it was as vivid to them as if it happened yesterday. Rose answered the phone. It was Peggy, and Rose turned as white as the snow outside. "Doctor Potter! The Japanese have bombed Pearl Harbor and declared war on the United States! Miss Peggy said to turn on the radio."

[Note: if you've been following the saga of Steve and Mike and are missing sections, please write or call Cherresse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.]
**Anchorage’s Favorite Movie Theatre**
Anchorage Daily News “8” Readers Poll

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561-0064
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**A TERRIFIC FAMILY FILM!**
George Pennanen, KTVA-TV

**Babe**
A LITTLE PIG GOES A LONG WAY.
Returning by popular request; live-action Australian comedy about a talking pig who learns how to herd sheep so well, he becomes the country’s national sheepdog champion. 91 min. Rated G. Matinee Performances only (Special $2 children’s price ages 12 & under).

**Now Showing** - Check with theatre for end date.

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**Othello**
LAURENCE FISHBURN E
IRENE JACOB
KENNETH BRANAGH

In this adaptation of William Shakespeare’s tragedy, Laurence Fishburne is the legendary Moor Othello with Kenneth Branagh as Iago and Irene Jacob as Desdemona. Iago plants the seed of evil thought in Othello’s mind— which he nurtures until it grows into action that ensures tragedy for all. Rated R for language and sexuality. 124 min.

**Premieres January 19**

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**Cry, The Beloved Country**
JAMES EARL JONES
RICHARD HARRIS

Based on Alan Paton’s internationally acclaimed novel. This is the story of Zulu Christian Pastor’s journey from a quiet Natal province to a modern, sinister Johannesburg in search of his son, his sister and his brother—all of whom have disappeared into an urban quagmire of crime, sin and political intrigue. Starring James Earl Jones, Charles S. Dutton, Richard Harris and Lilieta Khumalo. Rated PG13, 109 min. **Now Showing** Call Theatre for end date.

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**The Crossing Guard**
JACK NICHOLSON
ANJELICA HUSTON

A moving and powerful story of two men whose lives collide; John Booth (David Morse) a man released from prison, and Freddy Gale (Jack Nicholson) a man so possessed by his thirst for vengeance he will stop at nothing. Anjelica Huston plays Nicholson’s wife, Robin Wright also costars. Written and directed by Sean Penn. Rated R for violence and language, 117 min. **Premieres Fri. Jan. 26**

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**The Doom Generation**

Chronicles the journey of three natural born byproducts of a decaying America: alienated teenaged slackers raised in the glow of music videos, whose veins pump nihilism. Sent careening through a nocturnal wasteland of mini-marts, motels and open highways, Greg Araki’s band of outsiders are in a constant state of sexual evolution. 88 min. Unrated, graphic violence and sexuality, no one under 16 admitted. Jan. 26 - Feb. 1

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

The Management reserves the right to restrict admission to young children. Please call ahead to check on age restrictions.

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**Identity**

The Hollywood Canteen
Coffee House & Amusement Center
Open Daily 10:30am to 11pm

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**An ordinary man, an irresistible offer.**
In a world of seduction and power, temptation has its price.

**RESTORATION**

Set in 17th Century England, the story tells of a young, buffoonish surgeon (Robert Downey Jr.) who is summoned to the court of King Charles II to care for the monarch’s sick dog. When the animal makes a miraculous recovery, the king rewards the surgeon with a mistress whom the good doctor actually comes to love. Ultimately, he falls out of favor with the court when he turns his back on the wealth he has grown accustomed to, in order to help the plague victims in London. From the award-winning novel by Rose Tremain. Also starring Sam Neill, David Thewlis, Polly Walker, Meg Ryan, Sir Ian McKellen and Hugh Grant. Rated R for sexuality, 113 min. **Premieres Feb. 2**
1996 Annual Bake-off and Brunch at The Raven
Saturday, February 10, 1996
Enter your favorite dessert in this annual taste testing and cake decorating contest! Great prizes awarded in all 11 categories. $5.00 per Entry
- Brunch will be served starting at 1:00pm
  - Dessert judging at 2:00 p.m.
  (All dessert must be at The Raven by 1:30)
Auction to begin immediately after the judging.
All proceeds help Four A's clients living with HIV/AIDS

The Reading List
Don't Leave Me This Way: Art In The Age Of AIDS
Compiled by Ted Gott National Gallery of Australia.
Distributed by Thames & Hudson.

Don't Leave Me This Way: Art In The Age Of AIDS is the catalogue from a recent art exhibition of the same name that was held at the National Gallery of Australia from November 1994 through March 1995. The book is an informative and touching compilation of 8 essays, 2 photo essays, and color photographs of artwork from the show. The exhibition strove first and foremost to represent Australian artists' response to AIDS. However, prominently included were works from high profile New York artists such as Keith Haring, Robert Mapplethorpe, Cindy Sherman, Andres Serrano, and David Wojnarowicz.

The Hurry-Up Song
by Clifford Chase. HarperColling.
The PWA family-member memoir has developed into its own mini-genre. Partners (Borrowed Time by Paul Monette), mother (The Screaming Room by Barbara Peabody), daughters (Anonymity by Susan Bergman) and now, with The Hurry-Up Song by Clifford Chase, brothers have created earnest, book-length accounts of familial angst and agony in the wake of AIDS and the shadow of death.

My Own Country
Abraham Verghese. Vintage Books

This story begins simply enough, “summer 1995. A young man is driving down from New York to visit his parents in Johnson City, Tennessee.” However, knowing the context of My Own Country, Dr. Verghese’s account of the first years of the AIDS plague in rural East Tennessee, this ordinary beginning is compelling in its power and simplicity. The young man—unnamed yet referred to derivisly by a few local doctors and nurses as someone “who had dropped into the emergency room looking like he had pneumonia [and turned] out to be “a homo from New York with AIDS”—was the first person to be treated at the Johnson City Medical Center who had full blown AIDS. The event was viewed as singular because AIDS was a big city problem, and not something happening in a small American town of clean-living, good country people.

(Reprinted from Art and Understanding Nov. 95' Issue 18)

1-800 - 478 - AIDS
Statewide AIDS Helpline

Events for January and February
- Bake-Off and Brunch at the Raven 1-5pm Feb. 10, call Laurie 263-2050
- RSVP Alaska March 16. Plan to host a dinner, call Laurie 263-2050
- “AIDS 101 Training” Jan. 18 & Feb. 15 for anyone interested in HIV/AIDS, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at 4A’s
- “Four A’s Food Drive” First Sat. of every Month at Sears mall by Carri. 10am-4pm
- “Friends and Family Group” Every Thurs. For anyone affected by HIV/AIDS, 7:00pm at 4A’s
- “Friday Lunch” for everyone every Fri. Noon-1pm at 4A’s
- “Free HIV Testing” Every Wed. 2pm-4pm at 4A’s
The Directory

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

The designations of (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:
(L) KT Creative, Katie, 278-9174

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see 4A’s page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), (Juneau), Rita, 463-5688
(A) Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (free HIV testing), Stephanie, 257-4637
(A) Interior AIDS Assoc., 452-4222
(A) Pierce County AIDS Found. (WA), 206-383-2565
(A) Shanti of Juneau, 907-463-5665, 1-800-478-AIDS
(2437)
(A) S.T.O.P. AIDS Project, Koala, 278-5019

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

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gatekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327

Amusements:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 562-0737

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

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

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

Automotive:
(A) Courteny’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, 277-0441
(G/L) O’Brady’s, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

(G/L) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaskaland (Fri and Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(L/G) The Wave, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta’s (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Feather, Doug, 277-3862
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 907-235-5945 (see ad)

(L) Blue Heron B&B (Missouri), Lucille, 417-993-4302
(L) The Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 808-966-7936
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Janetta, 337-4391
(G) The Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Phil/Bobby, 907-451-6501

(L) Garden Cottage (Orlando, FL), Lisa, 407-894-5395
(G) Gingerbread House, Yves (Montreal), 514-597-2804
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 907-235-2265 (see ad)

(L) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bonnie ( Ft. Lauderdale, FL), 305-565-8437
(G) Normandy South (Miami Beach, FL), Hank/Bruce, 305-674-1197

(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106

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

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

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

Books:
(A) Alaskan, Gene, 561-1340 (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
(G) Illusions, Brian, 561-8458 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

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

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

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 562-0737
(G/L) The Socratic Tide at the Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)

College Selection:
(G) Tom Croke, 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) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., Fken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) gra.f/x, Lucian, 561-5856
(L) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mark, 338-3857
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

Computer Training:
(G) Seven Treasures Ent., Don, 338-9068
(A) Find It! Business Services (Macintosh); Larry, 279-4862

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

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

Counseling:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(A) Connie, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9408
(L) Katia, 563-2684
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795
(L) Tess, Alternative Counseling, 562-8281

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

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

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

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

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

and New York City.

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

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

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

Entertainment:
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064 (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, 561-8040/338-3962 (see ad)
(G) Jon, Bank of America, 263-3273

Feldenkrais:
(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; 907-733-1765

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

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

Flying:
(L) McKinley Air Sv., 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:
(A) Design Craft, Laura/David, 272-4438 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876

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

Hairdressing:
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045
(A) 36th Ave. Hair Design, Ledjha, 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 ads)
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 All 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:
(L) Beth (MT), Debbie (CMT), 566-0842
(G) Don, 338-8826
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045
(G) Howie, LMT (Palmer), 746-7778
(A) Joyce, (CMT), 562-1916 (see ad)
(L) Leslie (non-sexual), 278-3346
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222
Media:
(L) NLGJA (National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association), Kim, Alaska chapter coordinator and board member, of 277-2704
Meetings:
(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) Klondyke Kontakt (Alaska Women's Cultural Center), 277-9763
(G/L) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
(GL) Perspective (S.E.A.G.I.A. (Juneau), 586-4297
Nightclubs:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see flyer)
Obstetrics & Gynecology:
(A) Jane, 563-5151
Odd Jobs:
(L) Deb, 275-3018
(A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290
Painting:
(L) L&L Painting, Lisa, 277-7549
Personal Services (non-sexual):
(A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290
Pet Care:
(A) Alaska Pet Palace, Sharon, 276-0668
(A) Doggie Hut, Arlid, 279-5861
Photography:
(G) 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) Timeframe, 562-3822 (see ad)
Private Instruction:
(L) Carolyn Lancaster, M.Ed., School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059
Private Investigators:
(L) K&K Investigating, Karyn, 561-3665
Groups & Gatherings

Circles and Clubs

News from Gay & Lesbian

Organizations from around the State

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) Anchorage: offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00pm) at their offices, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102. Friday at noon is a luncheon for People With HIV and AIDS. We are always looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals. If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteering with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at 276-1400.

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

Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB) Anchorage: a social group for Gay men looking for an alternative to the “bar scene.” For next meeting time and place or to get on the mailing list, call Kurt at 372-3990.

Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) Anchorage: ALFA usually meets every 4th Sunday at various locations (mostly at Regan’s) to socialize and provide support for one another. Adults, children, Lesbians, allies and newcomers are welcome. Call Regan at 243-3757 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 Cantec (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 FSLEG@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, bisexual men & women, transsexuals and transvestites most welcome! Call Graham at 562-8463.

Feminist Sing-a-Long, women only, Anchorage: third Saturday of every month. 1741 Westview Circle; 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, 7:00-8:00pm at 845 'K' St. 279-5001.

Gay Teens, Anchorage: sponsored by P-FLAG Southcentral; meets 6:00-8:00pm Saturday at Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Call Liz at 688-3906.

Identity, Anchorage: founded to improve self and community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian and Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities. Potluck Social: held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St. Doors open at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the Calendar for this month’s guest speaker.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), Anchorage: is a social and support group that contributes to our Community by being active in many causes; we plan and present wonderful entertainment, and donate money to needy organizations for them to carry out their important goals. See Calendar for this month’s planned activities, or contact Emperor Madeline XXIII at 338-3327. Or write P.O. Box 104023, Anchorage 99510-4023.

Interior AIDS Association (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 (MMe(na)C Anchorage:
is a social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. Look
for upcoming events in the Calendar, or call Dan Cook at
561-8744.
Northern Exposure Bowling League, Anchorage: each
Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm, Park Lanes. 561-8744 (Bob).
Out in Alaska: A group of gays, lesbians and bisexuals from
the Mat-Su Valley and beyond who enjoy outdoor activities
and meeting other outdoorsy folks. Activities are lead by
member volunteers. For information or to receive a
newsletter, call Howie at 907-746-7778 or write to Out in
Alaska, HC 2 Box 78108, Palmer, AK 99645.
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 or 479-4944 for more
information.
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of
Juneau: meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 12 noon
at Mendenhall Mall Library. Phone 907-463-4203.
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(PFLAG) of Southcentral: holds meetings on the 3rd
Monday of every month. For information call Sylvia at 562-
4992 or Fred at 562-7161.
Q*Klatch, Fairbanks: meets the first Wednesday of each
month and is an informal gathering of GLBs. The group
offers a place to discuss current events, ideas, hopes and
needs, and it extends hospitality to newcomers. Generally,
the theme of each gathering is determined by the volunteer
host(s), from “Show n Tell” to “My Personal Agenda” to
“Open Forum.” Q*Klatch offers a casual environment in
which to meet and share with others. For more information
please contact Kathy at 907-455-6358 or Eric at 907-455-
4051.
Q*K Outdoors, Fairbanks: an offshoot of Q*Klatch and a
member of IGLOO (International Gay * Lesbian Outdoor
Organization), is an informal, 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 hal-
ibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at pic-
nics. For more info, call Eric at 455-4051 or e-mail to
<sebw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-6358 or
<hlatkdf@northstar.k12.ak.us>.

Shanti of Juneau offers support services to persons with
HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering com-
prehensive 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): orga-
nization 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. 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.
Calendar

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

A = Anchorage
F = Fairbanks
J = Juneau
V = Mat-Su Valley

Jan. 19, Fri:
F AGLA Meeting, 6:30pm, Gruening Building, Room 402, Jenna 907-451-8465.

Jan. 20, Sat:
V Cross-Country Skiing (or hiking) with Out in Alaska at Kincaid Park in Anchorage, 11am, Howie 746-7778.
J PFLAG Juneau Monthly Meeting, 12noon, Mendenhall Mall Library.
A The Family (UAA), first meeting of the Spring Semester, 6pm, UAA Arts Bldg, Rm 121, Graham 562-8463.
A Feminist Sing-a-Long, 6:30pm potluck; 7:30pm singing, 1741 Westview Circle, Carol or Fran 333-0871.
J Women’s Video Night, The Sum of Us, call Mary 789-4886.
J Men’s Video Night, title unknown, call Daniel 789-5001.

Jan. 21, Sun:
J SEAGLA Board Meeting, 7pm, Downtown Juneau Library, Sudie 907-586-2410.

Jan. 23, Tue:
A Identity Board Meeting, 7pm, AUUF Room A, Tom 333-7504.

Jan 24, Wed:
J Minority Community Relations Task Force Meeting, 7pm, info 586-6623.

Jan 26, Fri:
A Identity Potluck/Social: gather at 6pm, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm program: “The Family, Update from the University Les/Bi/ Gay group.”

Jan 27, Sat:
J “Family” Day Event for Gay or Lesbian Parents/Prospective Parents, their partners and children; 10:30am - 4:30pm, $20 per family, call 789-2075.

Jan 28, Sun:
A Anchorage Lesbian Families Alliance (ALFA), 4pm - 6pm, Potluck, Regan 243-3757.

Jan 30, Tue:
A KK Town Meeting, 8pm, Sociatic Tide, Beth 277-9763.

Feb 1, Thu:
A Deadline: Erotic Poetry Contest, drop-off entries at Cyrano’s or postmarked by this date (see article).

Feb 4, Sun:
V Cross-Country Skiing (or hiking), Out in Alaska, Crevasse-Moraine Trails, 1pm, Palmer, Howie 746-7778.

Feb 5, Mon:
A NorthView Deadline for February issue.

Feb 7, Wed:
A Alaska Women’s Political Caucus, 7pm, First United Methodist Church.

Feb 10, Sat:
V Cross-Country Skiing (or hiking), Out in Alaska, Eagle River Visitor Center, 11am, Howie 746-7778.

Feb 12, Mon:
A Gay Bar, 7pm - 8:30pm, Taxes & Tax Planning (with Accountant), Allison 279-5001.

Feb 15, Thu:
A The Last Frontier Men’s Club, 6pm, Raven.

Feb 19, Mon:
A P-FLAG Southcentral Monthly Meeting, 7pm, AUUF, Fred 562-7161 or Sylvia 562-4992.

Feb 20, Tue:
F P-FLAG Fairbanks Monthly Meeting, 5:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin, Mary Jo 907-459-8985.
Feb 23, Fri:

A Identity Potluck/Social: gather at 6pm, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm program: Connie Wolfe, “Help Mother Nature and Get A Boost From Uncle Sam.”

Feb 24, Sat:

A Women’s Coffeehouse, Erotic Poetry Reading, 8pm - 10pm, $3 donation, The Wave’s Sociatic Tide, Barbara or Candy 337-2011.

Feb 25, Sun:

A Anchorage Lesbian Families Alliance (ALFA), 4pm - 6pm, Potlucky, Regan 243-3757.

Feb 27, Tue:

A Identity Board Meeting, 7pm, AUUF Room A, Tom 337-7504.

Feb 28, Wed:

J Minority Community Relations Task Force Meeting, 7pm, info 586-6623.

**On-Going Calendar Items**

**SUNDAYS**

A Midnight Sons AA Meeting, 1pm, (Gay, Lesbian only), MCC Church, 615 Hollywood Dr.

A Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4pm, Park Lanes, Dan or Bob 561-8744.

A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

**MONDAYS**

A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

**WEDNESDAYS**

A Free HIV TEST at 4A’s, 2pm - 4pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, 263-2050.

J Social at Summit Lounge, after work.

J “Women’s Prerogative,” KTOO-FM, Wednesdays, 9pm-10pm.

A La Cage aux Wave (drag show), 10pm, $3 cover.

A Blue Moon Follies, 10pm, $3 cover.

**THURSDAYS**

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

A Alaska Pride Chorus, call Greg 245-2122 or Mary 243-0789.

A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

A Country Dancing at the Wave, 7pm, taught by Patty, 561-9483.

**FRIDAYS**

A PLWA lunch, 4A’s, 12noon-1pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, 263-2050.

A Live and Let Live, AA Meeting, 7pm, 637 A St. (non-smoking).

A Midnight Sons, Gay Men’s AA Meeting, 7:30pm-9pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

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

**SATURDAYS**

A The Family (UAA), 6pm (excluding school holidays), UAA Arts Bldg Rm 121, Graham 562-8463 or Kimberly 563-1421.

A SLAA (Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous) 12-Step meeting, 12noon, 566-1133.

F KSUA, 103.9 FM, 5pm-7pm, “Querc Beans” (Gay issues and music).

A Gay Teens, Anchorage, 6pm-8pm, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St., Liz 688-3906.

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

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Youth issues

Growing up and discovering your sexuality is confusing, painful and wonderful all at the same time. Discovering that your sexuality is not quite like everyone else, (gay and/or bisexual), adds a whole new dimension. As gay and bisexual youths, we not only deal with the typical adolescent issues, but issues uniquely our own.

At school, sometimes we are met with a less than open-minded attitude from teachers and students alike. I couldn’t believe it when I heard my science teacher, while giving a talk on HIV, remark that, “Unprotected homosexual male sex was the most risky.” I asked him if he meant anal sex, and I told him he should specify that, because homosexual males are not the only people who engage in anal sex. He looked at me as if I had upset him. He couldn’t seem to understand that just saying the correct word feels a lot better than constantly hearing gay males being branded for the HIV virus. Another issue is the assumption by teachers that everyone is straight. On the first day of school, my art teacher casually asked if I had seen any new cute boys this year. I said no to him, that I had not seen any cute new boys. Inside my head I was recalling the new unbelievably cute girl I had seen that day. While myself, have never received any outright harassment from teachers, I am constantly aware of the amount of harassment teachers allow students to get away with. Which brings me to an issue that is personal to me.

Sexual harassment by peers can be very distressing. You’re a teenager, you’re trying your best to fit in, find your place, discover who you are. That task isn’t easy when revealing who you are means you are in danger of getting harassed. Myself and friends of mine have been beaten up, screamed at, snubbed, ignored and verbally attacked just because our peers thought or knew we were gay or bisexual. Not a lot of fun. Going to school every day with people who treat you like this can be awful. This can lead to some serious problems.

I know that sometimes, when I would get harassed, all I could think of was a way out. I contemplated dropping out of school, committing suicide or running away. While I have not resorted to such extreme measures and don’t plan to, I know of people that have. Quite a few of my friends are dropouts and/or runaways. When I spoke to an ex-girlfriend of mine who dropped out of school in her junior year, she said that the harassment she was receiving was one of her reasons for dropping out.

That is why I think it is so important to have something for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth to fall back on. A safety net. A cushion between us and our often hostile world. I credit my Women’s History class with helping me find that cushion. In that class we were told about places to find books that highlight women’s voices in history. One of those places was Bona Dea, the Women’s Bookstore. I received a listing of the owners favorite books. I was blown away. I didn’t know bookstores like this existed in Alaska! Little did I know! With that first step, I was able to discover a whole new world outside of the town I jokingly call Jockville, USA. A world full of things I thought, (don’t laugh), only happened in places like San Francisco. A world where when you told people how you saw the movie “The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love” they didn’t say ‘Dyke,’ they said ‘Cool.’

What I would like to tell all of those out there that are past their youth is, reach out if you can. Support the people and the places that helped you feel great about who you are. That shy looking kid sitting over there is probably just that. Shy. Go say hi. Ask them how they’re doing. Whatever you chose to do, it can truly help.

What I’m trying to say to all the youth out there is, YOU ARE NOT ALONE, even if it feels that way. There are places in Alaska, (not just San Francisco) where people just like you exist and live. Singers that sing about the love you feel, like Side FX. Places to celebrate this kind of music – Celebration of Change, Women’s Music Festivals, Pride on the Park Strip, or movie theaters that play movies that resemble your life, such as the Capri. Support groups for people like you, The Family, P-FLAG and more. Organizations such as Identity and 15%. Times when you can celebrate being open about who you are, like National Coming Out Day. (I wore a sash proclaiming my title as Miss Lesbian Chugik and a tiara to school for that occasion but, that’s another story.) Conferences like the annual Alaska Pride Conference. Bookstores to buy the magazines, books and newspapers that deal with the same issues you do (every bookstore!). There are places we can all feel safe. We need only the courage to find them. Keep looking!

Liz is a senior at Chugiak High School.
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