Singer kd lang To Visit Anchorage
Concert to follow Seattle stop in April; lesbian volunteers needed

ANCHORAGE - Lesbian icon kd lang has added Anchorage to her concert tour and will be vacationing there for several days. Lang's manager said she's looking for lesbian tour guides to show kd a good time while she's here. Local women are encouraged to call and make a date with ms. lang. "I've been wanting to meet the women of Alaska for a long time," she explains. "Maybe we can even have a spa night together."

Anti-Gay Activist Promotes Love, Acceptance

ANCHORAGE - In a radical reversal of his views, Kennewick Minstries' Michael Johnson has come to peace with himself and his biological homosexuality and a blessing from his Higher Power. Johnson explained: "After all, Gay, lesbian, bi, etc., love as all. Gay, lesbian, bi, etc., are people. It's that simple. I'm just about ordinary people, 'cept I'll never be that.'"

Study Proves: Haagen Dazs Cures All

WASHINGTON - In a nationwide scientific study, coffee Haagen Dazs emerged as the undisputed panacea for all known diseases in the universe. Runner up was Ben & Jerry's New York Super Fudge Crunch, followed by Bob's famous kick-butt chicken soup, and red licorice. Not surprisingly, the survey identified a plethora of foods to avoid, including green leafy vegetables, mushroom olives, pickles, tofu, cream cheese, mayonnaise, and... "But I didn't know the results!"

Nat'il Gay Body Building Comes To Egan Center

Traditional, the highlight of the show is the bathing suit exhibition, although few in the audience will be looking at the suits. Prevo, Buchanan Fall in Love

The Associated Press
EARTH - Call it Divine Intervention. It was love at first sight for two Anti-Everything activists Jerry Prevo and Pat Buchanan. "God does indeed work in mysterious ways," commented Prevo. "I can't believe I was condemning the very community I've come to know and love."

Writer/Art Director Team Paid Millions For Bogus "April Fools" NorthView Cover

ANCHORAGE - Two creative scammers made it big this month on their "April Fools" cover for the Northview. Despite the fact that it's the March edition, the writer and art director received $2 million each for their somewhat questionable services.

They plan to announce their retirement immediately after the kd lang concert in Anchorage this month. "We'll celebrate with coffee Haagen Dazs!" they exclaimed. Northview editors could not be reached for comment.
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Editorial

by Ruth Mathes

It happens every year about this time. In March I start getting interested in things again. I don’t mean THINGS ... not item-type stuff. I mean that cosmic swirl which has surrounded me all winter and which contains the fiber of my world. I mean important stuff like elections, and expanding businesses, and friends who are healing after terrible bodily assaults.

I dislike trite words like ‘awakening’, but there it is ... I seem to become aware of my surroundings anew, and I observe others doing this “blink-and-look” routine as well. Sometimes it’s a jolt instead of a nudge as I watch the exciting things our community is doing in drama, the arts, commerce, not to mention those who are growing emotionally and moving on to new places ... I may have to adjust to absent friends or absent events!

But mostly, this ‘getting interested’ thing is exciting, and offers new places for both new and old community members to expand their limits. It’s a process.

Identity, Inc.

Fourth Friday Potluck & Social

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

Friday, March 22
6:30 P.M. — doors open/socialize
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PFLAG, Southcentral Alaska

by Sylvia L. Short, Secretary

Our next meeting will be our annual
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And don’t miss the QUESTION OF EQUALITY videotapes scheduled for the following four Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at Cyrano’s:

March 3 — OUTRAGE ’69
(the Stonewall riots, opposition and alliances)
March 10 — CULTURE WARS
(emergence of radical right backlash)
March 17 — HOLLOW LIBERTY
(“don’t ask, don’t tell” — Washington march)
March 24 — GENERATION Q
(equal protection gains/losses; the courts; youth)

Tickets are $5.00 each or four for $16.00, and you might want to bring a pillow to sit on!

At our last meeting we were entertained by our own Don and Shirley enacting the mother-son scenes from TORCHSONG TRILOGY. Teary eyes and guffaws — it was a slice of life with mustard and jelly.

We can obtain a discount on PASTOR, I AM GAY, the book by Rev. Howard Bess, and are offering it to selected religious leaders in Anchorage.

Librarian Don has a bookcase for our collection of books and videos which may be taken out on loan.

You are welcome at our meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the AUUF. And you would be even more welcome if you decided to join us and become a member! Dues at $15 for a calendar year. For more information call 562-7161 (Fred); 562-4992 (Sylvia).

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

Identity, Inc. Annual Meeting
April 26th

Held in conjunction with the April Fourth Friday Potluck, the major action to be taken during this meeting is the election of several members to the Board of Directors. If you are a member of Identity, Inc. please plan to attend this important activity.

Tom Rachal, Secretary, Board of Directors
Women’s coffeehouse

by Candy Bonham and Barbara Soule

Our apologies, Lisa Jamieson, not Mari, “sang the blues” at the January coffeehouse. We would be delighted if Mari had been there that night, but she is playing with the Anchorage Symphony this season. Barbara Wish and the other performers donated their part of the door to the 4A’s. The 4A’s were delighted to receive an unexpected “after the holidays” windfall.

The winners of the erotic poetry contest are: Toni Hackney (Bethel), third prize; Jennifer Beathe, second prize; Val Garrison, first prize. Judges were Mariah Redwood, Joann Contini, Morgan and Sheryl (co-author of “Other Goddesses”). Val and Jennifer read their works during the erotic poetry reading. Proceeds from the door went to Identity’s gay and lesbian HelpLine.

Since R. A. W. (formerly The 15%, Inc.) is putting on “Celebration Unplugged” the fourth Saturday, March 23rd, the Women’s Coffeehouse will be March 30th. Alaska Women’s Speak, a feminist quarterly publication, will present the program on “Women in the Arts,” which is the subject of their Spring issue. Proceeds from the door will go to Alaska Women’s Speak.

Gretchen Legler and literary friends do a special Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 13th. Beyond Basic, with new material, a new sound system and newly trained sound engineer, are doing the April 27th Coffeehouse downstairs in The Wave’s main lounge. This will be a non-smoking show from 8 to 10PM. Dr. Susan Johnson, back in town after her bout with breast cancer this past year, is rounding out this season of the Coffeehouse on May 11th with a presentation and reading from her latest book on couple relationships.

We realize and regret that the Women’s Coffeehouse is upstairs, which makes handicapped access very difficult or impossible, and women are not attending because alcoholic beverages can be brought into the Sociatic Tide. (If Trina does well with The Wave, maybe she’ll put in an elevator!) We understand about not being able to go into a bar. Candy has nine years of sobriety and I have fourteen years, one day at a time. In our early sobriety, we could not have socialized where alcohol is served. There are other considerations, not the least of which is that our choices of space for the coffeehouse are limited at this time. The bottom line is that the Coffeehouse can be personally expensive if only a few women show up.

The Wave has been extremely generous, and has practically “bent over backwards,” checking in advance for what we need, being there for us and helping us set up. Because we get the space for free, we have been able to use most of (and in some cases all) the proceeds from the door as donations to our local gay and lesbian organizations. We raised $216 for the 4A’s and $100 for Identity. A big “thank you” to all of the Coffeehouse supporters, plus Vickie, Trina, Barb, the barista at The Sociatic Tide and Bruce, the bartender at The Wave.

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Investment tidbits

Financial news

1995 was a banner year for certain segments of the stock market. You were able to take advantage of this growth if you had an IRA, a 401(k), a SEP, a TSA or 403(b), 457 plan, or some other employer sponsored retirement plan. Some of you had stock or mutual fund investments apart from work and really saw amazing investment results in your private portfolios. Kudos to you for getting in and staying in the market.

1996 may be more of a challenge. The winners from last year may not prove to be so hot one more time around. Many of the experts are saying that international investing is the way to go this year. Domestic (US) companies that are old, big, and strong (like McDonalds or Ford or Pepsi) are also recommended for 1996. The high-tech stocks like NETSCAPE gave investors an impressive return last year. Stay away this year. This probably will not repeat itself.

The best way to diversify your money (diversification is one way to lower certain risks) is through a mutual fund. When you buy shares in a mutual fund you are actually buying fractional shares of dozens of companies. Your risk is spread over these dozens of companies. This is much easier and less risky when compared to going out and buying shares of stock in each of these companies yourself.

You don’t have to be wealthy or even debt-free to begin investing. You can begin by investing as little as $100 with additional deposits of $25 per month. Now is not the time to dump huge sums of cash into an investment. You do not want to throw in a lump sum when the market is priced as high as it is now. The value of your total investment may decrease when the market “corrects” itself. Systematic investing (dollar cost averaging) is best. Put a little in each month over time. This way you will buy low and high (not just high) and not have to worry about whether you are buying at the right time. You buy more shares with the same amount of money when the market is down.

Keep some money tucked away for unusual buying opportunities. I think that 1996 will present some wonderful investing opportunities. This means that I also think there will be a decrease in value in certain segments of the market. When the decrease occurs you can pull out your “opportunity money” and buy some great deals. The time to buy in this case, if you can wait and hope, is when prices are unusually low.

If you have not finished your 1995 tax returns you still have time to contribute to an IRA. The annual limit is $2,000. This can be fully deductible from your income tax (certain employees with company sponsored plans have some restrictions). If you are in the 30% tax bracket this $2,000 could save you $600 in taxes. HOLY LORDY! WHERE DO I SIGN? Every one should be contributing to an IRA. Even if your contributions are not deductible you will benefit from tax deferred growth on the capital gain, dividends, and interest in your account.

Happy investing, fellow taxpayers! See you at the 4th Friday Potluck next week. Thanks to the people who take the time to contact me and comment on my articles. You know who you are. I appreciate the feedback and welcome your opposing views. There are, indeed, many sides to a single issue!

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

If the big religious questions interest you, you should know where to come on Sunday morning:

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

See the Anchorage Daily News Saturday religion page for topics and speakers.

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Antigay violence in schools challenged in the courts

taken from Island Lifestyle, February 1996

In the first federal appellate case challenging antigay violence in public schools, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a brief in a case by a gay student whose school failed to stop antigay assaults on him and ignored his pleas because of his sexual orientation.

Jamie Nabozny, the plaintiff in the case, suffered multiple physical assaults during his years in an Ashland, WI school district from seventh grade to eleventh grade. Students would trap him in the hallways or the bathroom and beat, punch, kick, and even urinate on him. In addition to the repeated beatings, during the four-year ordeal he suffered relentless verbal abuse and sexual harassment. The torment led him to make multiple suicide attempts, drop out of school, and to develop post-traumatic stress disorder.

Throughout the years, Jamie's parents stood by their son, constantly attempting to get the school to discipline the boys who abused Jamie. However, no meaningful discipline was imposed, and school officials scoffed at Jamie, telling him that he had to expect such abuse because he is gay.

Lambda, which took the case over on appeal, filed its brief in the Federal Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago, challenging a grant of summary judgment on October 5, 1995, by a federal judge in the Western District of WI. Joining Lambda in briefs are the National Association of School Psychologists, the National Association of Social Workers, the national office of PFLAG and Horizons Community Services of Chicago.

Military, not gays, pose threat

by Bill Lovelady

The Daily News (Feb. 28) carried a story about the United States military ignoring presidential orders in regard to homosexual personnel.

The idea of gays in the military does not bother me. What scares me is a military establishment which feels free to flout the Constitution and to flaunt its contempt of civilian rule.

Read in the Anchorage Daily News, March 9, 1996

World news

by Rex Weakner

MOSCOW GAY CENTER OPENS

The first gay-community center in the former USSR opened in Moscow December 19.

A project of the gay organization Triangle, The Gay Community Center offers cultural programs and art exhibits, runs a gay archive and a hotline, and provides social and medical support, said spokesman Roman Kalinin.

The center also engages in political lobbying and is helping start a chapter of Parents Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG.)

GAY DUTCH RETIREES TO LIVE TOGETHER

The city of Amsterdam will fund renovation of a section of the Rietvink senior-citizens home so that a group of elderly Dutch gays and lesbians can live together, reported De Gay Krant.

City Councillor Jijkie van der Giessen secured funding for the project because of concerns that homosexuals often feel uncomfortable in conventional nursing homes.

SWEDISH ROCK STAR COMES OUT

Sweden's biggest female rock star, Eva Dahlgren, outed herself January 24 by applying to Stockholm authorities for a gay-marriage license.

Sweden is one of three nations where gays can marry under registered-partnership laws that grant all the rights of marriage except access to church weddings, adoption, artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization.

Dahlgren, 35, was accompanied by her fiancee, singer Elva Attling, 43, and by famed author Louise Boije af Gennaes, who came out last year. Stockholm gays said on the Internet that media coverage of the outing was frenzied.
Where in the World?

Windjammer Barefoot Gay Cruise

It's not too early to begin planning for a really neat trip which takes place October 13, 1996. It's the famous Windjammer Barefoot Cruise GAY edition! It's all male sailing aboard the S/V Polynesia and a tour of the French West Indies. After a party in St. Maarten for stowaway night the good ship and crew sets sail for an all inclusive 6 day cruise. Ports of call include St. Barts, St. Tropez, Saba and St. Kitts. Prices for the cruise start at $795 per person.

Our Family Abroad

Departing June 22, 1996 for a 16-day grand tour of Europe, Our Family will visit England, France, Germany, Austria, Holland, Italy and Monaco. Included in the package, which is for men and women, is air from NYC, transfers in Europe, hotels, private deluxe motor coach travel, all breakfasts and four 3- course dinners, plus tours in all the major cities. Price per person: $2638.

In addition to this tour, Our Family is offering: (1) Alaska and the inside passage 28 July; (2) Egypt for 10 days in March, October and November; (3) 15 days China Sept 28; (4) 14 days Far East on October; (5) Burgundy Barge cruise for 11 days 11 Aug.; (6) Classical Greece & Turkey 12 days 4 Jun & 6 Aug; (7) Portugal Spain & Morocco 17 days 26 Jul; (8) England Scotland & Wales 10 days 22 Jun; (9) Normandy, Brittany, & Chateaux Country 30 Jun; (10) Bastille Day in Paris 9 Jul; (11) Scenic Germany for 15 days; (12) Imperial Capitals of Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Austria for 13 days; (13) Russia for 8 days in March August and January and (14) Italian Holidays for 14 days 14 June and August 9.

Alaska Women of the Wilderness

During June they host Ancient Voices of the Land June 2-8 for $495, The Feminine Voice of Leadership June 11-15 at $525, June 14-16 is sea kayaking on Resurrection Bay for $375, Bicycling and Hiking in Denali Park June 26-July 5 at $1300.

Woodswomen Galapagos Tour

June 27-July 8, 1996 the Woodswomen will be visiting Equador. The trip is priced at $8450 and includes air from Miami. The main attraction will be snorkeling and wildlife viewing on Galapagos Island. A variety of activity levels will be featured.

Toto Tours Grand Canyon

June 29 to July 6 Toto Tours will feature “Swept Away Whitewater Rafting” Tour includes butch raftmen to guide you, prepare meals and whatever else you can negotiate. At the conclusion you will be flown by helicopter to the canyon rim for the last night at the famous Bar-10 ranch. Price is $1850 per person.

Alaska calls

At this time of year we encourage you to get out into the wonderful wilds of our home state of Alaska. There are many chances to explore that vary from almost free to extravagant. But no matter your level of spending, I urge you to enjoy the vast reaches of our land... be a tourist in your own backyard.

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

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Yes, you got it--municipal elections are coming up soon! Yeah, I know, all people don't think of the year in terms of political cycles but those of us who are truly "political junkies" tend to have everything revolving around precincts, districts, caucuses and primaries.

This year's elections include six (6) Municipal Assembly seats--more than half of the eleven member body--as well as races for two (2) seats on the Anchorage School Board. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE APRIL 16 ELECTION IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1996. You may register at any municipal library, at temporary booths located in many area malls, at DMV offices, most city/state offices or by calling Dan Carter or Al Incontro (274-9226) and several other EQUAL board members who are also voter registrars.

Why is this year's election considered important for our community? All six of these seats were filled in the election of 1993, the election in which gay rights was the overriding issue. The '93 election resulted in the repeal of the recently passed Sexual Orientation ordinance. Craig Campbell can not seek re-election due to term limits placed on Assemblypersons. Four of the other five Assemblypersons elected in '93 voted to repeal the Sexual Orientation ordinance and have consistently voted against our community on issues ranging from arts funding to the recent rejection of a "straight" woman's appointment to the Equal Rights Commission due to her stand against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

While this newspaper and EQUAL do not officially endorse candidates for office, everyone is encouraged to find out as much as possible concerning candidates for office and vote accordingly.

REGISTER...KNOW THE ISSUES...ENCourage FRIENDS TO GET INVOLVED...

VOTE!

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Elections for six positions on the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly take place on April 16.

If you need information about candidates running in your district or need to register to vote, contact Dan Carter (274-9226) or transmit email via the internet to equal907@aol.com

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Letters to the editor

Hello, NorthView!

Here are a few things I've just gotta talk about:

LesBiGay Anchorage is in the midst of a great crisis here, and all of us need to take note; we need to start acting like a community! Comments such as “he/she won’t support my new venture, business, or organization, so I won’t support his/hers?” lead me to believe that the art of back-stabbing is not dead. C’mon, people! We ARE a community, we ARE a team — a very diverse one, at that, and as a team member I can’t afford to ignore any of you. We can’t afford to ignore each other. It is already happening, with certain “exclusive” clubs refusing to fraternize or socialize with members of other clubs, and with members of the community refusing to patronize or even recognize some of the gay-owned or gay-friendly businesses in town — all for no (seemingly) tangible reasons! We have no choice but to come together and act as a unit. If we don’t, then the end result will be the erosion and eventual destruction of the community.

“The community” also includes those who don’t participate in the various groups and organizations. It includes people who don’t go to the bars, hang out at or frequent gay-owned or gay-friendly establishments, or “fit in” with the more commonly recognized groups. It includes people who, for whatever reason, remain as separate as ever. Gay, or others. Along with recognition and respect, these people deserve the chance to become a more visible part of our community at our own pace.

A lifestyle such as our own is a tough one to lead — there is simply NO reason we should make it harder on ourselves! In a city the size of Anchorage there’s not much space to fade into the woodwork or carry on a life without being noticed. We need to support each other and our endeavors, as it will only benefit all of us in the long run. A little team spirit is in order here!

Let’s not continue on this negative, destructive course. Give it a try! Given time, you may find that the community you now know has grown exponentially, thus creating new opportunities for friendships.

Vicki Evans, Community Member
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear NorthView:

I want Lesléa Newman to know how much I love her articles. I have an ever-growing collection of them that I pull out to save for eternity’s sake. She’s right up there with the “Car Talk” guys on NPR in always finding just the right words to make me laugh and smile. And thank you, NorthView, for delivering Lesléa’s humor to me each month.

Gratefully yours,
Greg Williams
Quotable quotes

by Rex Wockner

"Thousands of writers, translators and editors ... labored over the Bible through ... many centuries. Some people talk about the Bible as if it was never touched by human hands, or fought over—or jimmied by a whole train of church councils, who put things in and took things out. In my opinion, any Deity—Goddess and God—who is smart enough to create the Universe, and all the laws in it, is also smart enough not to lock truth in a book where people can mess with it."

—Gay author Patricia Nell Warren ("The Front Runner"), in an essay published on the Internet

"[Newt’s sister, former UPS worker and current Human Rights Campaign poster girl Candace Gingrich] is sweet but insubstantial, nice to look at but far from filling. It is a sad commentary on our movement that we should be represented by someone like her. She gives no information; she is not well versed on our issues; she seems to hold no opinions. She is famous because of Newt, but she is certainly not a liberal, female version of her conservative brother. He’s got something to say.”

—Windy City Times feature writer Jennifer Vanasco

“A million people came to Washington for the [last gay] march but maybe five percent of them may have talked to their members of Congress. The most effective political groups in this country don’t have demonstrations. They write letters and they call. We don’t understand that true radicalism, like the NRA, is to take the political power you have as a citizen and use it for your purposes as effectively as possible. That’s why we lost gays in the military. I had members of Congress who were friendly say to me, ‘Geez, Barney, where are your people? I’m getting these letters, and they’re all negative.’”


to Chicago’s Windy City Times

“Military authorities are prohibited under the First Amendment from expelling soldiers who are members of extremist hate groups, as long as their membership is not ‘active.’ Under today’s regulations, therefore, a soldier who tells his commanding officer ‘I am gay’ will be automatically discharged, whereas a soldier who tells a superior, ‘I am a member of the American Nazi Party and a believer in the ideals of Adolph Hitler,’ will be allowed to serve.”

—Editorial in The New Republic

Taken from TROPICAL WIRE, February 1996
“Bubble toil and trouble...,” the hand of Fate stirs the cauldron. I don’t care if we’re buried under three feet of snow because Spring is in my heart! The women’s bookstore closed, but women are working to put together a real women’s center. Celebration of Change is not dead. It’s been unplugged.

Thirty new people joined Identity. Identity has a real office. The Gay and Lesbian Helpline is not burning out computers, and has converted to high-tech telephone communications, thanks to A.T.U. Digital Queers sent Identity a “used” computer, so the NorthView can move out of F. Ken’s house. The Women’s Coffeehouse is flourishing. F. Ken is recovering and back home. I can get up from my desk and walk without pain for the first time in over six years.

For the past three years, life has seemed such a struggle. I’ve not been alone ... other men and women in the community have shared their frustration at reaching a personal crisis at fifty-plus years. The effects and affects of menopause are an immense burden for women. This community has a long list of Lesbians who have had breast cancer or breast cancer scars. Emotionally, many of us felt like we should be doing something and not knowing what “that something” was. Life has been a grind to keep going.

The stars offer an explanation for this upheaval. Actually, Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, went into Aquarius, my Sun sign, in January. Aquarians are at their best when pioneering new causes and ideas, or are involved somehow in helping their fellow human beings. Uranus brings a sudden reversal of fortune, i.e. change, change and more change. Brace yourself, everyone, this happens only once a lifetime — every eighty-seven years. Uranus energy is like lightening bolts.

A prime example of this energy occurred at my job, where the main office suddenly upgraded our computers. (Prior estimates for the upgrade had been in the neighborhood of three years.) The new system was up for only two days when it crashed so completely only my terminal and the supervisor’s terminal could access any information! Such sudden Uranus changes can be positive or appear negative, but the end result is always for the better.

The planet Pluto is three years into a 9.8 year cycle that comes around just every two hundred and ninety seven years. Pluto is the Transformer, with the power not just to change our lives, but to transform internally and externally. The interior goodness and radiance in our spirits becomes part of our exterior world.

If you’ve had the urge to “do it differently,” now is the best time to go for it. Eat healthy, exercise, challenge yourself. There are those in our community who are “doing it differently” by practicing alternative spirituality, including rituals. Our allies, the Unitarian Church, includes this group’s activities in their announcements. Their next function is March 23rd ... the same day as Celebration Unplugged.

Decisions, decisions... This community is wonderful. Barbara J. Soule is a Reiki Master, a clairvoyant psychic, a Lesbian artist, performer and writer.
Illusions

Business spotlight

Visualize this: noon, with the sun hot on my shoulders, a cuppa steaming in my hands, the scent of freshly baked pastries vying for my attention ... now I ask you, how can anyone conduct an interview with such distractions? Brian Woodhall and Judy, his mom, made me feel at home in Illusion's soon-to-be-vacated digs on Tudor road. We talked about the upcoming move.

NV: How long has Illusions been in business, Brian?
BW: In January of '93 we did business at the old Dairy Queen in Muldoon. We moved to this location in July. The bakery actually got us going, but when folks started asking us to cater we quickly ran out of room.

NV: Where is your new location?
BW: Actually there will be two locations: one will be our store front, which includes the offices, the bakery, and the catering kitchen. But it will also have an old-fashioned soda shop with an ice cream fountain, malts, espresso coffee, pastries, etc. There will be a lunch menu featuring quiche, soups, salads ... to make it easy for the business crowd to get in and get out quickly.

NV: I'm drooling already. Where is it and when can I eat there?
BW: April 1 is our target date ... 27th and Spenard is the address. To be specific, it's 2636 Spenard, but it's easier if I tell you that it's in the same building with Jackie's, Mama O's, and Alaska Aquarium.

NV: Great location ... lots of folks will find that very convenient! Where is the other location?
BW: It's right next door in the next lot. It's the old Midnight Express building, and will house our new banquet facilities. It features a dance floor and room for private parties, weddings, dinners, holiday gatherings, seminars, bazaars, conferences and large meetings ... just about anything you might ordinarily look for in a large hotel-type facility but with more personality and better prices.

NV: Two questions folks are bound to ask: will you allow smoking, and will you offer alcohol?
BW: The luncheon cafe will be smoke-free. The banquet hall is at the discretion of the renter, and will vary from function to function. We have the choice of applying for our own beer and wine license or buying the one owned by Midnight Express. We haven't decided which route to take yet, but one or the other will be offered to our customers.

NV: Do you still have the other downtown location?
BW: The 8th & G coffee shop is still doing a great business. Besides lunch items we offer espresso and a line of unusual gift items, mostly food-related.

NV: (I was beginning to feel faint with all this talk of food, so I switched the conversation to a more practical vein.) You must have several staff members. Are you catering for the general public?
BW: We have all of our family (4) plus a full-time baker, a full-time caterer, and other help as needed. We will be busy this summer, as we are catering for Holland America, Westours, Princess Tours, BP, and our newest client, Alaska Railroad's Dome Cars.

NV: Would you have time in such a schedule to cater individual parties? (At this point my two-week low-fat diet got the better of me ... I knew I'd better leave before I lost control completely.)
BW: You bet we would ... those are always the most fun of all. Tell all your NorthView readers to book us whenever they can. We promise them great food and super service beautifully presented.

Gay Bar

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The show must go on

When I'm away on a book tour, I call home every night. On a recent Thursday, the conversation went like this:

Flash: "I'm so glad you called! Any word from Michael?"
Me: "No, and not a peep out of Liz, either. I'm worried."

Anyone eavesdropping on our conversation would think we were talking about friends of ours. But no, Flash and I are talking about people who really concern us: Michael Jackson and Liz Taylor. We move on. "I'm so annoyed with Madonna," I say.

"You usually are," Flash reminds me. "Listen, we better go, it's 8:59." There's a slight panic in Flash's voice. "Bye, I love you."

"Love you, too. Bye."

As soon as we hang up, I zap on Seinfeld. Some couples, forced to be apart, take comfort in knowing that every night the same stars are shining above their heads. Not me. My security lies in knowing that Flash and I, though separated, are both watching the same stars on television. We're laughing at the same jokes. We're muting the same commercials.

We are one.

It hasn't always been like this. I went through a long "Kill Your Television" phase, starting when I was sixteen. Back then, television ruled our household. The television even had its own room, the TV room. There was no toaster room or blender room. I didn't even have my own room. But the TV room was sacred so I refused to enter it. While my family took their places to watch Flipper, I retreated with a Dostoyevsky novel. "Come watch with us," my parents would plead. "Ed Sullivan's coming on."

When I finally left home, I was proud to be among the 1.7% of the American population who lived sans TV. I lived this way until I met Flash. Luckily she discovered this flaw early in our relationship, when she was so sleep-deprived she would overlook anything. Pretty soon though, we began spending most of our time at Flash's house so she could watch TV. She'd don her headphones, plug herself into the set and watch something called Cheers while I curled beside her with The Selected Poems of Yevtushenko.

But then something happened. One night Flash was watching a celebrity benefit and my eyeballs kept catching a red sequined gown on the set across the room. "Who's that?" I asked. "What's she saying?"

"Goldie Hawn. Shh. I can't hear."

"Let me hear." I lunged for Flash's headphones and in an instant I was back among the living. "Ooh, look at Jane Fonda," I crooned. "Oh my God, is that Marilyn Monroe?"

"No, that's Madonna." "Madonna who?" Obviously I had a lot of catching up to do. I started watching TV with a vengeance and now the biggest issue in our relationship is who controls the remote.

Flash likes the butch shows like Star Trek and Discovery Channel specials on spiders. I like the femme shows, those made for TV movies based on real life stories with titles like Seasons of the Heart and stars like Sally Field.

But we do compromise. I have watched a few episodes of The Next Generation (mostly to see how Counselor Troy was wearing her hair) and Flash did watch all three Amy Fisher movies with me, though she refused to watch The Joan and Melissa Rivers Story. Thank God for Raven, who was over in two seconds flat with a bag of Chee-tos and a bottle of Black Cherry Soda.

Over the years, Flash and I have found some common ground. We both love cooking shows (we get especially turned on by Julia Child slapping a monkfish). We both love women's tennis, especially if Martina's playing. Everyone knows we adore Roseanne. If the phone rings between 9:00 and 9:30 on a Tuesday night, either someone has died, or Raven is in a particularly obnoxious mood. We like Murphy Brown, too, and of course the lesbian shows are our favorites: the reruns with couples like Lucy and Ethel, Mary and Rhoda, Laverne and Shirley, Wilma and Betty. Of course they're dykes: they dream together, they scheme together, they laugh together, they cry together, they break up, they process, they make up. And they never have sex. Sounds like half the lesbian couples I know. Including Bert and Ernie.

So Flash and I tune in every week, waiting for the big lesbian moment to happen. That unsatisfying Roseanne Arnold/Mariel Hemingway kiss a while back wasn't it. I'm holding out for that femme/butch couple: Corky Sherwood-Forest and Murphy Brown. Now that would be hot.

But I think it'll be a while before Flash and I see anyone like ourselves on television. The lucky lesbian who's going to direct "As The Dyke Turns" is just cutting her baby teeth. That's okay, though. I'm still working on the screenplay for the made for TV movie based on actual events called Leslea My Life As A Lesbian. And we're having a little trouble casting it. Flash thinks Tony Randall should play Raven, but I think it should be Tom Cruise. Flash wants Tom Cruise to play her, and Raven wants to be portrayed by Christian Slater. Raven and I both think Geena Davis would be perfect for me, but Flash thinks she's too tall. I think k.d. lang would be perfect for Flash (if I can't have her in real life, that would be the next best thing) but Flash yearns for a real butch like Joan Crawford or Barbara Stanwyck. Finally I decide to play myself (anything Joan and Melissa Rivers can do, I can do better) but Flash says then there's no way she'll let k.d. lang be my leading lady. If Flash thinks I'm kissing Tom Cruise, she can just forget it. Stay tuned.
Past Out

By David Bianco

When did American gays and lesbians first wear pink triangles as a political statement?

The pink triangle — originally a cloth patch the Nazis forced homosexual men to wear in German concentration camps — is now the most prominent symbol of the gay and lesbian community in America.

The Holocaust was a repeated metaphor in gay and lesbian rhetoric in the decades following the Second World War, with early gay rights organizations consciously comparing American homophobia to that of Nazi Germany, and 1970 gay liberationists screaming “genocide!” at psychologists who advocated aversion therapy for homosexuality.

But the pink triangle was not widely worn as a political statement until 1975, when the emblem was chosen as the symbol of the campaign by gay and straight New Yorkers to pass a city-wide ban on anti-gay discrimination. Ira Glasser — a heterosexual Jew who now serves as executive director of the ACLU — led a coalition of groups which lobbied the city council. He wrote an impassioned and frequently reprinted op-ed piece in the New York Times which evoked the memory of the Danish King wearing a yellow star in solidarity with the besieged Jewish citizens of his country (this never happened, by the way). Glasser went on to point out that the Nazis killed nearly a quarter million homosexuals (an exaggeration by at least a power of ten) who were forced to wear pink triangles. Glasser then urged that gay and straight New Yorkers wear pink triangles in solidarity with the gay civil rights bill.

The use of the pink triangle spread to other political campaigns, particularly those against Anita Bryant’s crusade to “save our children” from gays and lesbians. Most of Bryant’s battles were fought in Florida, and activists there made a conscious decision to highlight the pink triangle as their symbol in an attempt to win Florida’s large Jewish vote by an appeal to shared persecution in the Nazi era.

In the late 1980s, ACT UP inverted the pink triangle and combined it with the Holocaust-conscious slogan “Silence = Death” to create one of the most powerful visual symbols of the fight against AIDS and the social conditions that allowed it to spread.

Any cursory glance at a gay newspaper or parade reveals the central place of the pink triangle as a community symbol. There is a “Triangle Inn” catering to gays vacationing in Palm Springs; gift shops in gay neighborhoods sell “Pinky,” a plush pink triangle with arms, legs, and eyes; and “Pride Personal Lubricant” features a large pink triangle on its label — all of which demonstrate just how far the symbol has come from its original meaning.

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Gray and gay: growing old in today’s society

Gays and lesbians are rural and urban, rich and poor. We belong to every race, color, and creed. We are among those with disabilities. We are registered Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Progressives, and Conservatives. We are young and old. We are everywhere.

To understand what it means to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered, one must look beyond sexuality and sexual behavior to grasp that each of these alternatives represents a unique lifestyle and culture that we carry with us throughout our lifespan. We do not cease to be gay or lesbian when we turn 65, 85, or 100.

Will health care housing and service providers overlook the magnitude of a potential older gay and lesbian population? The answer, tragically, could be “yes.”

Most laws, statutes, protocols, and societal norms don’t recognize the legal or social standing of same-sex relationships. They don’t recognize the reality of homosexuality. This “invisibility” makes it almost inevitable that human service providers will overlook our needs as gays and lesbians in later life.

The probabilities are potentially grave:
• Lesbians may be at greater risk for breast cancer by distrusting health care providers, and making them less likely to be screened on a regular basis;
• Mental health care could be totally off-track and even dangerous if clients are presumed to be heterosexual;
• Long-term care systems could deny clients access to long-time caregivers;
• Community services could alienate and fail to serve gays and lesbians if they are not made to feel welcome;
• Social workers could not discern a bereaved widow/widower behind the mask of someone who has just lost a “roommate” of 40 years. It would be assumed that the client has only a “housing” problem.

We must ensure access to aging services. Funding must be provided to train and educate providers of these services, administrators, and researchers to increase their awareness to the needs of older gays and lesbians.

What can be done? Both consumer and provider education is necessary to encourage older lesbians to have regular mammograms and pap smears for early detection of reproductive cancers. Education and prevention activities as well as social support services instituted for the increasing number of individuals challenged with HIV/AIDS.

Older gays and lesbians must be included in trial drug studies, substance abuse programs, and services developed and implemented that welcome homosexuals and are sensitive to the stress that affects our lifestyle.

Local, state, and federal laws must be enacted to protect the interests of gays and lesbians, their same-sex partners, and legal rights regarding access to information, visitation, and participation for financial, legal, medical, and health decisions.

Many older, low-income gays and lesbians are reluctant to apply for and use low-income housing programs for fear they will experience discrimination in the applications or be socially ostracized.
Gray and gay: growing old in today’s society
Continued

Men and women who experienced the anti-gay policies and practices of the 1930s, 40s, 50s, and 60s are now 90, 80, 70, and 60. For the remaining “closeted,” passing for straight in public, at work, in society, and even among family, has been an essential survival mechanism. For the most part, they are not about to “come out” in old age. If they are not to be ill-served, dis-served, or under-served, providers of aging services will have to develop an ear and an eye for “gayness.”

Just as service providers, who serve older heterosexuals, accept their responsibilities to learn about and understand the cultures of the people of ethnic and racial minorities that they serve, so too must they learn about and understand the cultures of people of sexual diversity.

Now the gay and lesbian “baby boomers” are heading toward old age. Most came out in the beginning of the contemporary Gay Rights Movement in the late 1960s and have been living “uncloseted” lives for decades. They are much more likely to be outspoken than the gay and lesbian elders of today. But the question remains—what is life going to be like when we are older? Will service be specifically designed to include gays and lesbians? We need to address these issues. There are many ways to get involved. Here are some information sources regarding older gays and lesbians:

The Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services
10 Alice Street
Binghamton, NY 13904-1508
1-800-342-9678
OUTWard
A quarterly newsletter of the Lesbian & Gay Aging Issues Network. Contact through:
The American Society on Aging
833 Market Street, Suite 511
San Francisco, CA 94103-1824
415/974-9615
SAGE
Senior Action in a Gay Environment
305 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10001
212-741-2247
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Armistead Maupin outs Lily Tomlin

In a blunt interview with Village Voice columnist Michael Musto, “Tales of the City” author Armistead Maupin has aggressively outed actress Lily Tomlin, saying she reneged on an agreement to come out herself in conjunction with her work on the new film “The Celluloid Closet.”

“I feel profoundly disappointed and slightly used,” Maupin told Musto. “[S]he led several of us to believe she’d use this film as a vehicle for coming out. I would never have accepted the project [of writing the narration] if I thought that wasn’t the case.”

Tomlin narrates the documentary, which is based on the late Vito Russo’s book about homosexuality in the movies. It premiered January 30 on HBO.

“[Directors] Rod [Epstein] and Jeffrey [Friedman] asked me to come on board, and I said, ‘I’ll have a hard time writing narration for a closeted person,’” Maupin said. “At one point, Vito told me he wanted an out-of-the-closet actor to narrate the film. My feeling was it should either be an openly gay person or a sympathetic straight person. Instead, I have to endure the cruel irony of a film called ‘The Celluloid Closet’ narrated by a closeted person!”

“She’s been pulling this shit for years,” Maupin went on. “She plays gay for large gay audiences and the rest of the time remains conspicuously silent. She got up at an LA gay event several years ago and said, ‘Here’s to all of us who’ve been out for 20 years’—a very cagey way to phrase it. She’s been playing both sides of the fence for a very long time.

“It enrages me that she presents herself as a person of conscience and continues to dodge the one issue that’s central to her life,” Maupin continued. “I don’t know what she thinks she’s going to lose—certainly not a big, juicy romantic lead.

“Everyone I know—gay and straight—knows Lily is gay. I’m tired of hearing apologies from people saying, ‘Well, she’s done so much for gay people.’ I know she’s knocked herself out on [‘The Celluloid Closet’], going to bat for it in Hollywood. But her silence about her own sexuality undermines all of her good work, and it reinforces the notion that homosexuality is something to be tolerated, but never discussed.

“That’s not the message I want to send to teenagers or the message of ‘The Celluloid Closet.’ I didn’t spend four months of my life so Lily can sound more enlightened than she really is.”

Tomlin’s publicist did not return reporters’ calls.

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Robert’s Rules

Lesbians are from Vegan.
Gay men are from another Planet
(Warning: Stereotypes ahead. Not for the humor impaired.)
It has long been my contention that though we may share organizations, a couple of bars, and the same colors of the rainbow, the reality is that, while gay men and lesbians are of the same ilk, they are NOT of the same planet.

For example:
Lesbians usually marry slightly before the first date.
Gay men marry only after extensive interviewing and denial.
Lesbians have sex immediately after meeting all the other woman’s animals, children, relatives, reviewing all her books, and interrogating her current and all her exes.
Gay men have sex immediately after just about anything.
Sometimes before. (Although not as much as they used to.)
Lesbians use love to get to sex.
With gay men, the vice is versa.

When lesbians buy a house, they rehab. And refurnish.
Gay men, on the other hand, redecorate.
Lesbians can easily fix an ailing refrigerator.
Gay men can easily fill it from the cheese and imported mushroom section of the deli.
Lesbians are more likely to be vegetarian.
Gay men will eat almost anything.
It took lesbians to rediscover Hush Puppies.
It took gay men to redesign them in Easter egg colors.
Lesbians process. Endlessly.
Gay men rationally debate ramifications and consequences.
For slightly longer.
Lesbians are politically correct to everyone.
Gay men are politically correct to everyone they know.
Lesbians don’t eat things that used to have faces.
Gay men categorically reject tofu as pointless wallpaper paste with calories.
Lesbians envy Martha Stewart’s Connecticut house.
Gay men channel her.
Lesbians fix sink leaks themselves.
Lesbians pay internal penance for haphazard eye contact.
In the right party circumstances, gay men’s heads have been known to revolve a full 360 degrees.

Politically correct or not, lesbians look at Playboy Magazine.
Gay men just read the articles.

To a lesbian, chintz is your partner buying your birthday present at a yard sale.
To a gay man, it’s a fabulous furnishing opportunity.
Two lesbians might refer to each other as “my wife.”
Two gay men wouldn’t.
Lesbians drive off-road vehicles and carry maps that refold themselves.
Gay men eventually stop at a service station and ask for directions. But only if they really have to go.
Lesbians think of gerbils as huggable, fuzzy little pets that like to tunnel.
Gay men...oh, never mind.
Lesbians bring the chairs, the newsletter, all the flyers, the minutes and the coffee pot.
Gay men bring checkbooks.
Lesbians have potlucks with dishes made from lentils or chocolate. Or both.
Gay men have intimate little dinners for two with homemade pate. To start.
Lesbians love camp.
Gay men love to camp.
Lesbians cook out by the pond.
Gay men cook in, then sit out by the pool.
Lesbian Couples hyphenate their last names.
Gay men arm wrestle each other to the ground and use the winner’s name.
Lesbians go to the gym to get fit.
Gay men go to the gym to get their jeans to fit.
Lesbians think of New Year’s Eve as an opportunity to get reacquainted with steps 10, 11, and 12.
Gay men see it as a chance to blow their horns off.
Lesbians truly believe that communes work.
Gay men really think they can be Republicans.
Lesbians turn everyone within hugging range into “family.”
Gay men have a tendency to run around in PACs.

It is, considering everything, amazing that we still talk to each other. Fortunately, we are all smart enough to have figured out that what is truly unnatural on this looney-tune planet is marrying outside your own species.

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Assembly (again) Votes Against Equality

Dan Carter is a local gay activist

Once again, several Assemblymembers have voted against an issue due to their irrational fear of equal rights for gays/lesbians. One of the applicants (Krystal Kompoff) being considered for appointment to the Municipal Equal Rights Commission made a fatal "mistake" when filling out her resume. She included a word that seems to send at least five members of the Assembly into a state of apoplexy!

Among the activities listed on her resume--membership in Native Alaskan groups, support for equality for all people, her accomplishments as a "minority student recruiter" for Washington State University, and other items which most rational people would conclude would make her an excellent member of a commission whose stated purpose is to protect the rights of all Anchorage citizens. However, upon reading her resume, five Assemblymembers (Bell, Clementson, Kendall, Meyer and Murdy) saw only one word--LESBIAN!! Oh, my God, could it be possible--Mayor Rick had actually appointed a lesbian to the Equal Rights Commission. In our dreams, eh?

No, we're not enlightened enough in this community to even consider something so bold! However, the Mayor had appointed someone who does believe in equality--a revolutionary concept considering the appointment criteria employed by his predecessor. As it turned out the Assembly blocked this appointment. The irony of this is the fact Ms. Kompoff is not a lesbian (not that it should make any difference). These five members of the Assembly have now publicly stated their anti-gay/lesbian/bi bigotry is so ingrained as to prevent them from even considering "straight" applicants for municipal commissions if the applicant is opposed to discrimination based on sexual orientation. SHAME! Of equal importance was the response of the Mayor--he withdrew the name of the applicant and nominated someone else who would not be controversial. Oh, yes, Mayor Rick, you have to be sure your approval ratings are high, eh? Why risk being a leader when it is so much safer to be a "run of the mill" politician!

Assembly who are--should I say the word--bigots. As I have talked about this issue to other people--mostly straights--it is evident many also think the Assembly went too far and was looking at this issue while suffering from a bad case of myopia. I believe this one vote may be their greatest public admission of their "hidden agenda"--their anti-gay/lesbian/bi agenda.

Although I only live in one Assembly District, none of these four Assembly members would get my vote! All four of them (Bell, Clementson, Meyer and Murdy) were elected during the anti-gay hysteria waged in 1993 by the Prevo-Johnston "holy alliance." Each of these Assembly members have voted against any issue remotely tied to the bi/gay/lesbian community.

Northview doesn't endorse candidates or issues, but I do--frequently with my volunteer time, sometimes with financial donations, and always with my vote! Whether you realize it or not, you also endorse candidates... regardless of your action or inaction. In fact, most people endorse by their inaction. If you don't register to vote...if you don't get involved in a campaign... if you donate financial support to candidates who do not support our community...if you don't vote...you are endorsing the anti-gay/lesbian/bi actions of politicians like Bell, Clementson, Meyer and Murdy.

Although there are many other issues affecting a decision to support specific candidates, I find it hard to believe I could support a person who took anti-gay/bi/lesbian positions on issues affecting our community. A candidate who respects me for my vote or my financial contribution but does not respect my relationship or my community is, to me, nothing more than a political hypocrite. We have had to deal with far too many of them in the past. We have to deal with many of them now. But we can make the future different by the actions we are willing to take between now and the Municipal elections on April 16, 1996.

It's time to get involved!

NOTE: Opinions expressed above are mine and not necessarily those of Identity, Northview, EQUIAL, MCC, or any other group in which I am a member. Also I doubt the Far Right Rev. Prevo would agree with them either!!
Please submit an original and two copies (for the files) by Jen Kohout

At first I thought that I must have wedged a large unsightly piece of seaweed between my front teeth. Because Tina was laughing so hard it looked as if she were going to topple backwards off her cushion. I was in the middle of explaining my newest theory on love and relationships to my esteemed dining companion. A serious matter as far as I was concerned. She, on the other hand, was behaving as if I had just channeled Lily Tomlin.

"I'm serious, Tina. I've figured it out." I continued when the hale of laughter subsided. "The last time my partner decided to move on, I vowed to learn something from the experience and be a better person in my next relationship. Look where it got me. I'm through with this introspective nonsense. Personal growth is a myth perpetuated by the therapist industry. The real trick to being in a healthy, long-term relationship is simply finding the right person. Someone who is completely at peace with herself and exquisitely experienced at being in a relationship — the proverbial Zen Master of Relationships. Someone who can read my mind, anticipate all problems, and most importantly, cater to my every quirk."

Strengthening herself on the maroon cushion, Tina decided to humor me. "Okay," she tittered, "assuming that this woman even exists, how exactly would you go about finding her?"

"It's simple really," I offered with enthusiasm. "You simply ask about past relationships. Because as much as we'd like to think otherwise we are all bound to repeat the same mistakes." I admitted that this was a depressingly thought for those of us who'd like to think that we are well on our way to enlightenment. But after three decades on the planet and a particularly painful break up, I was less than optimistic about sustained personal change.

Tina, missing the serious nature of my quest, quipped, "so, you go out to dinner with a three page relationship history questionnaire in hand and ask your date if the thing out before the entree arrives?"

"Why not?" I countered. "Why risk a broken heart three to five years down the line when you could avoid the inevitable with a little qualitative research." I figured that if I couldn't win Tina over immediately with my brilliant idea, I'd appeal to her scientific intellect. Feeling smug, I reached for another piece of sushi.

"What is this pink squishy thing anyway?"

"Tuna," Tina answered, looking more than a little skeptical about my theory. I admit the premise did have a few kinks. Like how to get the object of my affection to bring #2 pencils with her to dinner. And what to do if she scored rather low on the relationship portion of the test but made my head spin when she smiled at me. I hadn't quite figured out the details.

Of course, there was that little, nagging question of why the Zen Master of Relationships was single. I suppose she might be taking the opportunity for introspection and personal growth but the question did concern me a tad. I was deep in thought when the udon noodles arrived.

Tina, sensing that my mind was reeling from the combination of warm Sake and relationship angst, decided to change the subject. "So, what's up on the job front?"

"Unemployment." My other favorite topic. "I hang out at my cottage every day, watch the sun set, and write. It's actually a great life, if I could just find some easy way to pay the rent..." The noodle I had tentatively wedged between my chopsticks dropped into my lap. "Of course," I exclaimed, "Tina, I don't need a perfectly centered partner, I need a wealthy and preferably attractive benefactor." I retrieved the noodle and noticed that Tina wasn't taking this latest theory much better than the first.

"Stop laughing," I whined. "You have to admit that the survey will be significantly streamlined if the only criteria is net income." Tina tried valiantly to champion more noble relational underpinnings like love and integrity but I was having none of it. "No, no, no! Love is too fickle. I want a woman with a hefty 401K. Now, help me figure out where to meet this financially solvent and undeniably generous single lesbian before the tea gets cold."

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Dear Love, the Lion-Hearted

I suppose you think this column will be about spring. All this light, the melt-down, the balmy breezes, the ravens sizzling, the Great Mating Dance of the LesBiGay Nation. But no, I have to talk about what happens when Dear Love is under homophobic attack at work and I don’t know if she has allies at work who will fight for her. Oh, there are “friends” who have no problem with who she is, who like her but I don’t know that they will come out as allies and forbid discrimination. Her boss is liberal, but married to a local person who has already threatened to name us as correspondents in a divorce case if she continues a personal friendship with us.

It’s not even legal discrimination. You know what it is; talking about her affectional preference behind her back. Saying mothers won’t let Dear Love counsel their daughters because she is gay. Doing mean things to her with no provocation, mean things to my Dear Love who is the kindest, most compassionate human being I know. I want to go beat them up. It’s excruciating to know that someone is hurting the person you love most in the world, and you are powerless to stop it.

What to do? When your livelihood and your future are tied up with the place and people who are oppressing you, anyone is likely to try to accommodate, avoid, ignore, or whatever other strategies people use in such cases. It’s not a good time in the economic world to just walk away from a job and expect to easily get another one. Dear Love and I are both in Bushville because we couldn’t get jobs in Anchorage (and because the goddess knew she had to put us in a lesbian desert to find each other). We are both over 50 and have both experienced age discrimination in job searches. We just bought a house, so we now have rent and a mortgage to pay. We’ve been watching the job announcements for a year wanting to get out of here. Nothing so far. So running is not the first option.

I am not as out in Dillingham as Dear Love; that is, I have said to no one “I am a lesbian and Dear Love is my spouse.” She, braveheart, has done this ... not to the people who are hurting her, but to others. But many people know we are partners and acknowledge us as such. My boss was at the hospital every day when I was hospitalized, and Dear Love was right there. My boss and my co-workers are good to me, treat me with respect. I’d be devastated if I was being treated as Dear Love is being treated. I would have to talk to the person one-on-one and try and work it out and maybe it would be useless.

I don’t know what Dear Love will do yet. But I must support her and encourage her. I have a very protective urge and want to bundle her up into a velvet box and send her off to Lucy in Missouri for safekeeping. But she’s not my doll. She’s a mature woman who has survived a hard life without my help and will have to find her own way. I can only walk this road with her and do what she asks of me, and love her no matter what path she takes. I hope I am worthy of this task.

The very next day: Dear readers, Dear Love has returned from her place of employment glisteningly resolved. She has bearded Fearless Leader in her den and demanded a three-way meeting with the major Miscreant. Of course, Fearless Leader squiggled and squirmed, implied that Dear Love’s informant was exaggerating, minimized the situation and said she’d get back to Dear Love. We all know what that means.

But Dear Love’s having none of it. She is holding Fearless Leader’s feet to the fire as they say. The Miscreant, sensing impending conflict, has fled pleading illness. Goodness, he may have to own his dirty business in front of his boss and his intended, but uncooperative, victim. But Dear Love will keep bringing it up until she gets some satisfaction. Hallelujah! Makes me want to squeeze her muscles!

And today: I am foreevered with a tiger. Fearless Leader asked Dear Love first thing if she wanted to confront the Miscreant. “You bet,” says Dear Love. Go girl! She told him what she’d heard, asked him if he’d said it; he owned it and even said, “I wouldn’t want my daughter coming to you for counseling” and some other awful things which hurt my Dear Love deeply. Fearless Leader was stunned by his admission and that he thought and felt that way. She said so many times. Dear Love said she was angry and hurt, but kept her dignity. She never denied that she was lesbian nor backed down in anyway, nor hid. She did not apologize for her life nor dignify the implication that she would sexualize girl children. As a result of her courage, her boss wants to have someone, maybe from P-FIAG or Identity, come and do a sensitivity-training with her staff. Dear Love wants to do a whole staff confrontation where everyone will have to put their feelings, prejudices, fears out in front of all and talk it out. That daring, bold and common girl! In the end the Miscreant became Human and owned his fear. Dear Love felt no need for revenge and they worked peaceably together today.

Dear readers, if any of you has ever been in a relationship where one of the lovers has lived in fear of exposure and that controlled everything both of you did, you may understand the freedom and exhilaration I feel. And a wonderful paradox revealed itself.

When Dear Love entered my heart, I decided that I would learn to compromise around this stuff because she had lived for years in a very closeted relationship, and quite simply, I loved her. So I was determined to be supportive no matter what she chose to do. She said she was able to say I will not accept persecution because I was willing to let her choose her course and made no demands on her. I have never felt so equal to anyone in my life.

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Burnished in Bushville
The eye

Seems as though we haven’t spoken in ages, dahling (kiss). EYE’ve been so busy keeping track of everyone MOVING. New digs for SM & DG are simply to dEYE for... too tress cool! Guess they’ll keep Design Craft busy for a while. And FKF MOVED back to Anchortown, EYE heard... a full court press on hand in the ‘B’ concourse to welcome the dear boy home... with hair, no less! Rumor has it that JM & JW are headed south permanently! And to JCLS country, at that. Eye is seldom at a loss for words, but that tidbit did get meEYE, how shall we say, EYEtention?!! EYE really should get out more, but meEYE neck doesn’t swivel as far these days... was that GK & JH doing BREAKFAST this past week in Spenard? EYE do declare that these young nellies certainly get around! Overheard at our newest nightspot during ‘boot’ night... Best Buns award goes to KH... you may be sure EYE would have voted the same, had EYE only been asked. We are also informed that MM is d.b.a.(doing business as, for those of you who never read classifieds) hiself. Or am EYE misinformed? TJ really should beEYE stock in a guacamole company... EYE hear she may need more for another local eatery just acquired. EYE just love success stories, don’t you? Do write, sweety... you really must keep me posted... or whatever! Kiss, Kiss!
The albums of Potter’s Lane (Remembering)
Part 34(A), “The War Years Start”

by Dan Cook

It only took two evenings to get the most important personal possessions out of the boarding house and out to the ranch. For the first few weeks they lived on the third floor. They had put a sign up in the restaurant: “Closed for the winter. Refer any questions to Doctor Potter at the Clinic.” Less than three weeks later, state troopers came to the clinic and asked what happened to the “Japs”? Mike told them he bought the property for cash and the Lees had moved to Seattle. Robert confirmed the story at the courthouse. The following morning they moved the Lees to the Purty house; it was getting too dangerous to have them at the big house.

The next step was to find out what had happened to Byco and his wife. Mike’s uncle discovered that they were being held in a detention camp in eastern Washington. They had sold everything they owned for pennies on the dollar before being loaded on rail cars and shipped to the camps, where they were crammed into barracks like cattle. Both Byco and his wife were fifth generation Japanese-Americans who didn’t even know how to speak Japanese. Her parents were in the same camp. Everything was lost, including their cars, property and jobs they all had worked so hard to get. Mike’s uncle traveled to Eastern Washington where a more bazaar story awaited. Byco was arrested the Monday after Pearl Harbor while in line with a hundred other young men ready to sign up to fight. They were told “Japs” were not welcome.

There was an exodus of young men and women leaving rural America to fight or build the war machine. Unemployment was history now; women were doing jobs that had been exclusively male. Americans had to put their naiveté behind them and do some growing up. Being selfish wouldn’t work and we were put on notice right from the start that everyone would have sacrifices. Suddenly each household was operating with little books that limited the food or gas they could buy. If you had no stamps, your money was of no value.

The famous “A” card (and stamp) limited the average family to 3 gallons of gas per week as well as almost everything Americans loved, such as meat, coffee, butter, cheese and sugar. These were strictly rationed by a point system that drove the housewife crazy. (Round Steak was 51 cents a pound but if you didn’t have the 4 points the grocer couldn’t sell it to you.)

Mike and Parry were lucky... as Doctors they were given almost unlimited gas points with a special sticker on their window similar to those of government officials. Aviation fuel was not available for private planes, so the airplane was grounded. The farmers were given extra stamps for tractors.

By the end of summer 1942, Brisk, Bob, David, Robert and Neal had all returned to the ranch in their uniforms. David and Bob were in the Marines and in the same company.

Robert was off to West Point, thanks to mother’s friends in Washington D.C. The Lees were in charge of the herd and enjoying their favorite hobby, horseback riding. And the last trooper that came to tell Mike the Lees probably escaped to Japan. (If he had only seen each of the young men of Potter’s Lane take the time to ride out and see the Lees before they left Grant County to face the real enemy.) Seeing Mrs. Lee cry just as hard as Mrs. Holt, we wondered if that trooper could ever believe the Lees were spies. He only knew they were “Japs.”

The co-op was able to get sugar, vinegar and everything that anyone wanted except coffee, so they really didn’t need the stamps...barter and trade were once again in vogue. Because there were fewer people to help harvest or raise beef, chickens and sheep the prices began to climb. Neal made it to his 40th birthday without being called up for the draft and that made Joe one happy camper. The Sisters wouldn’t sail for awhile...only their fishing boat got the gas rationing, but at least they had a way to the island. The war in Europe and with Japan was not going that well in 1942. The Movietone Newsreel at the movies tried to paint a more positive picture and it helped. (It made every factory worker or farmer work even harder.) At the end of the news reel was lighter news...a famous wedding, movie stars selling war bonds or the winners of a jitterbug contest. John Day moviegoers got the shock of their lives when they saw Chiffonne Victoria Styles and Hollywood party giver Cha Cha DuVal standing next to Edith Head wearing her latest fashions for the stars. The following night’s show was a sellout. Everyone knew Cha Cha was the lady who flew into John Day. It was like knowing a movie star and at the end of the news clip everyone clapped.

Turning the PAGE...

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

[Note: if you’ve been following the saga of Steve and Mike and are missing sections of the storyline, please write or call Cheresse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.]
Same-sex couple wants marriage rights

Tracey Bennett and Marga Stubblefield have dreams of a wedding ceremony, maybe in a garden or on the beach, surrounded by friends and family.

As a lesbian couple, their dream of exchanging vows rests on the passage of a same-gender marriage bill in the Hawaii Legislature.

Bennett, a lobbyist for the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, gave testimony yesterday at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in support of bills granting full marriage rights to same-gender couples.

Bennett and Stubblefield say they are in love. But living together isn’t enough. They want the freedom to have a civil marriage license issued by the state.

“We want the same rights and responsibilities that opposite-gender couples have, no more, no less,” Bennett said.

Sitting in the living room in their lower Alewa house, Stubblefield laughed nervously. It was not easy for the former professional on the LPGA tour to “come out,” she said.

“People are scared about what they don’t know,” she said. “So I don’t tell people about my lifestyle.” Both she and Bennett have lost friends who couldn’t handle their homosexuality.

Those who oppose same-sex marriage say it may hurt the family and children, that it’s not traditional to grant marriage rights to same-sex individuals. Or they oppose it on religious grounds.

Bennett says those people are entitled to their opinion.

“But remember that they are opinions, not facts but beliefs,” she said. “We have other beliefs that don’t agree with theirs.”

Bennett and Stubblefield’s belief is that they have the right to wed and receive a state marriage license. “We’re not asking for approval, or more rights, just equal rights,” Bennett said.

With a marriage certificate, gay couples would receive about 400 legal benefits that are now unavailable to them—tax and health insurance benefits, hospital visits with spouse, payment of worker’s compensation after death, and many more outlined by the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law.

Stubblefield said she and Bennett were denied family coverage travel insurance because they had no state-certified marriage license. They purchased individual insurance coverage of $111 each for their upcoming trip to New Orleans, rather than the family rate of $190. “It’s not much, but little things like that add up,” she said.

However, other attractions or companies, such as the Waikiki Aquarium and Costco, have no problem giving them a family membership, Bennett said.

Bennett, 49, and Stubblefield, 44, met three years ago on a two-step dance night at a Honolulu club. Before that, Bennett said she never wanted to marry. But meeting the right partner changed that. “I want to take care of Marga, and she wants to take care of me,” she said.

Stubblefield is a golf teacher at Olomana Golf Links; Bennett is a part-time editor. Their home is filled with artifacts from Bennett’s travels around the world—sculptures from Nairobi, furniture from China. A blue pet parakeet sits loose on the window sill.

They say their reasons for wanting to marry aren’t only economic, but social as well. “People will see us as not special, but the same as everybody else,” Bennett said.

And the most important reason of all—love. “If I didn’t love Marga, I wouldn’t be here,” Bennett said.

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WHEN NIGHT IS FALLING

"IRRESISTIBLE! A BEAUTIFUL FILM!
It is near impossible not to find it touching"

- Lisa Kennedy, VILLAGE VOICE

When Night Is Falling
Written and directed by Patricia Rozema

BY LISA KENNEDY

It begins with a wet dream. A naked body plunges post, leaving a stream of luscious bubbles in its indigo wake. Another body appears reaching, touching. The images are explicit yet dreamy. Then there is that always primal vision of a face moving beneath a skin of ice. To break through or not?

The unconscious may write Camille’s script in the early morning hours, but her way more: Bob lacks her consciousness and the day. And what a day. It is. Camille and her lover Martin will be offered a shared chaplaincy at the Galenworth College where they both teach (the mythology of God’s plan; Bob, a bull of stuff with profound metaphysical significance, will die mysteriously, and in a beautiful or at least spotless launderette. Camille will meet Petra—a lovely performer who comes to town with the Sirius of Sorts). Some directors are ham-fisted when they need to their earlier work, Canadian Patricia Rozema is so subtle—or more fittingly joy, with its claim on the lived sublime.

While it’s not Rozema’s primary project to throw down the gauntlet of spectatorship, When Night Is Falling is so good at telling its story of yearning, confusion, consummation and, yes, confusion, that the call for viewer identification regardless of preference is irresistible. Unlike the wondrous Wings of Desire—which Rozema’s film, with its use of the circus as the locale of love’s human possibilities, is likely to be compared to—When Night Is Falling invites all of us to all of the party. After all the visions of Petra as an absent, winning Cupid wreaking havoc with Camille’s psyche is as boldly, mythically romantic as it is goofy. Sure, there are a few ways to do critical violence to this romance: Why couldn’t Martin be as diabolical as a Ralph Reed? Or why isn’t more made of Petra’s race? But what would be achieved by nailing this gem to our national cross? (Didn’t the MPAA in its pornographic wisdom already err in precisely that way, giving the film an NC-17 rating?) Rozema’s generosity demands to be treated in kind. When Martin finds out about Petra, his use of his chronically tined arguments are no more manipulative than any other lover’s efforts to hold on to his beloved. They are desperate; they are human.

Early in the film, Petra and Camille speak of their first encounter. “You touched me,” Camille says. “I wanted too,” Petra replies. When Night Is Falling is like that. It is near impossible not to find it touching. And have no doubt, that is its purpose.
Women and on the frontlines of AIDS
by Maura Reali, Client Services Coordinator

The World Health Organization estimates that over 15 million women worldwide will have become infected with HIV by the year 2000. In the United States, AIDS is the third leading cause of death for African American and Hispanic women. Women account for the fastest growing number of AIDS cases here in America. Such numbers and statistics, however startling, do not convey the impact of what these figures translate to mean in everyday life. What leaves the lasting impression upon me is the faces of individual women as they come to Four A's seeking services. Women who go misdiagnosed for years because they apparently are not part of a "high-risk group". Women who must confront the overwhelming reality of their partner's infidelity and its devastating repercussions upon their life and health. Women who must struggle not only with HIV, but with role as a parent and spouse, knowing they may never see their children grown. Women who give birth to babies with HIV and are unable to care for them.

These and similar cases demand a whole new realm of service for women living with HIV/AIDS and their families. In the past month alone, here at Four A's, we have had two HIV+ newborns in need of immediate foster care. Born to young mothers battling HIV and other adversities; these babies indicate the next stage in the progression of the AIDS epidemic. These innocent children demonstrate best that AIDS does affect everyone: young and old, male and female, homosexual and heterosexual. Too many women are under the delusion that they are not at risk for HIV and fail to take the necessary precautions. Thus they infect themselves and others.

Here at Four A's we are doing what we can to assist those clients who are infected and in need of services.

To prepare ourselves for the many more HIV babies that will be born as young women continue to contract HIV, we are looking for couples who are interested in providing foster care. Interested partners should go through the State's foster family licensing process in addition to contacting the Four A's. We will keep a data bank of available happy, healthy, and loving homes in which we can offer these newest and neediest clients a place to be loved and nurtured.

In conjunction with improving the quality of life for our women already infected with HIV, we need to educate and empower women to prevent further HIV infection. Ideas such as "high-risk" groups are misleading. Anyone and everyone who is sexually active is at risk for contracting this disease. Women cannot leave prevention strictly up to their partner. Women must take their bodies and the maintenance of good health into their own hands.

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Here at the Four A's women account for 12% of our case load, a 50% increase since 1994. This percentage does not relay the faces and circumstances. This number does not convey the entire unique effect this disease has upon women and their lives. It is the faces and the individual stories which make up these statistics that may lead others to heed the warning and protect themselves; a one day old baby on AZT or a woman institutionalized because she was misdiagnosed and untreated for HIV-related complications for so many years that it drove her insane.

WOMEN & AIDS
How are women getting infected?

The majority of women with HIV in the United States became infected by sharing needles or syringes for injecting drugs. Recently, however, the number of women acquiring HIV through heterosexual contact with infected men has risen dramatically. In the global pandemic, the majority of cases result from heterosexual transmission. WHO estimates that by the year 2000 the number of women with HIV will double, and 75 to 80 percent of all women with HIV will have been infected through heterosexual sex.

Lesbian are at risk for HIV/AIDS, mainly through injecting drug use, but more research is necessary to determine how that risk differs from that of the heterosexual population. Women having sex with women should avoid taking a partner's vaginal secretions or blood (including menstrual blood) into the mouth, vagina or anus.

Perinatal Transmission (mother to child transmission)

In the United States studies have shown that HIV is transmitted from mothers to infants 15-30% of the time, with higher rates in developing nations. Research indicates that babies can be infected during pregnancy, birth and through breastfeeding.

An article from the Anchorage Daily News run on Dec. 19, 1995 tells the story of Elena Monica, a model from Florida who contracted HIV from her boyfriend. Elena writes: "I kept asking him if he had been tested and he stated adamantly he was fine... The most difficult thing for me is to accept that I didn't take responsibility for making him get tested." So she now spends her time spreading her message: "Use condoms. Get tested. Demand that your partner get tested. Remember that even though you may be a heterosexual who doesn't shoot dope, you're still at risk."

In the name of women currently infected who make up these statistics, let us remember the individual stories, and work to educate and empower all women, so that the startling numbers of an estimated 15 million HIV+ women by the year 2000 may be proved wrong.

Events for March and April

- Cast members of "Crazy for You" presented by the Anch.* Concert Assoc. will perform a benefit cabaret for the Four A's at the Wave April 8th. 8pm. Tickets available at all Carrs/Tik's locations $15 or by calling 263-ARTS.
- "Rave at the Wave for AIDS" A five hour fundraising dance party benefitting the Four A's May 17. Call 263-2048 for more info.
- "Millenary Madness" April 6, Bonnete on parade and "camp" drag show at the Raven. Call 263-2050 for info
- "AIDS 101 Training" March 19 & April 18 for anyone interested in HIV/AIDS. 5:30pm - 7:30pm at 4A's
- "AIDS 201 Training" April 20 for all volunteers working with clients. Please RSVP 263-2050
- "Four A's Food Drive" First Sat. of every Month, at Sears mall by Carrs. 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
A recent Saturday evening saw many folks turn out from the Fairbanks community to a P-FLAG sponsored auction. The fundraiser was in support of Kate Wattum and Mark Tumeo who have incurred over $48,000 in legal bills since July of 1993. For those of you who might have spent the last couple of years in Antarctica, let me briefly summarize the issue.

Kate and Mark are both employed at the University of Alaska and have significant others they are permanently committed to. Unfortunately, the University didn’t want to recognize any relationship (straight or gay) that did not come with an official government marriage certificate. These two brave souls decided not to passively take such discrimination anymore and brought a lawsuit (July 1993) against the University to allow health benefits for domestic partners.

In so doing they cast aside their private lives and financial security as the mountain of legal bills began to accumulate. They did so out of an unselfish will to help us all. Certainly, the health benefits Kate and Mark’s family’s will receive in the future will not equal the expense incurred achieving the benefit. I should mention that the attorney, Will Schendel, deserves recognition in that he is forgiving half the bill as his contribution to the effort.

The degree of one’s commitment to their partner is not determined by the word ‘Marriage.’ It is shown by a devotion to the partner, i.e. “both in sickness and health, for richer or poorer.” Some folks don’t choose to participate in a religious concept such as ‘Marriage,’ but are attached and committed to their loved one in every other way.

Let this writer be completely honest about his conservative views. In my opinion, the State officially recognizes a religious institution (marriage) and subsidizes it. What ever happened to the separation of Church and State? As a taxpayer, I personally feel government workers should not receive more benefits than I do in the private sector, and I don’t get health benefits. However, since U of A does extend benefits to married families, let’s be fair about it and offer it to all families. In fact, it would be immoral not to allow domestic partners the same benefits as married partners.

This is definitely not a Gay/Straight issue, check out the statistics yourself. Since the first court ruling by Judge Greene ordered that benefits be temporarily extended (August 1995), an interesting thing has happened. Two thirds of the couples signed up for domestic partnerships benefits at the University of Alaska are straight couples. Furthermore, the program is only costing the University $88,000 per year which is 1/2 of 1% of the total benefit program. This can hardly be seen as a drain on the institution’s resources!

The fund-raiser held that Saturday night was a wondrous sight. Many folks let their pocket books flow freely to the tune of $6,000 … enough that it practically brings tears to my eyes.

Unfortunately, it’s not enough... Mark and Kate are still on the hook for thousands of dollars and the battle is far from over. House Bill 226 is about to be voted upon and would allow discrimination based on marital status! Won’t you take a few minutes and send a Personal Opinion Message to all State senators today? Call and ask to send a 50 word POM and have it sent to every senator. Call 258-8111 (ANC) or 452-4448 (FBX). Simply state you do not support HB 226 and think discrimination is wrong!

Please show your support as much as possible and encourage your friends (gay or straight) to do so. Even if you are not a state employee, it is still important to support those among us that are willing to risk their security which might one day translate to an equality from which we will all benefit. If you can help financially, send a check payable to: Tumeo/Wattum Legal Defense Fund, Account #42190, Northern Schools Federal Credit Union, 1417 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Jonathan Wolman, a Fairbanks businessman and community activist.
The Directory

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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 Angie/Linda at the KK at 337-0253. The designations of (L)esbian, (G)ay and (A)ly indicate that the business or service is owned by (L)esbians, (G)ays or (A)lies. All people (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.

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

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Garey, Ketki/Taimini, 561-7327
(A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8996.

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

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

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

Arts & Crafts:
(A) Daymoon (Seward, AK), Jan, 907-224-7009

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

Automotive:
(A) Courtney's, Linny, 562-1227 (see ad)

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), Alaskanland (Fri & Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(L/G) The Wave, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alto'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) Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 808-966-7936
(L) Cheney Lake B&I, Mary/Jancet, 337-4391
(G) 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/Brace, 305-674-1197

...Dancing

(B) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G/A) Suardough Lodging (Seward, AK), Gordon, 907-224-8946.

Bicycle Repair:
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 337-8221

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 & Linolium 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 & New York City.

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

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 562-0737

College Selection:
(A) 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:
(A) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., F. Ken, 248-2422
(G) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) gra.f/x, Lucian, 561-8586
(L) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(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
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### Deaf Support...
- **Deaf Support:**
  - (A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0735 TTY
  - (A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3456 voice, 258-2232 TTY

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

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

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

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

### Electronics:
- (A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-6633 (see ad)

### Electrolysis:
- (A) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247

### Entertainment:
- (G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064 (see ad)
- (A) Mascocolla 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, 561-8040/339-3962 (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, 279-8608

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

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

### Gasoline:
- (A) Courtney’s, Linni, 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
- (A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8996

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

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

### Health:
- (A) Gateley, 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/Deby, 561-0181
- (A) The Olc 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

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

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

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

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

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

### Imperial Court:
- (G) Imperial Court of 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), Debbye (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, 277-2704

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

### 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) Klonzkye Kontakt (Alaska Women’s Cultural Center), 277-9763
- (GLA) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
- (GL) Perspective (S.E.A.G.L.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

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

### Odd Jobs:
- (L) Dcb, 275-3018
- (A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290
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Painting:
(L) LK 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
(G/L) Log Cabin Republicans, (503) 642-7929

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

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

Recreation:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(G/L/B) Out in Alaska, Howie, Palmer, 746-7778
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-779-3701
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Hillman, 248-2804; 563-5156
(L) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucille, 417-745-6798 (o); 417-973-4302 (h)
(A) Coldwell Banker, Elaine, 562-2378
(L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 276-6673
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(L) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

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

Research:
(L) Claricon & Associates, 279-3982

Restaurants:
(A) Cyrano's Cafe, 274-1173
(G) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)

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

Rooming Houses:
(A) Regina's, 274-4904

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

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

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

Social/Educational:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 258-4777
(GLA) Q*Klatch (Fairbanks), Eric, 485-4051
(GL) SouthEast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (S.E.A.G.L.A.), 907-586-4297

...Writing and Editing Assistance

Social Research Design, Student Consultation, Evaluation
(L) Susan E. Johnson, PhD, 272-4113

Spiritual:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Anchorage Church of Religious Science, Center for Positive Living, Rev. Nancee Sweeney, 258-0010
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Church of the Covenant (Matanuska Valley), Pastor Howard Bess, 746-1089
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, Jim, 258-5266
(A) St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church (Kodiak), Fr. Paul, 486-5276
(A) Unity Church of Anchorage, 346-2824

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

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA, Fairbanks), Pete, 907-487-2046 (see Club Notes)
(G/L) The Family (formerly Lesbian, Gay and Bi Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Darrel, 562-9575
(G) Gay Teens (Youth Group), Liz, 688-3096
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4992, Fred 562-7161
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), Mary Jo, 907-459-8985
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Juneau), 907-463-4203

Tarot/Psychic:
(L) Spiral Services, Barbara, 274-4089

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

Theatre:
(G) Break-even Productions, Linda 277-5630
(A) Our North Theatre, Gene/Jay, 279-8099

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

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

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

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

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

Writing & Editing Assistance:
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(L) Kathy, 278-2840
Groups & Gatherings, Circles and Clubs

News from gay and lesbian organizations 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 Christopher at 907-479-7348.

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 the helpline at 258-4777.

Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) Anchorage
ALFA usually meets every 3rd 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 243-8775 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 provides education and information about political issues to our community. EQUAl is not a political action committee and does not endorse candidates. 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 Alaska 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 FSELIB@aurora.alaska.edu.

Fairbanks Dance Club
the Palace Saloon in Fairbanks 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 457-8876.

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, transvestites and transsexuals most welcome! Call Graham at 562-8483.

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, 7:00-8:30pm at 845 K’ St. 279-5001.

Gay Teens, Anchorage
sponsored by P-FLAG Southcentral; discussion group for 13–19 youths, meets 4:00-6:00pm Saturday at Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Call Liz at 688-3906.

Identity, Inc. 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 healthy 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 is held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Doors open at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the Calendar for this month’s program.

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.

Intersex 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 Drive. 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 Thursday of each month, 6:00pm at the Raven; campouts & weekend trips, too. Write T.L.F.M.C., P.O. Box 202254, Anchorage, AK 99520-2254.

Midnight Sons, Anchorage
Gay Men’s AA Meetings, Friday & Sunday. Check calendar for times and locations.

Mr. McKinley (non-ascent) Club, 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
is a Les-Bi-Gay outdoor recreation group. 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 7810B, Palmer, AK 99645.

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

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
of Juneau meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:30am at Mendenhall Mall Library. Phone 907-463-4203.
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & 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*Kritch, 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*Kritch 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*Outsiders, Fairbanks
an offshoot of Q*Kritch 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 halibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more info, call Eric at 455-4051 or e-mail to <fsebw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-6358 or <klotkatk12.ak.us>.

Shanti of Juneau
offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. Office: 222 Seward, Suite 200; P.O. Box 220; 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)
an organization for Gay Men and Lesbians of Southeast Alaska. Publishes monthly newsletter Perspective. P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. Phone 586-4297

Support Group, Soldotna
a group for people with HIV or AIDS or families or friends. Call Jan at 907-262-5289.

Women's Coffeehouse, Anchorage
every 4th Saturday, 8-10pm. 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.

e-Mail

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Gingrich, Newt: Speaker of the House, G<georgia6@hr.house.gov>
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Calendar

March

Mar 16, Sat:
A R S V P Alaska, hosted-dinner to benefit 4As, Lori Wolfe, 263-2050.
A The Family (UAA), 6pm, Arts Building Room 121, Boardwalk Pizza at 7pm.

Mar 17, Sun:
A Out in Alaska, Prospect Heights Ski / Hike, 1:30pm, Jim 278-8479.
A Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance, 4pm potluck, Regan 243-3757.
A P-FLAG video, Question of Equality, Cyrano’s Cafe, 4pm, $5 donation.

Mar 18, Mon:
A P-FLAG 3rd Annual 4A’s Potluck, AUUF, 6:30pm, RSVP 258-0138.

Mar 19, Tue:
A AIDS 101, introduction to HIV/AIDS awareness, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Michael, 263-2050.
A Swing Dance registration, University Center 4:00-8:30pm, $28 for 6 lessons.

Mar 21, Thu:
A Take Back the Night, 6:30pm, call 566-1171.

Mar 22, Fri:
F AGLA meeting, Gruening Building, UAF, Room 401, 5:30pm.
A Identity Potluck / Social: gather at 6:30pm, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm program: Chris Olson “Don’t Gamble With Your Taxes.”

Mar 23, Sat:
A Celebrating Women & Creativity: Celebration Unplugged, Back To Our Roots, see The 15% (R.A.W.) listing for info and contact numbers.
A Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club Potluck, 7pm, 561-8744 Dan.

Mar 24, Sun:
A P-FLAG video, Question of Equality, Cyrano’s Cafe, 4pm, $5 donation.

Mar 28, Thu:
A Community Brain-Bust, The Sociatic Tide, 7pm
A Swing Dance Lessons, East High School, 6:30 - 8:00pm, pre-registration - see Mar 19.

Mar 29, Fri:
A ICOAA Masquerade Ball, 8pm - 10pm, The Wave, Taylor 563-8650.

Mar 30, Sun:
A Women’s Coffeehouse, Women in the Arts, 8-10pm, Sociatic Tide, $3 donation, 337-2011.

April

Apr 4, Thu:
A Swing Dance Lessons, East High School, 6:30 - 8:00pm, pre-registration - see Mar 19.

Apr 5, Fri:
F AGLA meeting, Gruening Building, UAF, Room 401, 5:30pm.

Apr 6, Sat:
A Out in Alaska, Turnagain Arm Hike, Jon 243-5808.
A ICOAA masquerade Ball, The Wave, 7pm

Apr 8, Mon:
A Gay Bar, 7pm, 279-5001.
A 4A’s Benefit - Cast member of “Crazy for You,” presented by the Anchorage Concert Association at the WAVE, Lori Wolfe, 263-2050.

Apr 11, Thu:
A Swing Dance Lessons, East High School, 6:30 - 8:00pm, pre-registration - see Mar 19.

Apr 13, Sat:
A Women’s Coffeehouse, Gretchen Legler & Friends, 8-10pm, Sociatic Tide, $3 donation, 337-2011.

Apr 19, Fri:
F AGLA meeting, Gruening Building, UAF, Room 401, 5:30pm.

Apr 21, Sun:
A Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance, 4pm potluck, Regan 243-3757.

Apr 26, Fri:
A Identity Potluck and Annual Meeting: gather at 6:30pm, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm program “Helpline Panel”

Apr 27, Sat:
A Women’s Coffeehouse, Beyond Basic - all women’s rock group, 8-10pm, WAVE, $3 donation, 337-2011.
On-Going Calendar Items

SUNDAYS
A Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) Anchorage, 3rd Sunday, call Regan 243-3757.
A Metropolitan Community Church Services, 11am & 7pm, 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.
A Country Dancing at The Wave, 8pm, taught by Patty 561-9283.

MONDAYS
A Gay Bar, Anchorage, 7 - 8:30pm, Second Monday, 845 K St., 279-5001.
A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.

TUESDAYS
A Country Dancing at The Wave, 7pm, taught by Behr 561-9283.
A Righteous Babes Radio Show, 7pm, KRUA-FM 88.1.
A SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8pm, Church of Religious Science, 7th & A, 566-1133.

WEDNESDAYS
A Free HIV TEST at 4A’s, 2pm - 4pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 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, The Wave, $3 cover.
A Blue Moon Follies, 10pm, Blue Moon, $3 cover.

THURSDAYS
J Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Youth Meeting (26 & under), 5:30pm, 907-463-5688.
A SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30pm, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
A Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30pm, call 4As, 263-2050.
A Alaska Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm to 7:30pm, AUUF, 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 Lunch, 4A’s, 12noon-1pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050.
A Live and Let Live, AA Meeting, 7pm, 637 Ash St. (non-smoking), (1st Friday, tradition/step study).
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 SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
A The Family (UAA), 6pm (excluding school holidays).
A UAA Arts Bldg, Rm 121, Graham 562-8463 or Kimberly 563-1421.
F KSUA, 103.9 FM, 5pm-7pm, “Queer 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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