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Guest editorial
by Graham Dunstan

It was August of 1993 and my mother and I were driving up the Alcan. “What do you think the gay people in Alaska will be like?” she asked me. I shrugged. “I don’t know,” I said.

“Do you think there will be any gay people in Alaska?” she continued. “What are you talking about, Mother? Of course there will be gay people in Alaska.” “Well, I don’t know,” she said. “I wonder about these things. Can’t I wonder about these things?”

I laughed at her. But when I began to think about it, driving farther and farther into the mountains, I really wondered. I did. In Atlanta, a city of two and a half million people, there is a loud and out gay community. Seeing the news or walking down the sidewalk in midtown, I saw evidence of the gay community every day: billboards, gay newspapers, gay people.

Anchorage is a tenth of the size of my home. Sitting in the car next to my mother on that trip, I suddenly wondered what the gay community would be like. Thankfully, as soon as I got to Anchorage, I saw us everywhere: gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, transsexuals.

It is nearly three years later, and I am still amazed about the diversity and strength of our community in this city. We have done so much — Equal, The Family, P-FLAG, Opal, 15%, Identity, and other groups as well. The Pride Conference, Pride Chorus and Identity Potlucks celebrate our community. The NorthView and The KlonDyke Kontakt not only serve as sources of information, but help strengthen the ties of our community. The HELPLINE, P-FLAG and Family activities and meetings educate our community.

As the summer’s Pride Celebration approaches, we should be proud. We have much of which to be proud. But we need to remember our number one strength: not that we are energetic and creative, not that we are talented and brilliant (although, of course, our community is all of those things). We need to remember that we are tenacious. It is our tenacity, our unwillingness to let go of a goal that keeps us strong. It is what brings us together and keeps us working even though we have setbacks.

And there have been setbacks: the short-sightedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, the refusal of the University of Alaska Board of Regents to place “sexual orientation” in the non-discrimination policy. The closing of Bona Dea Women’s Bookstore was a blow to our community, too. But these are just setbacks we will overcome.

Lately I’ve been wishful. After I get my degree in May, I’ll be back on the east coast. I will miss those of you I have gotten to know, and will regret not meeting others. But most of all I will miss working within the community, being a part of something so wonderful. I’ll miss seeing our community grow and change, miss watching our community educate the city and the state.

PFLAG, Southcentral Alaska
by Sylvia L. Short, Secretary

Our next meeting will be a Round-Table Discussion on Issues, Rights, Programs, How We Can Help Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m., 3201 Turnagain Street (AUUF).

Some of the issues facing our children and loved ones of the homosexual community include:
- Denial of marriage with its rights and responsibilities.
- Insecurity in the workplace & public accommodations.
- Sporadic availability of professional assistance.
- Harassment and even assault.

The question is whether PFLAG Southcentral should become pro-active on these or any other issues. The board will lead the debate-discussion, and all interested persons, whether members or not, are invited to express their opinions and help us plan.

Last Meeting

A delicious meal, meatless and non-meatless, was enjoyed in celebration of the work of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A’s) and the dedicated people who help. Executive director, ANDREA NENZEL, gave an interesting and inspiring talk about the work of the Four A’s and some of the new facets of its work. She stated that a serious housing problem still persists for a number of HIV persons who live on the streets, in shelters, and through temporary help. An exciting new project is visualized, consisting of a community-based hospice-like group of small homes which can give a measure of security and comfort but still avoid the institutionalization that robs individuals of dignity. There are presently HIV patients in the hospital who could be released to such a living arrangement with hospice and volunteer help.

There is concern over a change in the type of infected persons. Female, minority and young people are increasingly becoming a part of their clientele. PFLAG Southcentral was thanked for the inspiration of its past president, Leon Webber, in forming and supporting its current youth group. It was a mutually appreciative meeting and a good time was had by all.

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Our community is strong, and it will grow even stronger because we are tenacious. We set goals and we achieve them because we know we can. Be proud that you are a part of the gay community in Anchorage because when we say the words “our community,” we are talking about you. Don’t take “our community” for granted. I know I won’t for the little time I have left here.

Graham Dunstan is graduating from UAA and is a former co-chair of the “Family” on campus.
Women’s coffeehouse

by Candy Bonham

Okay, I’ll admit it, I’m a very big Beyond Basic fan, have been since the very first time I heard them two years ago at Celebration rehearsals. Not just because they’re talented, which of course they are, but because they’re women doing what only a few women successfully pull off. They are playing ROCK’N’ROLL music! I love rock’n’roll music, not the heavy metal, bang your head, screaming, you can’t hear the words and you’re getting a headache kind of music but what I call real rock’n’roll. Groups that are all women are few. Women rock’n’rollers are definitely outnumbered. So it’s always a thrill when I hear women doing rock’n’roll.

Deb, Carey, Roz, Patty and Kelly make it look easy; most groups start out doing cover tunes and then write their own material. Beyond Basic, however, started out doing their own original music and are just starting to learn some cover tunes, and last year they released a CD of their music. So mark your calendars. On Saturday, April 27, downstairs in The Wave, the Alaska Women’s Coffeehouse presents “Beyond Basic” 8PM to 10PM in a non-smoking show. It’s $3 at the door and I believe Beyond Basic will have their CDs for sale.

Normally this would be the last show of the season, but we have one more treat for you. On Saturday, May 11th at 8PM upstairs, in the Sociatic Tide, our own Dr. Susan Johnson will be reading and talking about her book For Love and For Life, a sequel to her first book Staying Power: Long Term Lesbian Couples, which was based on a study of 108 Lesbian couples who have been together 10 or more years.

Both of these books will be for sale at the coffeehouse that night, along with Dr. Johnson’s other book, When Women Played Hardball. Susan is also currently working on another book which will be out in the fall, Lesbian Sex: An Oral History. A little tongue in cheek, or tongue in something, Nuff said. Anyway Susan said she might tell you all a little about the new one. So bring yourself, your friends and checkbooks. Be prepared to learn how to have a long term relationship with another woman. Even if you’re not in a relationship now, you won’t want to miss this.

P.S. For you baby-boomers, there are 2 CD’s out you shouldn’t miss: “Peter, Paul and Mary” have a new one out called “Lifelines” which features artists like Judy Collins, Emmylou Harris, Richie Havens, Carly Simon, B. B. King and Joan Baez; and “Ring Them Bells,” featuring Mary Black, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Janis Ian and the Indigo Girls.

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Your investment advisor can help you decide which sort of mutual fund is appropriate for you. Examples are:

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

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

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MCC's Jim Morgan to relocate

by Ruth Mathes

This community is about to lose a good friend. After 26 years Jim Morgan and Joseph Wegener, his partner of 15 years, are moving to Ogden, Utah. Jim said his official good-byes on Psalm Sunday to MCC as their pastor.

The remainder of the Les/Bi/Gay community will have an opportunity to do the same at a recognition reception hosted by Identity, Inc. on Monday, April 29, 7pm-9pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street.

Jim came to Anchorage April 10, 1970 from Corpus Christi, Texas, on the advice of a friend. Although he has served as pastor of the Anchorage MCC since 1974, he has also worked as a teamster engineer at Prudhoe Bay, and as a barber at the Elmendorf A.F.B. Officers’ Club.

The local MCC board of directors is conducting a pastoral search, and is being served on a temporary basis by Ed Kinsley. The acting board of directors in Anchorage is seeking official sanction for a new congregation there with Jim as its pastor. That, plus the sale of his Anchorage home, will determine his departure date.

This departure is bittersweet for Jim. He said that since the death of his father he has felt that he has been granted ‘permission’ to leave. He is excited about the potential this move will offer, and sad to leave his Alaskan friends.

Everyone is welcome to come and bid him a fond adieu at this reception.

The new EAR (or is it fresh corn?)

The Ear of the Anchorage Daily News has retired. Let’s face it, whoever does the EYE makes it just too hard to decipher. The print’s too small, for one thing. The initials with male or female symbols take some figuring (or asking questions). This subject arose while several of us were at Mariah and Joanne’s garage sale this past week. Since the bookstore is closed, Mariah and Joanne really miss the news... like who’s with (or not with) who, who has a new job, who went back to school, who celebrated what and who’s doing what. Just remember if you want to hear that kind of news, you’ll probably wind up being part of that news as well, so here goes...First, Mariah & Joanne’s Volkswagen camper is sold and they bought their dream RV Wagon, an ’88 Jamboree with only 19,000 miles. Their garage sale is in progress. Koria and Lois are leaving; they have their house for sale. Doug C. was out(side) to his son’s twenty-first birthday celebration. Beth V. is gone on a business trip. FKen’s parents are coming back in May; plus he has to return to Seattle for a check-up afterwards. Tom R’s partner, Al, is on a trip to Germany and England. Alice P. has given Becky & Mary notice. Alice is planning to move with her daughter, Catherine, to the west coast. Larry C. & James H. have left the state for good.

Lorraine & Pam celebrated three years with a tip to a family owned B&B furnished with antiques in Seward. (They had the Ivy Room.) Greg K. at Triangle Tours made the arrangements. Pam celebrated her 40th with an Easter Sunday ‘hat & gloves’ brunch. Robin & Karen B. wore the most stylish hats. Hosanna had the most flowers & birds nests. Sue C., (dalcimer player at Celebration Unplugged), brought some dynamite, local, unread, unpublished women’s poetry to the reading. Someone else had Easter Brunch at the same time, but the New Ear was not invited.

Pepper S. and Andrea L. D. paired up to do readings at a recent psychic fair. The divine Ms. P. is better than ever. Amy O. is out two-stepping on Thursday nights and girl-cruising. Recently, Ms. O. single-handedly updated the HelpLine Resource Book, an awesome job! Ruth M. & companion bought Mariah & Joanne’s Empress-size bed! (Both women have quit smoking, are working out several days a week and are looking so gorgeous they glow.) Shirley S., founder of the International Women’s Choir, is debuting her CD release this month.

Mary H. found a therapist and finally got some information she needed. Kathy M. unhappily had to put her Great Dog down and now has a sweet, darling, young, female Corgi companion. Maureen S. returned tanned and fresh from a Hawaiian vacation, but she & Mari J. have unfortunately parted. Reagan is facing a child custody battle. She needs legal and financial help. Bonnie, Moe’s partner, is recovering from major surgery. Angie L.’s father is doing well. Little Margaret has tragically lost one more family member.

O-K, d’EARS ... diss away. (Or maybe it’s dat-away.) Anyway, it’s your turn to fire away! \[
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MOUSETOWN (ORLANDO) WHITE PARTY
Beginning Thursday night May 30 through June 3, The Orlando White Party is a benefit for GLCS (The Gay & Lesbian Community Services) and The Central Florida Aids Unified Resources Centaur. The parties start with a “Playground Party” at The Edge on Thursday, an “Insomnia Party” on Friday at Southern Nights and at 8AM on Saturday all day at Disney for “Gay Day at Disney.” Saturday night starts off with the “Block Party” on Concord Street downtown and moves to The Club for the “After Hours Party.” Sunday continues with the “Private VIP Party” and “White Party” at The Edge. Packages are available for combo event of “The Whole Darn Thing.”

HOTLANTA
Another sizzling city in the South, Atlanta is again the host for the Hotlanta River Expo from August 8 through 11. Thursday kicks off with MISS HOTLANTA and MISS HOTLANTA VICTORY PARTY. Friday it’s MR. HOTLANTA and MR. HOTLANTA’S WINNERS PARTY. Saturday The RIVER round one and two will be staged. And on Sunday it’s the T-Dance and closing celebrations. The host hotel is the Sheraton and packages are available for all events.

QUEEN’S DAY IN HOLLAND!!
Imagine that! One of the grandest celebrations in the Netherlands is Queen’s Day. This year the events run from April 26-May 2. A West Coast Special is being offered which includes round trip air from Seattle to Amsterdam, 5 nights at the Arthur Frommer Hotel with hotel taxes and service charges, daily breakfast, Gay welcome package, half day city tour, full day Grand Holland tour with Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, choice of a canal tour of the Rijksmuseum, welcome cocktail, guided bar tour, farewell dinner, and the services of a local gay tour guide. All of this for only $995.00!! Such a deal...

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GAY TRAVELERS
A San Francisco marketing firm has reported that their survey of gay travelers has been completed and some of the results for those surveyed are:
- 84% say they sometimes or always use a travel agent; 91% took US domestic vacations; 48% took international vacations; 61% took 2 to 4 domestic vacations; 37% took 2 to 4 international vacations; 74% belonged to a frequent flyer program and 44% traveled on business.

by Bob DeLoach

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

by Dan Carter, cochair, EQUAL

By the time you read this article, Alaska’s legislature will have most likely passed two blatantly discriminatory bills. House Bill 226 allows businesses to discriminate against single people and unmarried couples in compensation/benefits. Senate Bill 308 redefines marriage and adds language which will prevent Alaska from recognizing marriages performed in other states or foreign countries allowing same-gender marriages.

HB 226 was sponsored after two brave Fairbanksans—Kate Wattums and Mark Tumoe—filed a court challenge to the University of Alaska’s policy of providing benefits to the spouses of married employees but denying those same benefits to domestic partners. If for no other reason, anyone believing in equal pay for equal work should be opposed to this bill.

After the courts sided with Kate and Mark and their partners, the University of Alaska allowed them to sign up their partners as well as other unmarried couples—same gender as well as male/female. The University has filed an appeal but Republicans in the legis-

by changing the law. The bill would allow employers to provide additional benefits to married employees or employees with children—benefits not allowed for single employees or divorced employees without children.

Just in case you decided you would “marry” your same-gender partner in order to qualify for benefits—think again! Current Alaskan law reads “two people” may marry. In a knee-jerk reaction to the possibility Hawaii may recognize same-gender marriages, SB 308 rewords the law to “one man and one woman” may marry. It goes further—if you are legally married in Hawaii and move to Alaska, you will be “living in sin!” (of course, many of the legislators already think we are, eh?)

What can we do? Send a message to convince Governor Knowles to veto these bigoted bills.

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- Whereas, The Green Party prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
- Whereas, Resolution 92-22 supports the basic right of all people to choose positive and nurturing relationships
- Whereas, the rights of gays and lesbians are under sustained attack
- Whereas, these attacks have led to violence
- Whereas, the rights of all humans are indivisible, and attack on the rights of any group is an attack on ... the humanity of all; and
- Whereas, attacks on the least popular groups have historically been the first step down the road to totalitarian repression;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Green Party of Alaska reaffirms its support for the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals to be housed, employed, and generally treated no differently from heterosexuals, and for their right to be free from discrimination and violence. If you’re dissatisfied with being a Democrat or Republican, you might consider joining the Green Party.

Sincerely,

Joyce Bauer

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A letter from their majesties

Spring has sprung, and, the songbirds will be singing in Southeast ... or at least in Juneau. The annual Femme Fatales statewide fund-raiser for AIDS ($6,000 to Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage in 1995) will take place on May 4th. Great time to catch the flowers early if you travel to the Dutchy. We’ll be there, so come on down!

Over $3,000 came in on the style show/auction for the Providence Programs and the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Peggy, Pepé and all of you who broke out the bucks!

Mark you calendars ... 
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H.M.I.M. Denali Emperor XXXIII,
The Glacier Emperor Madeline
H.M.I.M. Aurora Empress XXIII,
The Flaming-O Empress Lana Duvall

Dear Governor Knowles,

I urge you to veto House Bill 226, which would allow discrimination against unmarried couples with regard to the issuance of benefits.

I understand why there would be a controversy about gay marriages, but in my opinion, recognition of some type of domestic partnership arrangement is only fair for those who are prohibited by law from sanctifying their union by marriage.

One step in this process would be to permit those who are unmarried but in a committed relationship to receive the benefits of their partners. Failure to do so would be to send the message that we not only prohibit non-heterosexual marriage, but we are the enemies of “any” type of emotional commitment on the part of those who weren’t born “straight.”

Lest there be any confusion about “my” motives in this issue, I feel I should state that I am a straight, conservative, Ronald-Reagan Republican who has worked in law enforcement for twenty-five years. My concern is that we do the right thing, which in this case is to veto HB 226.

Sincerely, JTR (Lexington, KY)

Received at NorthView by e-mail from JTR.
Stargazer commentary

The planet Uranus is taking its every eighty-seventh year, once in a lifetime, tour through our universe and causing sudden, unexpected changes. For example: at work last month, after being told we'd get a computer upgrade "sometime within the next three years," we were using new computers. The new system was up and running only a few days when the whole thing crashed and the experts didn't know why. One week later, our supervisor couldn't sleep so he got out of bed in the middle of the night and went to the office. When the crew walked in at 7:45, all the lights were blazing, coffee was made, and the computers were all up and running. The boss had solved the glitch and they are still working perfectly!

Spring Equinox passed us on March 20th. Equinox literally means an equal amount of light and dark, night and day. On a more personal level, Equinox is about being balanced internally as well as externally. Balance may not be easy to maintain with the lightning bolt changes of Uranus affecting us and those around us.

Local astrologer and ally, Maureen Allya, says that April has two major eclipses. April 3rd was a total eclipse of the Moon, (at 14 degrees Libra), giving energy and impetuousness to adjust or balance any inequities in our relationships. Wednesday, April 17th, was a partial solar eclipse at 28 degrees Aries), lending energy to begin self-exploration, to set new goals, or begin projects.

Other groups wrestle with the problem of maintaining balance in their lives. Ala-Non, a twelve-step program for family and friends of alcoholics, has a "just for today" pledge. During my work day, the "just for today" focus keeps life in perspective for me. I don't get overwhelmed by what I haven't done or let my mind race ahead to what has to be done tomorrow. If I find myself getting stressed, "just for today..." becomes a mantra to bring me back to center.

Keeping a daily journal is another extremely valuable practice. Often, just concentrating on writing for ten or fifteen minutes calms me down and changes my attitude and perspective. If things are going great, I record them. If I'm upset, I write about it. Very often during the writing, the solution comes with it, if I need one.

Design your own coping plan, or use "just for today." Solutions can be as simple as stopping and taking three deep slow breaths, having a cup of tea, taking a cat-nap, soaking in the tub. Or they can be more extensive like a massage, daily workout, retreat, vacation or workshop on time management. For instance, eating a piece of fruit at four o'clock in the afternoon keeps me calm, cool and less likely to want to murder someone in rush hour traffic at five o'clock. Basically, a person needs to discover what keeps her/his life balanced and sane — physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually — in these trying times. In the meantime, relax, be cool, stay calm.

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

Business spotlight

I waited ever-so-patiently at the office of Vicki Evans, operations manager for The Wave. When she appeared she was out of breath (when did you ever see Vicki any other way?) as she ushered me into a booth out of the path of mainstream diners. Staying away from the phone long enough for us to chat was her goal, and she assured me this was the best way to do it. I licked my pencil (does anybody really ever do that?) and proceeded with the interview.

**NV:** What is the anniversary date of The Wave, and what sort of year has it been?

**VE:** May 5th - Cinco de Mayo, and we intend to throw a HUGE party! As for the kind of year we've had, it certainly has been one of restructuring and changes. Trying first one thing and then another to see what worked, and it certainly kept things from being dull.

**NV:** What was the most difficult thing to accomplish at The Wave this year?

**VE:** Trying to bring the men and women together — there seems to be too much segregation in our community, and we want to be a place where EVERYBODY can socialize! Also, customer satisfaction... everybody wants something specific from a club which they visit frequently. I tried to learn what that was and decide if it was workable and desirable.

**NV:** What was the easiest thing about this first year?

**VE:** Nothing! This was a tough year, but it was worth it. A lot of team effort went into the club's schedule of operations, and it is constantly being refined.

**NV:** What is the most exciting thing about being operations manager at a club like The Wave?

**VE:** When a single idea turns into a super party with wall-to-wall people with no “unfortunate incidents,” I can say that’s exciting. My goal is to make that happen often... very often.

**NV:** Where do the ideas come from?

**VE:** Who knows! Brainstorming with a group really helps make things that are funny or clever come to the surface. That also helps to sift out duds which are too complicated or which lack group appeal. The general idea is to manifest a party atmosphere so that everyone who comes in that door knows they can expect to have a blast. One thing I've learned is to ask people what they think of a new promotion. Their input is of major importance and rarely backfires.

**NV:** Have you done this type of work before?

**VE:** I co-managed a cabaret / bar in Dallas for three years before returning to Anchorage. This is my home, and my family all live here. I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else right now.

**NV:** How would you describe yourself, Vicki, ... outgoing? ... friendly? ...

**VE:** Hysterical! Actually, I'm a drag queen trapped in a lesbian body.

**NV:** What is unique about The Wave?

**VE:** This is essentially a gay bar which also has a steady straight clientele. That is a direct result of our publicity, both printed and word-of-mouth. It is the best dance club in town, and everybody knows it. But it is becoming central to the gay/lesbian community as a safe place to meet and be social. The attitude in the (gay) community regarding The Wave is positive, even though it is a bar. The Sociatie Tide upstairs is a smoke-free coffee bar, and that certainly has helped specific groups to utilize the location for their functions. The Wave supports all kinds of outside events which serve the community, everything from Four A's fund-raisers to events for the 'Imperial Court.'

**NV:** Any big plans for next year? (Vicki was beginning to twitch with “phone withdrawal,” so I decided to make my exit while she was still conscious.)

**VE:** There's lots in the works for some major events. The main thing is good strong support for the gay and lesbian community. We have a lot going for us, and we're optimistic about the future.

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Visit to another planet

“Mail call! Look, something from Aunt Yenta.” Flash hands me a thick envelope addressed in Old English scrawl. As I open it, the phone rings. Somehow I know it’s my mother. “Can you believe Cousin Shmo is getting married?” she asks. My cousin Shmo is, after all, a shmo. “You and Flash should drive here Saturday morning, we’ll go to Aunt Yenta’s Saturday night, and then Sunday we’ll go to the wedding. How does that sound?” Like the weekend from hell, I want to say, but I restrain myself.

On Saturday, we arrive at my parents’ house barely speaking. Flash has insisted the car windows be rolled down for the entire trip, and I have kvetched the whole way about my wind-blown hair. We call a truce and ring my parents’ doorbell. “Just a minute,” My mother peers through the peephole to make sure it’s us. “You must be starving,” she says, as if we have walked, instead of driven 200 miles.

“Let’s eat.”

Flash trots upstairs to wash her hands and I go with her. Last time Flash went to the bathroom in my parents’ house, the aluminum foil and day-glow orange striped wallpaper gave her a migraine. And since the entire bathroom is covered in it (including the walls, ceiling and the back of the door) Flash spent an hour trying to find her way out. This time, she closes the door behind us and reaches for the window. “It’s so stuffy in here,” she says. “Don’t!” I scream. “You’ll set off the burglar alarm.” “I don’t understand,” Flash says. “Don’t you ever open a window?” “No,” I say. “It’s against our religion.”

“Lunch, ladies,” my father yells. We head downstairs to eat a small feast of bagels, lox, and about fifty beige, Jewish side dishes (gelilte fish, potato kugel, noodle pudding), which all taste alike. After we eat, we get into my father’s car with all the windows rolled up tight, and head for New Jersey. “Can we get some air in here?” Flash asks. “Sure,” says my father, blasting the air conditioning. By the time we get to Aunt Yenta’s, Flash is green from my mother’s cigarette smoke. “Sit down,” Aunt Yenta greets us. “You must be starving,” Flash peeks through the venetian blinds, lasting after some fresh air. “Tell me,” she whispers loudly. “Did your father’s car have hub caps on it when we drove up?”


After supper, Aunt Yenta packs us a doggie bag that could easily feed forty-seven, and takes us to a hotel. “Meet you for breakfast at 8:00,” she says. Flash and I head for our room. We are almost too tired and full to frolic, but neither of us can bear the thought of wasting a king-sized bed.

Afterwards I offer her a piece of post-coital sponge cake.


“No,” my mother points out the window. “Look, it’s raining. I told them not to get married outside.” “They’re getting married outside?” “In her parents’ back yard,” Aunt Yenta rolls her eyes. “It was Maria Theresa’s idea.”

We arrive at the home of Maria Theresa’s parents. They’ve rented a tent, so we troop out to inspect it. It is raining so hard, the plastic sides have to be lowered.

“There’s no air in here,” Flash gasps. Indeed, the effect is like being trapped, fully clothed, inside a sauna with my entire extended family.

Soon the bride and groom say their vows. We sit on chairs that have half sunk into the mud, so that it feels like we’re riding a Tilt-a-Whirl. After the “I do’s,” half the room yells “Mazel Tov!” and half the room yells, “Mangial!” And boy, do we eat. Meatballs and matzo balls. Latkes and lasagna. A true multicultural feast.

After the eating, the band strikes up an Israeli circle dance. I grab Flash’s right hand. Aunt Yenta grabs Flash’s left hand and kicks up her heels. “What a gorgeous affair,” Aunt Yenta gushes, her pocketbook whacking Flash with every step. “Listen, everybody thinks I’m the maven. The know-it-all,” she translates for Flash. “They want to know what to call you.” “Lesla and Flash,” I say. “No, I mean is Flash your friend, your ...” I have to think fast. Aunt Yenta is a yenta. Telling her anything is like taking out an ad in the New York Times. “Flash is my beloved companion,” I say, and my beloved companion beams in approval.

“Beloved companion,” Aunt Yenta repeats, twirling off to spread the news.

Hours later we emerge from the tent. The sky has cleared and Flash gulps the air, like someone whose head has been stuck in a plastic dry cleaning bag for hours. We say good-bye, file into my father’s car and head for my parents’ house. When we get there, Flash embraces her car like a long lost friend.

“Don’t you want to come in and change?” my father asks. “Wait, let me get you some fruit,” my mother says. “We really have to go,” I say, ducking into the car. We drive off, waving, with all the windows rolled down, and for once I don’t say a word about it all the way home.
Identity Helpline

New and exciting things have been happening with the HelpLine the last few months. Everybody at the Potluck Dinners, of course, heard our travails with the computer that went kaput. We’ve been begging for months for a computer because the HelpLine was being forwarded by a computer via modem to the volunteers. When Terry Helleck loaned us her laptop, what was supposed to be a one-month stint turned into six months. We put in a request to Digital Queers to get a computer; they said they’d help us but we didn’t know when that would be. Then recently Bill Wilks, who works for ATU, told us of a new system that STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) had requested ATU to set up. Bill said that once it went on line we could probably request to test it also.

Yea for technology! The new system is called “Remote Call Forwarding.” It’s not available to the general public yet, but we are testing it for ATU. When they’re satisfied that it works and it’s tariffs, it will become available for public use. The HelpLine was in Ken Freedman’s house, as was the computer. Every couple of months our volunteer schedule had to be programmed in the computer, and then the computer would forward the HelpLine to the volunteer. Of course, sometimes it wouldn’t; and of course changes were a pain in the posterior, especially when Ken was in Seattle. We needed at least a week’s notice to change the schedule. That was then. This is how it works now. The equipment is no longer in a private home. As a matter of fact, it only exists in the wiring at ATU. We have a voice mailbox, the HelpLine is being forwarded to the voice mailbox, and people who call can leave messages.

Here’s how it works. Let’s say I’m scheduled as tonight’s volunteer. At 6 o’clock I call a number, punch in a code, punch in my phone number, wait for confirmation from the forwarding system and then hang up. If someone calls the HelpLine, they get me. At 11 o’clock, I send the HelpLine back to the voice mailbox. It’s easy; no computer, no modem, no glitches, no programming; you could be house-sitting for a friend, and if you have the HelpLine that night, you would just transfer it to your friend’s number and then transfer it back at the end of the evening. I’ve even had some of my volunteers splitting shifts, and with the new system, you can do that.

Amy O’Mara has been updating the HelpLine Resource Book for us, and we hope to give the volunteers the new information at the next HelpLine Potluck (which will be Monday, May 13 at Kathy Matukas’). The address and map will be going out with the volunteer schedule before May 1. We will be doing another HelpLine training in the fall after the Pride Conference. If you are interested, call me at 337-2011. You don’t have to be lesbian or gay to be a volunteer. I’ve heard that rumor, but it’s not true; we welcome anyone who has the interest and desire. Last, but not least, we bid farewell to two of our volunteers; Larry Costello and James Hunter are moving out of state. We wish you well. Thanks for your help for the last several years.

Identity, Inc.

Fourth Friday Potluck & Social

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

Friday, April 26

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NOTICE OF IDENTITY, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Identity, Inc. will be held in conjunction with the Fourth Friday Potluck Dinner, 7pm, April 26, 1996, at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, located at 3201 Turnagain Street. The slate of Board Member candidates includes: Candy Bonham, Mikel Haase, Shirley Harris, Tori Lentfer and Angela London.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Only current Identity, Inc. members may vote; bring your checkbook.

Tom Rachal,
Secretary, Board of Directors
The invisible Republicans

by Marvin Liebman

The story gave me a profound sense of deja vu.

It was a New York Times item about a tiny group of African-Americans in Chicago who call themselves the Frederick Douglass Crusaders. They meet on most Saturday mornings at Izola’s restaurant, on the city’s south side, to discuss politics and a wider role for blacks in the Republican Party. They worry that the party has little left of the spirit of Lincoln, let alone their contingent’s namesake, Frederick Douglass, the fiery black abolitionist and party stalwart.

The group’s white-haired leader is 72-year-old Charles Gaines, a Republican most of his life. “This is our party, too. We’ve been Republicans as long as there’s been a Republican party,” he said. “We’re Frederick Douglass Republicans, and we’re trying to revive his principles in the party: justice and equality for all.” According to Gaines, “The party isn’t anti-black. They [GOP leaders] don’t even have us on their minds. And, that’s the real problem. We’re invisible to them.”

I can remember the times I sat around with other gay Republicans—not over Izola’s hash, rice, and hot sauce, but over glasses of chilled white wine—and discussed the place of gays in the GOP. The talk was similar. What had happened to the party of Lincoln? Can it be revived? What was our place, our strategy? Like the Crusaders, we felt invisible and pledged to bring back the good old days, to secure a place in the increasingly hard-right party of Jesse Helms, Pat Robertson, Bob Dornan, and Pat Buchanan. After all, we were Republicans too.

I finally lost my stomach for this pointless battle, as I’m guessing many of Gaines’ companions have, too. Opting to shed all labels and maintain independence from any political party, I now give my support, without regard to party affiliation, to any candidate who publicly accepts gay people as vital contributors to every sector of American life and welcomes their backing. And, despite my aversion to labels, I am prone to endorsing “out” lesbians and gay men courageous enough to run for public office.

Few such candidates call the Republican party home, and it’s little wonder why. Like African-American elected officials, 95 percent of whom are Democrats, gays and lesbians have found scant backing in the GOP. At their most restrained, Republicans manage to resist public displays of blatant racism or anti-gay bigotry. But their politics speak for them. Deliberately heedless to the few voices of diversity in their own ranks, they rely on resistance to even modest reforms put forward by gay people to communicate their hostility.

The issue of gay marriage is a case in point. Republicans in state legislatures across the country, still reveling in their mid-term election conquests, have declared war on the state of Hawaii. A court ruling there has paved the way for same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses, although a final ruling in the case may be many months away. If the courts in Hawaii decide as expected, other states, according to the United States Constitution’s “full faith and credit” clause, would be obligated to respect marriage contracts entered into in Hawaii. Bent on limiting access to legal marriage,
The invisible Republicans

continued

however, conservative state legislators are bidding aloha to the spirit and the letter of this constitutional guarantee.

Republicans, in a Faustian pact with their Christian-right allies, have fenced themselves in to opposing homosexual Americans in their hopes for equal rights. Battles over same-sex marriage are just the latest episodes to underscore this dynamic. Republicans are leading the charge for anti-gay marriage legislation in 14 state chambers; nearly every legislature that has already approved such a ban is controlled by Republicans; Republican governors—in Utah, South Dakota, and Idaho—have been the only ones so far to sign marriage bans into law. Now GOP members of the U.S. Senate, prodded by right-wing strategists, are preparing a “Defense of Marriage Act” to define marriage in federal policies and acts of Congress “as the legal union of one man and one woman capable of procreation.”

As explosive as the issue of gay marriage has become, it does have a precedent. A generation ago, political battles broke out over miscegenation and laws banning inter-racial marriages. While segregationist Democrats were in the forefront of enacting such laws, it is a further indication of how far the Republican Party has strayed from the path of Lincoln and Douglass that it now warrants comparisons with those segregationist pillars of prejudice. A prime example is Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who left the Democrat party after finding the GOP more receptive to his racist views.

Like anti-miscegenation laws, which the Supreme Court struck down in Loving v. Virginia in 1967, the matter of same-sex marriage will likely make its way onto the high court’s docket. In the meantime, more bigotry, falsehoods, and slander will be leveled at gay people seeking the benefits of civil marriage, which include the right to hold joint parental custody, obtain family insurance and health benefits, file joint tax returns, inherit property automatically, and visit a spouse or a child in a hospital.

This has nothing to do with God or the Bible. It is a civil procedure. But to many Republicans, such distinctions mean as little as their commitment to the Constitution. To those of us now outside the GOP, so does the party’s lip service to its great legacy which began with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

AIDS quilt on display at Soldotna’s library

Our daughter Dawn made the memorial panel (at right) in memory of her brother Scott. The panel depicts Sleeping Lady, with Scott’s ashes being spread over her. Scott’s Uncle Curt flew Dawn and Ken, Scott’s AIDS buddy, over Sleeping Lady, a mountain formation outside of Anchorage, to spread his ashes.

Dawn said, “Making this quilt for Scott was good therapy for me, and a beautiful way to remember him. The hard part is letting go.” For me, his mother, it’s been a great part of my healing process. My goal is to help make the healing process a little easier for others going through this terrible time in their life. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

If you would like to make a panel for a loved one, please call me at 262-2589 for more information. Eight (3-feet-by-6 feet) panels must be sewn together to make a section. The section must be in Washington, D.C. by July 1996. You can request that sections be hung in a special place. A lot of towns do this for World AIDS Awareness Day. At last count the quilt was the size of three football fields.

I would like to personally thank the Soldotna Library for displaying the panel and to thank them for the encouraging words: “Soldotna Public Library is pleased to display a memorial panel, destined to become part of the National AIDS Awareness quilt. We are proud to support public awareness of this disease and its victims.”

Please open your hearts and get involved because this terrible disease is not over yet. We need your support.

THERE IS HELP FOR THOSE GRIEVING FOR LOVED ONES WHO’VE DIED FROM AIDS

On behalf of the HIV/AIDS Network and myself, I would like to thank the following businesses for donating all the wonderful items and goodies for World AIDS Awareness Day, December 1: North Country Fair, Ceramic Center, Donna’s Gifts, Esta Clemons, Kathleen’s Hair Salon, Vesta Leigh, Stubbs, AK Clear Water, Kaladi Brothers, Safeway, and McDonald’s.

The support this year was so wonderful. I just can’t thank you enough. This has been one of my goals for three years, to get more people involved and aware of HIV/AIDS, and you’re helping to make it come true. Bless all of you.

I would also, as a parent of a son who died of AIDS, like to bring to the community’s attention how it really helps to get involved after losing a child. I would never be the person I am today without the love of all the people from Hospice, Overeaters Anonymous and my family, but most of all, my Lord, Whom I’m sure sent all the others to me. Remember, don’t be afraid to reach out, ask for help, talk to people, get involved, don’t be afraid to cry. Talk to the Lord as if you are talking to a friend and you won’t have to worry about crying, believe me.

There is a place in Anchorage that helps you get started, the HIV/AIDS Network. For further information, please call Dawn at 243-8686 or Jan at 262-2589.

Jan Olson is a Hospice board member and an HIV/AIDS Network volunteer.
FRANK FOUST

Local businessman and musician Francis “Frank” Lee Foust, 55, died March 19, 1996, at his Anchorage residence following a lengthy illness.

A funeral is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 825 S. Klevin St. The Rev. Steve Moore and Monsignor Francis Cowgill will officiate.

Mr. Foust was born March 23, 1940, in Dallastown, Pa. He graduated from York Catholic High School in York, Pa., then received a degree from Thompson Business College.

In Pennsylvania, Mr. Foust worked as an interior and floral designer.

A friend said, “His talents were recognized when he was chosen to restore the Governor's Mansion after Hurricane Agnes destroyed it in 1972.”

Soon after coming to Alaska in 1974, he opened his first flower shop. He owned three floral businesses during his 22 years in Anchorage, then being Flowers by Forest on East Seventh Avenue next to the Anchorage Flea Market.

In recent years, due to health problems, Mr. Foust closed his business. However, he continued with private commissions, decorating some of the most prestigious homes in Anchorage.

DOUGLAS YOUNG

Douglas Andrew Young, 42, died March 23, 1996, at the Providence Extended Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

RICHARD VIRACOLA

Anchorage resident Richard L. Viracola, 36, died March 22, 1996, at the Providence Extended Care Center following a lengthy illness. A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel downtown, with the Rev. Wesley Veatch officiating. Burial will be in Anchorage Memorial Park cemetery in the spring.

Mr. Viracola was born Feb. 19, 1960, in Arcata, Calif., to Joseph and Delores Viracola. Mr. Viracola came to Alaska in the 1970s. He enjoyed working on automobiles and was an excellent mechanic. His friends said he was able to be a very caring friend and often went out of his way to help others.

Mr. Viracola was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his father, Joseph of California; brother, Fred Rogers of Grants Pass, Ore.; his grandmother, Reba Cook of Grants Pass, Ore.; and uncle, Howard Cook of Portland, Ore.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be sent in his memory to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503.

‘GERRY’ LLOYD

Robert Gerald “Gerry” Lloyd, 40, died April 5, 1996, at Providence Extended Care Center. A gathering of friends in celebration of Gerry’s life is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sunday (April 14) at 4002 Garfield St.

Mr. Lloyd was born Dec. 6, 1955, in Elyria, Ohio, to Robert and Geraldene Kellogg Lloyd. He graduated from Brookside High School in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, in 1974.

His family made this statement: “Gerry possessed an excellent mind, and his curiosity and love of people led him to travel the world. He made his first journey to Alaska in 1980 and made Anchorage his home for the past 15 years. Several additional trips to the four corners of the United States and new sojourns to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti enhanced his existing appreciation for the diversity and beauty of life. He expressed some of that appreciation through his work with his ‘second family’ at the Downtown Deli & Cafe, a place he called his ‘home away from home.’ Gerry worked at the Deli for 13 years.”

When he was not working, he spent time with his friends and family camping and sightseeing throughout Alaska and the Lower 48. He loved nature’s beauty and was an accomplished photographer.

Mr. Lloyd is survived by his parents, Robert and Geraldene of Elyria, Ohio; his sisters, Vicki Ingham of Fresno, Calif., Deanne Lloyd of Big Pine Key, Fla., and Deborah Garber of Sheffield Lake; brother, Douglas Lloyd of Sheffield Lake; niece Kelly Garber; nephews, Kristofer Ingham of San Diego, Calif., Jeffrey Ingham of Fresno, and James and Joseph Garber of Sheffield Lake, and many friends.

Mr. Lloyd requested that contributions in his memory be sent to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 1057 West Fireweed, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503, or Hospice of Anchorage, 3605 Arctic Blvd., No. 555, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Arrangements by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.
Born That Way?
Dan Carter is a local gay activist

(Note: I am not the author of this article as it was sent to me over the Internet. However, as an EX-Republican, I am living proof that a person can be cured of this affliction with proper care and counseling. If you are living this unnatural life-style, stay strong and seek counseling as soon as possible and above all else—keep your sense of humor! Views are not necessarily those of this newspaper.) ;)

The startling discovery that affiliation with the Republican party is genetically determined was announced by scientists in the current issue of the journal Nurture. Reports of the gene that codes for political conservatism, discovered after a long study of quintuplets in Orange County, Calif., has sent shock waves through the medical, political, and golfing communities.

Psychologists and psychoanalysts have long believed that Republicans' unnatural and frequently unconstitutional tendencies result from unhealthy family life -- a remarkably high percentage of Republicans had authoritative, domineering fathers and emotionally distant mothers who didn't teach them how to be kind and gentle.

But biologists have long suspected that conservatism is inherited. "After all," said one author of the Nurture article, "It's quite common for a Republican to have a brother or a sister who is a Republican."

The finding has been greeted with relief by parents and friends of Republicans, who have tended to blame themselves for the political views of otherwise lovable people -- their children, friends, and unindicted coconspirators.

One mother, a longtime Democrat, clasped her hands in ecstasy on hearing of the findings. "I just knew it was genetic," she said, seated beside her two sons, both avowed Republicans. "I just knew that nobody would actually choose that life style!"

When asked what the Republican life style was, she said, "Well, you can tell from watching TV, like at the convention in Houston: the loud outfits, the flaming xenophobia, the flamboyant demagoguery."

Both sons said they had suspected their Republicanism from an early age but did not confirm it until they were in college, when they became convinced it wasn't just a phase they were going through.

Despite the near-certainty of the medical community of Republicanism's genetic origins, troubling issues remain. The Nurture article offered no response to the suggestion that the startlingly high incidence of Republicanism among siblings could result from the fact that they share not only genes but also psychological and emotional attitudes, being the products of the same parents and family dynamics.

And it remains to be explained why so many avowed Democrats are known to vote Republican occasionally--or at least to fantasize about doing so. Polls show that three out of five Democrats admit to having had a Republican experience. In well-adjusted people, however, this experimentation rarely outlasts adolescence.

Surprisingly, some Republican activists hail the findings as a step forward rather than as an invitation to more conservophobia. They argue that since Republicans didn't "choose" their unwholesome life style any more than someone "chooses" to have a ski-jump nose, they shouldn't be denied civil rights to which normal people are entitled.

Other Republicans, recalling 19th-century scientific studies that "proved" the mental inferiority of African-Americans, find the frenzied search for the biological cause of Republicanism pointless, if not downright sinister.

But for most real Americans, the discovery of a genetic cause opens a window on a brighter tomorrow. In a few years, gene therapy could eradicate Republicanism altogether.

If conservatism is not the result of sheer unreasons (as many suspect) but is something Republicans can't help and probably don't even like, there's no reason why we shouldn't tolerate Republicans in the military or even high elected office--provided they don't flaunt their political beliefs.
Grass stains and other truths

by Jen Kohout

I suppose it should have been obvious. After all, Nirvana for me was running around a hockey field while 21 women thrashed at my shins with wooden sticks. In the stereotypical sense, I was a dyke with a neon “L.” Of course, as is too frequently the case, I was oblivious to the fact. I didn’t know any lesbians personally. Nor did I want to.

Hollywood, the Church, and my family had told me all I needed to know about lesbians. According to my helpful sources, they were ugly, depressed, unsociable types who rode motorcycles, drank a lot of Miller beer, and generally led a miserable existence.

As far as I knew, I was just a momentarily confused kid who had no interest in boys but loved team sports. Once I hit puberty, the only thing I was sure about was that running around a chalk lined field chasing a small white ball was my life line. In high school, I’d dribble my field hockey ball for hours around the dirty clothes strewn around the floor of my room. A habit my parents generously tried to ignore. One summer, I tried out for the Olympic team. My dreams of meeting Bonnie Blair, however, were dashed during an early rounds of cuts. Eventually I decided that Bonnie was probably better off without the distraction, swallowed my disappointment and settled into a four year career of intercollegiate hockey.

Playing field hockey was the definitive experience of my college years. For one, it was a huge part of my self-identity. In general, I assumed that I was attending my fancy university because someone in admissions had accidentally switched my file with that of some budding Rhodes scholar. Walking around campus in my royal blue practice sweats armed with a couple of grizzly hockey sticks, however, made me feel as if I owned the place. Hockey also connected me to the world. The joy I experienced bonding with my sweaty teammates made up for years of feeling like an outsider ... missing out on the prom, sorority rush, and all those other noteworthy events that mark passages in the life of an middle class WASP kid growing up in suburbia. When I put on my cleats, I could care less about any of it.

The hockey field was where I learned about life. About working together with a random group of people to achieve a common goal. In my case, the goal was to put a baseball sized rubber ball into a 6 by 12 foot net, but the lessons had broader applications. I learned about discipline, persistence, and commitment. I learned that the world would not end when I lost. Nor would a win carry me any further than the next game. I suppose others learned those same lessons in drama club and marching band. But I preferred to be learning and simultaneously collecting grass stains.

What does this have to do with my coming out process? Unfortunately, not much. If you believed the athletic department at my institution of higher learning, lesbianism in the women’s sports was nonexistent. In fact, it ranked right up there with leprosy as popular topics of conversation among athletic department types. In four years, I heard one reference to homosexuality. It was whispered by some players who were hypothesizing why the women’s basketball coach was no longer speaking to her assistant coach. With the exception of that one underhanded rumor, the party line was that all those broad-shouldered, short-haired coaches, trainers, and administrators and their long term female “roommates” were simply single women pooling their finances. Certainly not well-adjusted lesbians in healthy relationships. So instead of having a decent role model for the first time in my life, I got the message that being a lesbian was cause for shame. Not the message that I needed at the time, and one that I am a tad resentful of some 10 years later.

I know that, like the University of Michigan, my college now has an anti-discrimination provision that includes sexual orientation. It also has a Lesbian Gay Bi Programs office. The University administration is finally waking up to the needs of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals.

Unfortunately, University athletic departments seem to have stayed in the dark ages. When athletic administrators pressure coaches into hiding their sexuality, there’s a problem. And maybe it’s high time for the broader University community to address the issue and demonstrate a true commitment to all those higher principles schools like Michigan are supposed to be about.

What I know about being closeted and hiding my sexual orientation is that it takes a lot of energy. It has interfered with my sleep, distracted me from my studies, and made me less likely to engage in and contribute to the broader community. If you took all that wasted energy, my own and others, you could probably move mountains. Or, at the very least, field a team of well-adjusted (not to mention, well-rested) athletes who knew that they were decent people and could focus their talents on perfecting their shots on goal. As for the alleged stigma associated with an athletic department that is inclusive and open about homosexuality, I suspect the benefits would far outweigh the costs. What a program might lose due to the base recruiting techniques of some opposing coaches who use homosexuality to scare prospective recruits away, it might just as easily gain by building a reputation as a place of integrity and tolerance.

These may be radical concepts to a department whose bottom line is revenue. Ultimately, however, they are the only things that matter.

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Hallowed is our love

by Karen Carlisle

Hallelujah! Easter Sunday’s come thrice. Say what? Those of you who have been reading “Dear Love” since the beginning know Easter Sunday was the BIG DAY over two years ago. You know. When we did the do. Went all the way. Had sex for the first time which mysteriously is the glue that mortars the foundation, the ink on the contract (well, it is if you’re a lesbian). The tie that binds. (I hope lightning is not going to strike. I really don’t believe it will. I’ve tested the theory with impunity many times. Besides, the admonishment is to not take the Lord’s name in vain. The commandment doesn’t say anything about the Lord’s hymns or holy days which He stole in the first place, or anything about capital letters at the beginnings of words. Is not doing something taking the name in vain?)

This Easter Sunday bells were ringing, but not in churches. If not a four-alarm fire, at least a two alerted me to my amorous state. Dear Love was displaying symptoms too. Her voice was husky. She slithered up my body just to see if I wanted coffee.

I wonder about anniversaries. I can’t quite figure out what day to celebrate. There are so many starlit days in our fateful coming together. Celebrating the day our genitals/hands/mouths touched as the significant mating day confuses me. Why does sex mark the spot on the calendar? Besides, I can’t quite define when sex begins.

Now I think men are much clearer about this owning, as they do, appendages that are meant to go in something, and it has been my observation that putting the appendage in someone is a major goal for them. But not so with most lesbians. Our whole skin is a penis. A major landmark for me is the first night Dear Love laid her warm, gentle hand alongside my face. The moat was breached, dear reader. Every ounce of sexual energy in my body gathered at her hand. I leaned into it, surrendered. But did we travel any further? Only to The First Kiss, which was an anticlimax after The First Touch coming as it did after a long period of self-imposed sexual exile.

Even before then, though, I knew sex was going to happen eventually, inevitably. So sure, that I hardly ever made opportunities to accidentally run across her at the grocery store or post office. I knew. I knew the Great Kahuna in the Big Hooty Hooty had ordained this mating. How else could two lesbians find their way to homophobic Bushville and each other? Is that when sex begins? When you know it’s going to happen?

Or is it that miraculous moment when you meet and the sparks shoot out of her eyes, out the ends of your fingers and off the tops of your heads? Is that The Anniversary? I remember the date: January 22. How did I know that date would be important?

Dear Love and I were reminiscing about that first Easter this last Sunday, and we both realized we remembered nothing about the consummation act except that we did it. I can summon up the feelings of finally touching all that hot, beautiful skin at once, but neither of us even remembers for sure whose house, whose bed we occupied during the great event.

We remember the whole day preceding that moment. The negotiation: I said, “If I were to ask you to make love with me today, what would you say?” She said, “Yes.” I said, “Then I’m asking.” Then, we had to sit through an entire Easter dinner with a bunch of people all the while trying to eat lightly before an abundant spread so as not to ruin the later feast. You could have walked to Siberia across the arc of sexual energy that bridged the room. I wouldn’t be surprised if everyone else at dinner that day went home for a frolic as well. It’s catching, you know.

Now, do we celebrate the Genital Sex Day on Easter Sunday, or April 3? It’s so much more pagan on Easter. Resurrection, renewal and all that. And finally, we have our Forever Ceremony, December 28 which happened one year and 25 days after we met.

Oh, hell, let’s celebrate all of them: The Day We Met, The Day We Touched, The Day We Touched Everything, The Day We Wed. ©Karen Carlisle
Bemused in Bushville
Colorado governor vetoes ban on same-sex marriage

On Monday, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer vetoed H.B. 96-1291, a bill to clearly define “marriage” as a union between a man and a woman.

Romer referred to H.B. 96-1291 as “mean-spirited” and “unnecessary,” and called for the formation of a commission to study the issue, effectively stalling any meaningful legislation until after the Hawaii court decision this summer.

At last count, 27 state legislatures have introduced bills this year that would prohibit same-sex couples from legally marrying. One — in South Dakota — is now law, and as of this writing two others may soon be. Not since the first Gay 90’s 100 years ago has this country seen such a scramble to pass laws to discriminate against a minority population.
The albums of Potter's Lane (Remembering)

Part 35(A), "The home front"

by Dan Cook

Leave it to Mother. If there was a way to get around the government and get what you wanted, she was the pro. Our country needed four things mother had; (1) a warehouse full of pharmaceuticals; (2) tons of money to buy war bonds; (3) all the beef they could use; and (4) a couple of piers the Navy wanted to lease. She wasn't going to give anything away but she did lease her piers for one dollar a year as long as the war was going on. In return she got unlimited gas for the Sisters, her cars, and Steve's plane. She had to pay for the gas but she refused to be rationed like everyone else.

This all occurred in the spring of '43. Steve was more than happy to pay a tanker to drive from Seattle to John Day. Anything was better than seeing his plane gathering dust next to the barn. They hadn't gone to the island since the war broke out, but now, thanks to Mother, they were flying to Seattle.

They saw a Seattle they had never seen before. The streets were packed with shoppers and almost every male was in uniform. Everyone seemed to be late for an appointment ... no one was strolling. The ports were full and Puget Sound was no exception, with cargo ships anchored in the Sound or tied up at the piers being loaded. The Sisters was docked at Mother's pier next to a naval cargo ship, and the little office in front of the warehouse was now naval property with a shore patrol standing guard. Joe and Nick greeted them and introduced them to the brass. They were so glad to see each other they almost forgot they were in public view and had to make a quick retreat to the main parlor of the Sisters for their communal hug. The yacht threaded its way between huge ships and out into open water. God, it was good to see the island again and to look at what the guys were building! Victoria asked them to build a beach house to shelter all the umbrellas, chairs, tables, clam shovels etc. and they had done just that. It was to the right of the entrance of the lagoon and tucked back among the trees. The guys liked it so much they were staying out there and wanted to build on it to it for a caretakers cabin. Mike gave the thumbs up. (Note: The lights around the cove and the entrance beacons could not be used now. This was war time; the Navy gave notice to all that lived on the coast. No outside lights, and windows had to be covered at night to prevent enemy subs or planes from being guided to Seattle or to the Naval shipyards in Bremerton.)

The following morning they headed for Bellingham with their fishing boat to purchase building supplies for the beach house addition and were back on the island before noon. That week the four of them put the war behind them, and behaved like four Boy Scouts building a tree house. There was energy to spare because it wasn't work, it was sheer pleasure.

Once the area was cleared they laid a foundation of large flat rocks at each corner and used logs they had cut like Lincoln logs to secure the floor. They finished the floors, walls and the roof before they left the island so the guys had a real good start on their own home. Mike needed to stop by his uncle's and get any mail from Byco. The Lees couldn't help but worry. But Byco was very glad his aunt and uncle were not behind barbed wire and that the John Day family were watching after them.

When they got back it was time to move the herd to the miner's cabin. They had delayed because there were no modern conveniences at the Purdy house had. The Lees were looking forward to the change, and had really gotten accustomed to having just the two border collies for company. They had an occasional visit with Lucy and Mrs. Holt, who climbed into the old Model-T each week with new supplies and all the latest gossip. That was the only day Mrs. Holt was gone all day. "You put those three girls friends together and it sounded like a hen house in the morning," Mike remembered with a smile. It was a 'lady thing,' but it made life tolerable for Mrs. Lee.

The two of them were really dolling up the Purdy house. The new kitchen, garden and rose bushes Mrs. Holt brought out were now gracing the walkway and points around the house. Mona and Peggy sent wallpaper for the living room and dressing room that was real cute but would have to go once the boys came home.

The day before Christmas Mike, Steve, Mary and Etta took the sleigh to Purdy to deliver presents given to the Lees. Lucy and Mrs. Holt put together a wonderful ham dinner with all the fixings and packed it with loving hands. That night after dinner they came back with a full moon and a full heart. Fresh snow from the day before gleamed in the moonlight, and the only sounds were the bells on the horse's harness. It was wonderful to be safe and warm without the threat of soldiers watching their every move.

That Model-T couldn't make it to the miner's cabin. They could get it as far as Purdy, and then they would have to unload everything onto horses. Steve was now flying the supplies in. Mrs. Holt and Lucy wanted to visit, but they had to get Lucy in the plane and that wasn't easy. Finally Mrs. Holt had enough for one day, took her apron off, and told Lucy to "get in ... time's a-wastin'. The Good Lord will take you when He gets ready ... not because you think it's time." With that, Lucy never said 'no' again to the short flight. (By the way ... Mona and Peggy never gave away their secret, even when people asked if anyone had an idea where they were.)

TURNING THE PAGE...

Cherisse 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 Cherisse, who will send the missing sections at no charge.]
Gay couples joyously exchange vows in San Francisco

by April Lynch

With nosegays of bright spring blossoms pinned to their lapels or nestled in their hands, hundreds of gays and lesbians took a first step down the aisle toward fully sanctioned same-sex marriage with a ceremony of love and commitment yesterday at San Francisco City Hall.

The mass wedding, which joined together more than 150 couples, did not carry the full legal weight of a heterosexual marriage ceremony. But participants and organizers said the gathering is an important milestone in the fight to give gay and lesbian unions the same official recognition as straight marriages.

Above and beyond the politics, it was a great day to hold hands, promise a lifetime of loyalty and be in love.

“It shows how much we cherish each other,” Jan Stafford, clad in a cloud of white satin and tulle, said as she looked at her partner of 12 years, Maxine Kincora.

“I just thought the ceremony would be a fun thing,” Kincora replied from underneath her own veil of ivory lace. “But the closer we got to it, the more weepy I got.”

The event at Herbst Theater in San Francisco’s temporary City Hall was billed as the first of its kind in the country. The simple exchange of vows adds a ceremonial component to the city’s 1991 domestic partners law. Two other cities — New York and Madison, Wisconsin — also have vows to go with their domestic partners registration, but San Francisco is the first city to initiate the vows with a mass public ceremony.

“We are here to express our affirmation and our defiance,” Supervisor Carole Migden, joined on-stage by Mayor Willie Brown, told the hundreds of people in Herbst Theater. “We affirm the love of these couples ... and we defy that movement that seeks to deny us respect, equality and dignity.”

In one Victorian flat near Duboce Park, Robb Reichert and Pete Eastridge were both up by 6AM, dressing in matching black slacks and striped shirts and pinning boutonnieres of fire-and-ice roses near each other’s collars. Each pushed a purple and black garter up one sleeve, a reminder of the religious wedding vows they exchanged in their living room with friends and family in December. Reichert, 48, is a retired nurse. Eastridge, 55, works as a bank consultant.

“We just feel like a married couple,” said Eastridge. “It has worked.”

There were pairs in bright leis and luau shirts, couples in tuxedos, mates in perfectly pressed suits, and duos in spring dresses straight out of a garden party. Couples brought friends and family, from sleepy toddlers to a proud mother who flew all the way from Taiwan to watch her son get hitched.

Guided by music from the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, each couple made their way to the stage after having their names and a brief statement celebrating their relationship read aloud. Then, city officials took turns administering the brief vows.

Some couples flubbed their vows. Others burst into tears, or gleefully flung their bouquets into the audience.

“This is public recognition for the love we have,” Reichert said. “I think there are a lot of very, very happy gay people out there today.”

Domestic Partners —
How It’s Done In San Francisco

The group ceremony in City Hall yesterday solemnized a series of rights San Francisco has granted unmarried couples, gay or straight, since its domestic partnership law took effect on Valentine’s Day 1991.

Under the law, the city allows couples who have registered as domestic partners with the city to have visitation rights in hospitals and if they are city employees, to participate in shared health plans and to take bereavement leave when a domestic partner dies. So far, more than 3,000 couples, most of them gay, have paid the $35 registration fee and signed up.

The county clerk-recorder’s office has deputized volunteers to perform the new ceremony. It will be performed in the clerk’s office for domestic partners who pay an additional $30 fee. Here are the vows exchanged during the domestic partnership ceremony:

Presiding official: We are gathered here in the presence of witnesses for the purpose of acknowledging the lifetime commitment you share for one another. By entering into this partnership together, you have chosen to share each others’ lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring. May you flourish in your life together and draw strength from your love and devotion during times of both hardship and joy in the years ahead.

Couple: I, (your name), do willingly take (your partner’s name) to be my lifetime partner to love and to cherish forever. We pledge, while in this union, to be responsible for each other and to be committed to a relationship of loyalty and mutual caring.

Presiding official: Now that you have joined together through this agreement, may your love be enduring and may all your days together bring you boundless happiness. By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the people of the city and county of San Francisco, I hereby pronounce you to be lawfully recognized domestic partners.

Adopt-A-Road

A reminder to those who signed up at the March Potluck Dinner for cleaning Patterson Street from Tudor Road to East Northern Lights Boulevard: Meet at O’Brady’s on Tudor at Patterson, May 11, 1:00PM; bring your own gloves; plastic bags will be furnished by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The Identity Adopt-A-Road Committee
French comedian Josiane Balasko wrote, directed and stars in this comedy about a butch lesbian (Balasko) and a chauvinist pig (Alain Chabat) competing for the affections of the man's wife (Victoria Abril). A gentle, spirited, warm-hearted sex farce that the French do better than anyone in the world. In French with subtitles. Rated R for sexual situations and nudity. 105 min.

Premieres April 19

Anne Frank Remembered

Academy Award Winning Documentary about the life and legacy of the 15-year-old Jewish girl whose famous diary recounts her day-to-day life in hiding during the Holocaust, and whose life ended in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945. Narrated by Kenneth Branagh with diary excerpts read by Glenn Close. Rated PG, 122 min.

Debuts April 26

Fanny Fink, the 29-year-old heroine of this breezily eccentric German comedy, spends her days frisking passengers at the Cologne airport. It's almost her only physical contact with people. It's been four years since Fanny's last serious relationship, and she's in deep funk. She spends her evenings attending a New Age class called "Conscious Dying." In which the students build their own coffins and their guru encourages them to "make friends with death." In this near-suicidal state, Fanny meets Orfeo, a pained, palm-reading drag queen who proclaims his other worldly abilities by performing a dance in a stuck elevator that seems to get the thing moving again, and Orfeo turns out to have other charms as well, he ends up becoming Fanny's new Auntie Mame, inspiring her with predictions of destined happiness with a man who may be her last chance. Director Dennis Dorin has been blessed with two perfectly cast performers. As Fanny, Mana Schneider, a wry actress/screewriter steers clear of mawkishness while making the character's self-centered oblivion-seeking seem entirely credible. As Orfeo, Pierre Sansousi-Bries is an impressive screen presence, whether he's lip-synching in a gay bar or performing alien rights on an apartment building roof. Unrated, includes some sex scenes and mature subject matter. 96 minutes, in German with English subtitles.

May 3 - 9
Attending film festivals is a treat I've always found exciting. Being in the film exhibition business, everyone assumes you see every film that comes down the road; unfortunately for me, it doesn't work that way. Trade screenings are held in Seattle, too far and too costly for a weekly jaunt and seeing films in my own cinema is difficult with the tight schedule under which the Capri operates. For this reason, I've been making an effort to get out to various film festivals and check out films by independent filmmakers. I enjoy seeing screen works for gay and lesbian audiences and found an abundance at this year's Berlin International Film Festival.

The 46th annual film festival, held February 15 through 26, featured 31 films with gay and lesbian themes; many were only small subplots while others had a gay/lesbian storyline throughout. Unfortunately, with schedules and time constraints, I was only able to see four of the 31 which I will briefly review here.

ANATOMY OF DESIRE (Canada) Documentary film combines interviews and film excerpts to investigate the questions of whether sexual orientation is the result of biological causes or of the particular socialization of the individual. Well-edited, concise and interesting archival footage, but the appeal is limited and probably won't be viewed widely at least in a theatrical setting, more for PBS or the Discovery Channel.

JIM LOVES JACK: THE JAMES EGAN STORY (Canada) This film portrays a man who enjoys the reputation in Canada of being the first political activist in the struggle for social acceptance of homosexuals. James Egan, now 73, and his partner, John Nesbit, 68, have lived together for almost 50 years. Jim's activity on behalf of the gay movement first found expression during the 1950s when he bombarded the editorial offices of the tabloid press with letters asking for more tolerance of gay men. The film shows the wonderful relationship of these two men and relates how they went before the highest Court of Law in Canada to fight for recognition of their partnership. At the screening I was able to speak with David Adkin, the 36-year-old director of the film, and it is a possibility that this film will be booked into the Capri for the 1996 Pride Conference in October.

THE CELLULOID CLOSET (USA) Documents history examining how Hollywood movies have portrayed homosexuality over the past century, incorporating clips from over 100 films with the aim of exploding sexual myths and exploring how our attitudes towards homosexuality and gender roles have been defined by Hollywood. This film is tentatively scheduled to play at the Capri over Gay Pride week. It was recently aired on cable television.

IT'S MY PARTY (USA) My personal favorite. Eric Roberts and Gregory Harrison are lovers in a relationship gone awry; the Roberts character, Nick Stark, an architect at the height of his career, finds out he's HIV positive. Stricken by the news that his AIDS-related illness is untreatable and the brain lesions will decimate all his facilities within days, he turns to his closest friend to help him die with dignity. But Nick, whose lust for life knows no bounds, immediately invites all his friends and acquaintances to an enormous two-day farewell party. The atmosphere is charged, but finally things settle down and Nick is able to leave this world, confident in the knowledge that he loves and is loved. One moment I was laughing so hard I could hardly contain myself, the next tears were rolling. This film is a celebration of friendship amongst friends and characters. Director Randal Kleiser said at the press conference following the screening that the story is based on a friend's own personal experiences. The film is filled with a personality that I have not previously witnessed in motion pictures and I think this may even outdo Philadelphia. But Kleiser was quick to admit that without the success of Philadelphia this film probably would have never seen distribution by a major Hollywood studio (MGM).

Berlin is a wonderful city to visit; while the weather is much similar to that of Anchorage, the lifestyle there is not. You'll find a friendly, open-minded population in a very "gay" city. Actually, Berlin has been said to be the oldest gay city in the world and had the first known organization of gays. Businesses cater to the gay lifestyle, so you'll not only find bars and restaurants, but retail shops competing for your business.

When it comes to costs, though, be prepared for a shock. Workers in Germany get a minimum wage equivalent to almost $8US, and this is reflected in the price of services and retail goods. A "pension," which is similar to a bed and breakfast, costs about $110US per day. A meal in a working-class restaurant will run over $20US, and a pair of Levi 501's are about $95US. Go out for cocktails and you'll find a Jim Beam and Coke at about $12US, while a German beer will run about $3.50. Germany is an expensive country, but they provide some of the best services to tourists, including the Autobahn and wonderful public transportation services.

Berlin has several gay neighborhoods and over 100 bars, most of which are open until the early morning hours or around the clock. They range from nice discos to neighborhood establishments with dark backrooms where you can check your clothes at the door and use your imagination from there on. Numerous quality drag shows can be found in Berlin clubs. The city is filled with museums, splendid architecture, and of course the Brandenberg gate that once separated East and West Berlin. Transportation around the city is easy once you get used to using the "UBahn" (underground train) and the "S-Bahn" (above-ground train). The fares are quite reasonable, and trains run frequently.

If you travel to Berlin in the summer, don't be surprised to find naked bodies laying out in the park by the lake, as Germans enjoy their unrestricted freedom.

Rand Thomsley is President and CEO of Silver Screen Management Corporation which owns the Capri Cinema.
Out and proud in small town Alaska

by Gordon Turner

There are many of us who have chosen to give up the fast-paced, hectic, congested life style that Anchorage has to offer and opt for a slower, even-paced life in small town Alaska.

When I came to Seward twelve years ago to escape the pressures of city life, I wondered how a gay man in a small, straight, close-knit community would be able to cope when opening a new high-profile, high-traffic business. It was not easy, because there was a lot of discrimination and prejudice to overcome. There were many who would not speak to me, who made comments behind my back. Some avoided me altogether, both professionally and socially. Others only hoped that I would soon leave town so they would not have to deal with a gay person in their midst. I, however, held up my head and struggled through a few lean years.

It was at this time that Bob, my good friend and customer, approached me about becoming partners and expanding the business. I explained that I had discovered at a young age that it was better to be truthful and honest with everyone and above all, with myself. I did not want to wonder which stories I had told someone earlier, so I explained to him that all the rumors he might have heard about me being gay were true. I wanted to clear the air and discuss my life openly with him. We needed to consider how it would appear if a straight man went into business with me....would people assume that he was gay, also?

Bob assured me that talk is cheap, and that he did not care what other people might think or say. He knew that we would work well together and prosper. The rest, as they say, is history.

Our business and property did well, and we sold it last year. A lot of people were now afraid that I was going to leave Seward. They assured me that I was a great addition to the community and that they would hate to see that happen. How nice to know that I am not just “that gay person” in town anymore. Now I’m just Gordon! To be accepted as a person (instead of being lumped together with a group that has been labeled unjustly and cruelly by society) is truly a great feeling. You see, we can all live, work and play together, no matter how different our preferences may be.

I am not leaving Seward, but am beginning a new adventure doing something I have always wanted to do, As Col. Norman Vaughn wrote to me in his new book on a recent visit, “Dream Big and Dare to Fail.” I know that I will succeed!

I have always loved older buildings and architecture, and feel that we must preserve the past in order to enhance the present and protect the future. Therefore, we have purchased the historic, three-story Sauers’ Building located downtown at 225 4th Avenue. It is known as the Seward Commercial Co. It was built in 1908.

We have remodeled the apartments on the second floor and restored them to enhance the decor of the 1900’s as envisioned by Mr. Sauers. Our five suites each contain a living room, dining room, full kitchen, bedroom and private bath. They will accommodate up to six persons.

Spend some time with us and enjoy a cup of Alaska’s own Café del Mundo coffee while we entertain you with historic and amusing stories about our building and its former owners and occupants.

Etiquette

Etiquette enables you to resolve conflict without just trading insults. Without etiquette, the irritations in modern life are so abrasive that you see people turning to the law to regulate everyday behavior.

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What are some of the products gays and lesbians have boycotted over the years?

Boycotts have been a useful form of political action for the American gay and lesbian community in the last several decades. While petitions and marches bring some measure of publicity and visibility to participants, boycotts are much quieter. They allow a lesbian in rural America who would be terrified if her neighbors knew she favored gay rights to register her protest by simply ceasing to buy orange juice or visit Colorado.

One of the first nationwide efforts by the gay and lesbian community to boycott a specific product came in 1973, when gays and lesbians around the country began to boycott Coors beer. As with many boycotts, this one spread by word of mouth much more than by organized political action. Reasons for the boycott included unfair labor practices at Coors (including asking potential employees if they were gay) and the anti-gay donations by the Coors family. The local Coors boycott in San Francisco was organized by none other than future supervisor Harvey Milk.

In 1977 Coors took out ads in The Advocate declaring that the company and the Coors family do not give money to anti-gay organizations, but the boycott continued. In 1982, the company even filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against Solidarity, a gay organization pushing the boycott. In 1987, when the AFL-CIO settled its labor disputes with Coors, the boycott fizzled, but some gays and lesbians still refuse to drink Coors, and some community bars still don't sell its brand of beer.

Another major beverage boycott by gays and lesbians came in 1977 when Florida orange juice spokeswoman (and former pop singer and Miss Oklahoma) Anita Bryant began her crusade to repeal non-discrimination laws in Miami and other parts of the country. To protest the “Save Our Children” campaign, Bryant opponents around the country stopped purchasing and drinking Florida orange juice. Some gay bars even displayed signs which insisted “We use California orange juice only.” In 1980 Bryant was dropped by the Citrus Commission, and Florida orange juice reappeared on the breakfast tables of same-sex households throughout America ... at least until Rush Limbaugh was hired by the Florida Citrus Commission in 1994.

Probably the biggest gay and lesbian boycott in recent years hasn’t been of a product, but of a state - Colorado. On election day 1992, just as gays and lesbians around the country were celebrating the election of Bill Clinton, Colorado voters approved “Amendment 2.” This measure, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, sought to forbid any jurisdiction within the state from protecting gays and lesbians from “any claim of discrimination.” The very next day, activists announced their plan to boycott Colorado’s tourism industry, which continued until a court suspended the initiative. The case has been appealed, and the Supreme Court is expected to render a major decision this spring as to whether states can ban gay rights laws. Early indications suggest the Court will be sympathetic to opponents of Amendment 2, but should they decide the other way, many activists are likely to call for a return to the Colorado boycott.

Unlike the Coors and orange juice boycotts, however, the Colorado boycott has generated significant controversy within the gay and lesbian community. Some gays and lesbians have questioned whether by boycotting the state, activists were abandoning Coloradans when it needed outside help most. Others questioned the wisdom of boycotting Gay Ski Week in Aspen - a city which had passed a non-discrimination law that Amendment 2 had voided - and instead vacationing in Park City, Utah, which never even protected gays from discrimination in the first place.

On the other hand, the boycott has deprived Colorado of millions of dollars in convention and tourism revenue. More than simply punishing the state for its 1992 vote, Colorado's loss of funds has sent a financial warning to other states and cities considering such initiatives.

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Equity extends self-pay health coverage to domestic partners

The Trustees of the Equity-League Health Trust Fund have agreed to extend health insurance benefits to domestic partners of participants in the fund on the same basis as current dependent coverage, that is, on a self-pay basis.

The effective date of this benefit will be July 1, 1996. To qualify for the benefit, domestic partners must be two unmarried adults, 18 years of age or older, of the same or opposite sex, neither of whom is married or legally separated, who:

- have resided with each other for six months prior to the application for benefits and who intend to live continuously with each other indefinitely;
- are not related by blood closer than the law would permit by marriage;
- are financially dependent on each other;
- have an exclusive, close and committed relationship with each other, and
- have not terminated the domestic partnership.

Taken from the ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION publication EQUITY, March 1996.
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Standing Together Against Rape

Rape is an act of violence which occurs too frequently in Alaska. Victims of sexual violence are women, men, boys, girls, elderly, disabled, homosexual and heterosexual. Any of us could potentially become a victim of sexual violence, and 80% of all sexual violence is committed by someone we know and trust.

S.T.A.R. has been providing both crisis services and education programs to the Anchorage community since 1978. S.T.A.R. is committed to providing confidential support and intervention services for victims of sexual violence, and to the reduction of sexual violence in Alaska through education and awareness.

A comparison of national statistics and incidents of sexual assault in Alaska indicate that the rate of adult sexual assault in Alaska is 24 times higher than the national average. Sexual violence occurs at a critical rate in Alaska, yet many victims feel as if they have done something wrong to "cause" the abuse, often fear that they will not be believed if they report, and sometimes do not have the safety and confidentiality of intervention and support to help them heal from sexual violation. There is often a sense that physical violence must be proven to believe that a rape has occurred, but in reality sexual assault is defined as unwanted sexual contact accomplished through force, coercion, manipulation or threat. A lack of physical battering does not reduce the impact of sexual violence.

At S.T.A.R., we are committed to providing confidential services for all victims of sexual violence, and to increasing our sensitivity to people who are not always readily acknowledged in the struggle to heal from the violence and violation of sexual abuse. It is difficult healing from the effects of violence, and at S.T.A.R. we reach out to the community to offer confidential, committed support through our 24-hour crisis lines, the availability of one-to-one support from an Advocate, and the opportunity to join a support group.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual violence, we encourage you to call S.T.A.R. with the confidence that we are here to support you in a sensitive, empowering and confidential healing process.

Business Phone: 907-276-7279
24-Hour Crisis: 907-276-7273
Toll Free: 1-800-478-8999

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Marriage - toughest battle lies ahead

The issue of same-sex marriage is poised to burst into the national consciousness as a case in Hawaii appears likely to make that state the first in the nation to allow gay and lesbian people to marry. The Human Rights Campaign and other national groups are bracing for a decision sometime in early 1997 by the Hawaii Supreme Court, which could fuel reactions from Congress and state legislatures to prevent other states from recognizing this historic change in Hawaii’s law.

Last year, the Human Rights Campaign conducted extensive research on public opinion about gay marriage. The findings, while not surprising, were sobering. Gay marriage is one of our most difficult issues in terms of public opinion. Although it provides a clear example of the unequal status of gay people in our society, the issue makes a majority of non-gay American voters very uncomfortable.

Most voters do not believe marriage is a civil right. One of our most compelling arguments is that making a commitment to a long-term relationship — getting married — is a basic human need that should not be denied to anyone. The government should not interfere in these personal choices and tell two consenting adults they cannot get married.

While there are likely to be political setbacks, the debate will provide an opportunity to continue educating Americans about lesbians and gay men. The issue accentuates the fact that lesbian and gay people do not have equal rights and continue to be denied the same rights and privileges that non-gay people take for granted.

From what you know, are gays and lesbians covered under current civil rights law now?
Yes 50%
No 21%
Don’t Know 28%

In your mind are civil rights laws for gays and lesbians more equal rights or are they more special rights?
Equal Rights 42%
Special Rights 38%
Don’t Know 20%

Do you favor or oppose preventing job discrimination against gay people?
Favor 74%
Oppose 20%
Don’t Know 6%

Do you favor or oppose making same-sex marriage legal?
Favor 37%
Oppose 56%
Don’t Know 7%

Taken from Human Rights Campaign Quarterly, Winter 1996
The Directory

AA...

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)lly indicate that the business or service ownership. All people are encouraged and welcome to call for further information. NOTE: in some instances you might encounter employees who are unaware of this Directory and its significance. Don’t be offended: it’s an opportunity to enlighten them. All listings are in Anchorage unless otherwise indicated.

AA:

(G) Midnight Sons, sec Calendar

Advertising:

(L) KT Creative, Katie, 278-9174

AIDS:

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

Air Service:

(L) Mr. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765, 907-735-1765

Alternative Medicine/Health:

(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Garekey, Keti/Jaimi, 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) Lipson/Brown Design, 274-0913

Art/Graphics

(L) Cawsworth, Catherine, 563-5492

Arts & Crafts

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

Bed & Breakfast:

(G) Alta’s (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Feather, Doug, 277-3862
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homer), 907-235-5945 (see ad)
(L) Blue Heron B&B (Missouri), Lucille, 417-993-4302
(L) Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 806-966-7936
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Janet, 337-4391
(G) Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Patti/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 (Pt. Lauderdale, FL), 305-565-8437
(G) Normandy South (Miami Beach, FL), Hank/Bruce, 305-674-1197

Clothing:

(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G/A) Sauer’s Lodge (Seward, AK), Gordon, 907-224-8946

Bicycle Repair:

(G) Roy’s Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

Boarding School Selection:

(A) Tom Croke, 277-7004

Body Work:

(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816

Books:

(A) Alaskana, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyranos Books, Sancy/Jerry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

Carpet & Linoleum Installation:

(A) Big Bob’s, Mark, 561-2121
(A) Don, 349-1065

Catering:

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

Chemical Dependency:

(G/L) 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
(G/L) The Sociable Tide at The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

College Selection:

(A) Tom Croke, 277-7004

Computer Bulletin Board:

(G) The Wilde Side, 353-4039
(G) Wings!, 243-7818; 243-7371 (G/L/Internet access)

Computer Supplies:

(A) Fridg North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:

(A) Alaska Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-44ASC
(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., F. Ken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) Ekstatic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) gra.f/x, Lucian, 561-5856
(L) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mark, 338-3357
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

Computer Training:

(A) Alaska Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-44ASC
(G) Ekstatic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) Seven Treasures Ent., Don, 338-9068
(A) Find It! Business Services (Macintosh); Larry, 279-4862

Costume Design:

(G) Every Bloomin’ Thing, Jerry, Malcom, 274-3518

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) Tcss, Alternative Counseling, 562-8281
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Dancing:
(G/L) The Wave, Trina, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

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

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

Drug 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).

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

Electronics:
(A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4683 (see ad)

Electrolysis:
(A) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(A) Gentle Touch Electrol, Shirley, 561-6608; Bronwyn 277-4744

Entertainment:
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064 (see ad)
(A) Masciarelli Music, Diane, 277-9751
(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

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

Financial, Insurance, Investments:
(L) Chris, 561-8040/338-3962 (see ad)
(G) Jon, Bank of America, 263-3273

Fishing:
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (sec 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, 274-3518
(A) Growing Concern Florist, Darin, 279-8688

Flying:
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 561-564-1765

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

Gasoline:
(A) Courteys’, Linn, 562-1227 (see ad)

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

Gifts:
(A) Design Craft, 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; 733-1765

Greenhouses:
(A) Mile 5.2 Greenhouse, Dale, 694-3978

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

Health:
(A) Gatekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(L) Health Advocacy-Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3731
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature’s Own Way, Roberto/Debbby, 561-0181
(A) The Ole Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433).

...Nightclubs
Also Los Angeles CA, Coconut Grove FL and New York City

A) Skin care, Shari, 345-7451

Health, naturopathic:
(A) Hope, 561-2380

Helpline:
(G/L) Anchorage, Identity Helpline, 258-4777 (see ads)
(G/L) Fairbanks Lesbian/Gay Line, 907-458-8288
(G/L) Juneau, SEAGLA, 586-GAYS

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

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

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)
(L) Rhodes, Phyllis; Mediator, 346-2217
(A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (see ad)

Massage:
(L) Beth (MT), Debbie (CMT), 566-0842
(G) Don, 338-8826
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045
(G) Howie, LMT (Palmer), 746-7778
(A) Joyce, (CMT), 562-1916 (see ad)
(L) Leslie (non-sexual), 278-3346
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(L) Vicki, 277-5222

Media:
(L) NLGJA (National Lesbian & 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:
(A) Alaska Women Speak, Mary Lee, 696-0924
(L) Klonodye Konsat (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
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Obstetrics & Gynecology:
(A) Jane, 563-5151

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recreation:
(L) 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)
(G) Brownway Real Estate, 907-277-4744; 800-750-4796
(L) Century 21 (Missoulian), Lucille, 417-745-6798(8); 417-993-4302(b)
(A) Coldwell Banker, Elaine, 562-2378
(G) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(L) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

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

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

Restaurants:
(A) Cyranos' 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, 276-4904

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

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

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

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

...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. Nanoce Sweeney, 258-0010
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737

(A) Church of the Covenant (Mataluska Valley), Pastor Howard Hess, 746-1089
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church.
(A) St. James the Fisher Manus Episcopal Church (Kodiak), Fr. Paul, 486-5276

(A) Unity Church of Anchorage, 346-2824

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Flies by Ilen (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, 907-457-0246 (see Club Notes)

(G/L) The Family (formerly Lesbian, Gay and Bi Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G/L) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(G/L) Gay Teens (Youth Group), Liz 688-3906
(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) Spirit Services, Barbara, 274-4089

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

Theatre:
(G) Breaveen Productions, Linda 277-5630
(A) Out North Theatre, Gene/Jay, 279-8099

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

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Cherisse, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Apollo Travel Agency, Karyn, 561-0661 (see ad)
(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

New listings are asterisked

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, 1st and 3rd Friday. For further infor-
mation 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 243-3757 for more information.

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

Community Connection Line
* Voice mail for women’s events that missed the calendar(s).
Call 566-FEMM.

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 infor-
mation, call 274-9226.

EQUAL, Inc. Fairbanks
The purpose is to keep the community informed about political
and legal events which have an effect on the LesBiGay commu-
nity, to educate about community issues, to organize letter writing
campaigns and other forms of political action, and to promote
equal rights for all Alaskan citizens, regardless of actual or per-
ceived sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy
at 907-457-8876. For more information about EQUAL, con-
tact Laura Burleson at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLEB@aurora.
alaska.edu.

Fairbanks Dance Club
the Palace Saloon in Alaska (see Alaska) is still the hottest spot in
town to meet. You can go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights
from 11:00pm till the wee hours of the morning (it’s a straight
tourist bar at all other times.) The DJ will be spinning
country, disco, top 40 and oldies for your dancing pleasures.
Info: phone 451-6501

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group
Leave message on voice mail for info: 457-3524.

Fairbanks Radio Station
New frequency 91.5 “Queer Bear” on 6-8 p.m. Saturdays

Family—Anchorage
meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Arts Building,
Room 21 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 562-8463.

Feminist Sing-a-Long (women only), Anchorage
third Saturday of every month, 1741 Westview Circle; call Carol
and Fran at 333-0871. Non-singers are more than welcome.
6:30pm potluck, 7:30pm singing (from the KK—Thanks!)

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

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

I.M.R.U., Anchorage
* Anchorage gay youth group meets Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. at
4As, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 102. Contact Trang at
Identity Helpline 258-4777.

Interim AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks
offers medical and dental program assistance, “buddies” (vol-
unteers who help HIV & People Living With AIDS), meal
delivery food supplement program, a lending library and coun-
seling support. If you’re interested in volunteering or need
assistance, please call the IAA in Fairbanks at 452-4222.

Last of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)
Anchorage holds Sunday services at 11:00am and 7:00pm, and
Wednesday at 7:00pm at 4th and Barrow. Church is open
Sunday through Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm.

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

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 Eric at 277-3236.

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 Jon at 243-5808.
Club notes
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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 457-PFLAG 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.

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

Q*K Outdoors, Fairbanks
an offshoot of Q*Klatch and a member of IGLOO
(International Gay Lesbian Outdoor Organization), is an informal,
volunteer group of GLBs interested in enjoying the Great
Outdoors. Last summer, we canoed down the Tanana River
to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the
Alaska Range), went halibut fishing in Valdez, did some
day hikes and played at picnics. For more info, call Eric at 455-
6051 or e-mail to <fsbw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-
6358 or <hklxdrf@northstar.k12.ak.us>.

Queer Round Table (QRT)
* Call to list your club’s events and hear about other club events.
  Barb (H): 274-4984 or (W) 564-5818.

Radical Arts for Women (RAW)
* Voice mail 566-5783 info and message.

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

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

Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA)
a non-profit volunteer organization that provides a support
network for lesbian and gay people in Southeast Alaska.
Publishes monthly newsletter Perspective. P.O. Box 21542,
Juneau, AK 99802-2654. Phone 586-GAYS

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

Women’s Coffeehouse, Anchorage
every 4th Saturday, 8:00pm. Sliding scale, suggested donation
$3. Call Barbbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if
you wish to perform. Check the calendar for this month’s pro-
gram.

Cyberlust

Burleson, Laura: Gay Rights activist, Chair of Equal of Fairbanks,
and in the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association:
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CyberQueer Lounge: Directory for exploring gay and lesbian
sites <http://www.ciberzine.org/html/GLAIDS/glaid-
shomepage.html>

Digital Queers, Technical philanthropic organization:
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Freedman, F. Kenneth: Gay Lesbian activist,
<kalaaska@scor.com>

GLAAD: Gays and the media <http://www.glaad.org>

Gingrich, Newt: Speaker of the House, <newt@gingrich.house.gov>

Hein’s Ultimate Gay List: A launching pad to gay web sites
<www.x4all.nl/~hein/heidoc/gay.html>

HRC: Send a message to your congressman
<http://www.hrcusa.org>

Into The Woods Bookshop: Connie, Fairbanks, AK,
<woods@polar.net.com>

Iris, Robert: Computer training and production,
<robairis@alaska.net> or <http://www.alaska.net/~robairis>

Keltner, Tam: Digital Queers <tdq@aol.com>

Last Frontier Men’s Clubsee club listing <FM@Micronet.net>

LGNY, new NY Lesbian Gay newspaper,
<www.fly.net/~lgnyc>

McKullen, John: Chapter Co-Chair/Project Manager for Digital
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Signorile, Michelangelo: writer The Advocate;
<angel@pipeline.com>

Thornsley, Randi: Capri Cinema: <filmgallery@al.com>

Walton, Eric: NorthView Fairbanks co-Editor, Q*Klatch, Q*K
OUTdoors, PFLAG, EQUAL etc.: <sfew@aurora.alaska.edu>

Wave, The: Lesbian Gay bar & coffee house: <wave@alaska.net>

WebCastro “Hotlinks,” Businesses in the Castro district
<http://www.wecastro.com/hotlinks.html>

Wockner, Rex: San Diego-based journalist, LesbGay info
(Internet): rwockner@netcom.com

Want to be listed? Write to Identity and include information
similar to what you see above.
Calendar

April

Friday, 19:
F  AGLA meeting, Gruening Building, UAF, Room 401, 5:30pm

Saturday, 20:
A  Gay Adolescent Group, 4pm, 258-4777.
A  The Family, UAA Arts Building Room 121, 6pm.

Sunday, 21:
A  Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance, 4pm potluck, Regan 243-3757
A  AIDS Ride fundraiser, 3-6 pm, Cyrano’s Café

Wednesday, 24:
A  Alaska Pride Conference meeting, 7pm 566-2048

Thursday, 25:
A  Swing Dance Lessons at East High, continues May 2, May 9.
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.

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

Saturday, 27:
A  Women’s Coffeehouse, “Beyond Basic” - all women’s rock group, 8 - 10pm, WAVE, $3 donation, 337-2011.

Monday, 29:
A  Farewell reception for Rev. Jim Morgan of MCC at AUUF social hall, 7 - 9pm, Ruth 563-1324.

May

Thursday, 2:
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.

Saturday, 4:
J  Imperial Court (Juneau Dutchy) Eighth Annual La Fabulous Femme Fatales, 8:30pm, The New Penthouse Lounge, $20 general seating, 586-6705.

Tuesday, 7:
A  Alaska Pride Conference meeting, 7pm 566-2048

Thursday, 9:
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.

Saturday, 11:
A  Women’s Coffeehouse, “Susan Johnson” - Sociatic Tide, 8 - 10 pm, 337-2011.
A  Adopt-a-Road, meet at O’Brady’s 1pm to pick up trash on Patterson.

Thursday, 16:
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.

Friday, 17:
A  “Rave for AIDS” - 4A’s dance party fundraiser; 263-2048.

Tuesday, 20:
A  PFLAG meeting, 7pm, AUUF social hall.

Thursday, 23:
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.

Friday, 24:
A  Identity Potluck and Annual Meeting - gather at 6:30pm, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm program “Spring Gardening and Perennials” with Mary Wybark, bring your green thumbs!

Saturday - Sunday, 25-26
A  Mt. McKinley Club outing at Horseshoe Lake.

Thursday, 30:
A  Pride Chorus Rehearsal, 6pm SHARP!, AUUF.
On-Going Calendar Items

SUNDAYS
A Anchorage Lesbian Families’ Alliance (ALFA) Anchor&, 3rd Sunday, call Regan 243-3757.
A Metropolitan Community Church Services, 11am & 7pm, 4th and Barrow.
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 A 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). 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 4As, 1057 Fireweed, call Trang at 258-4722.
F Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon, Alaskaland.

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