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Hey baby...

by Veronica Ryan

When I heard the sentence “the NorthView is looking for college-age writers,” my ears perk ed up. My heart skipped a beat, “I could do that...” my mind whispered. So I called the editor, and presto... I’m going to write. But about what? A wave of self-consciousness ran through me, I mean what could a 20-year-old baby dyke have to say that others might find of importance. I pushed that thought out of my head and started to brainstorm... should I be political, personal, or maybe just plain old silly. I mean, I felt like I had the weight of representing all the baby queens of the world on my shoulders (Okay, okay, I know I’m a little dramatic sometimes).

But if there is one thing I have learned so far, it is that no one ever fits nicely into labels, generalizations, or stereotypes. So, even if I did a “good” job representing the younger queer community, what would that even mean? Writing this article has once again brought up the issue of being a representative of a label, vs being a representative of yourself in these times where the most political thing you can do as queer is to be “out.” It is this action that, to some extent, shows you into a label and sometimes pushes you further from yourself.

I think it is this conflict that many young adults run into time and time again. My age group is reaping the benefits of an older generation’s hard work and struggle. Many of the old challenges barely exist now. One of the newer challenges facing younger people is the issue of breaking free of rigid roles and stereotypes cast on them by both the heterosexual and the homosexual world while searching for their own identity. I know I have struggled with the realization that I never will “fit” into any label or style concerning my identity whether it be social or sexual. The only way that is possible is if (1) America stopped being so polarized and discarded that unrealistic notion of the “us” and “them” theory, and (2) if we created new nouns, verbs, and adjectives!

The pressure that young gay teens experience is the same pressure we all carry around daily, no matter what age we are. We all want to be accepted. We all want to “help the cause.” I only stress the younger generation because, for the first time, we are almost truly free to be exactly what we are and want to be. The closer we come to equal rights, the further the lines of sexuality will begin to diminish; there will no longer be a need to say “I’m gay, I’m straight, or I’m bisexual,” because it won’t matter. People will be seen as people.

And that is just what is starting to happen... the queer community is beginning to be recognized as “people.” Young people are realizing that their sexual identity is not the most important thing about them. Yet I think the fear of returning to earlier ways make young adults cling to only that part of their identity. It is this double-edged sword of disclosure that my generation must figure out. I am confident that other young adults will make that effort, just as I currently am, with the continual support from organizations and the adults of our “family.”

Veronica Ryan, age 20, is a student at A.P.U. Originally from Illinois, she is an aspiring young writer and, perhaps, a future columnist of this rag.

PFLAG, Southcentral Alaska

by Sylvia L. Short, Secretary

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. 3201 Turnagain Street (AUUF).

P-FLAG Southcentral has a number of activities on its agenda in support of gay, lesbian and allied fronts. Currently they number:

1. IMRU2 — our youth group. Ages are from 13 to 18, and the group meets each Saturday (see on-going calendar on page 37) with two advisors. Their most ambitious project is to apply for a Pride Foundation grant under P-FLAG auspices for furtherance of their group and its interests.

2. Children of Gay Parents — This newly formed group reaches children who are being helped to understand and to face peer pressure because of their household makeup. This is a national project of P-FLAG, and a local group will complement this chapter’s involvement.

3. Advocacy — At the last meeting, P-FLAG Southcentral voted to take a stand on issues affecting our loved ones in the gay community, and communications have been sent in our name relative to HB 229 and SB 308. We urge everyone interested in legislative action to give us their ideas and reasons so that we can take appropriate action.

4. The Question of Equality — With the proceeds from these videotape showings at Cyrono’s, we are taking advantage of a generous offer from the publisher of Pastor I Am Gay and are purchasing a supply of the books, a number of which will be presented to selected local religious institutions with a cover letter explaining our group and giving the book as pastoral material and for their libraries.

5. We support the activities in which we can help and which are sponsored by the gay community. Everyone is welcome at our meetings, which include refreshments, a “talking circle,” and business that anyone may bring up. Membership is a modest $15 per year, which includes meeting notices, our monthly “newsmote,” voting and eligibility for office in our chapter.

Sylvia L. Short, Attorney at Law, lives in Anchorage.
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Life insurance part one - “Do I need it?”

Financial news

I am frequently asked about life insurance. People want to know if they really need life insurance. There is a place for life insurance in many people’s lives. The decision to buy life insurance should be made jointly with your lover, kids, and other family members. Do not presume to be able to decide for yourself whether you need life insurance. Life insurance is meant for the ones who survive you. These survivors need to make the decision about whether to insure your life.

The primary reason that people buy life insurance is to protect against a financial problem left behind when they die. Examples include: paying off a home mortgage, cancellation of a large debt, paying for your surviving children’s college education, providing for the care of your dependents (parents, lovers, or kids), paying for death taxes or estate taxes. Many of these debts will come due quickly and in full after a death. Life insurance provides an immediate source of cash with which to pay off these debts. Younger people with debts and financial obligations are likely candidates for life insurance.

You are a financial asset to your partner. It takes both incomes to maintain your standard of living. Lovers (spouses) will buy life insurance on each other to help maintain that standard after one dies. If it takes two incomes to pay the mortgage for your dream home you should consider life insurance. Without it you may have to give up your home if sweetly dies.

Partners in business will buy life insurance on each other. The business will definitely be impacted if one partner is not there to contribute to the ongoing profitability. Life insurance proceeds can help locate a new partner or hire and train employees to fill the role of the deceased partner.

Some people buy life insurance with charitable giving in mind. You can buy life insurance on your own life and name your favorite charity as the beneficiary. Life insurance will enable you to leave a nice donation to the non-profit of your choice.

In summary, the need for life insurance depends on your individual situation. If financial hardship will result when you die then you should have life insurance. If you are single and have no one who depends on you for financial support then you probably do not need life insurance. Do not make the decision to get life insurance by yourself. It is not your decision alone to make. The decision makers are the ones who will survive you if you die. They are the ones who will be in financial trouble if you die.

Next month in PART II: “What kind of life insurance should I buy?”

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.

International news

Africa

Most African countries are carrying a burden of HIV/AIDS that is 100 times heavier than that of industrialized countries.

As of late 1995, UNAIDS estimates that nearly 13 million adults are living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. This represents around 65% of the world total. Of the 7500 new infections that occur daily worldwide, 50% are in sub-Saharan Africa.

If current epidemic trends continue through the end of this decade, it is estimated that between 30 and 40 million adults will have been infected with HIV by the year 2000. Of these, about 60% will be in sub-Saharan Africa.
Elections are coming, elections are coming
by John d’Emilio, director of the Policy Institute, MGL79

Now that Iowa and New Hampshire are behind us, you can bet the media will sharpen its focus until almost nothing but election news is in view. This year’s campaigns seem especially important. Not only will gay and lesbian issues surface directly—witness the Marriage Protection Rally in Iowa—but the whole tone and content of the campaigns could decisively shape the political context in which we do our work for years to come.

Elections like this one, in which extremist candidates are running for office, raise interesting questions about whom we support and don’t, about how we decide who is for or against us, and about the calculus of politics that we each carry in our heads. Sometimes the decision is easy: what self-respecting lesbian or gay man would do anything but actively oppose Helms, Dornan, or Buchanan, who have made attacking us their mission? By the same token, how can we be anything but happy when Barbara Boxer, a Senator from California, runs for reelection?

Most candidates fall somewhere in between these two poles and, in a two-party system where we don’t have many choices, we face interesting dilemmas. If Sam Nunn, a middle-of-the-road sort of guy on most issues, had chosen to run for reelection, what would gay Georgians do? After all, he did lead the charge in support of the military’s exclusion policy. On the other hand, would an untested Republican opponent, from a region in which the party is deeply homophobic, have been better?

Or, take another Georgian, Newt Gingrich. I’ve heard many say that, with a lesbian half-sister, he can’t be all bad, and that, since becoming majority leader, he’s quieted his antigay rhetoric and kept the House “extremists” in line. Yet, at the same time, he has been the architect of the so-called Republican Revolution which threatens the viability of programs such as Medicaid and which has created a climate hostile to civil rights of any sorts. He also allowed the House to hold the antigay hearings on schools, which Lou Sheldon requested. How can Gingrich’s reelection possibly be good for us?

But there’s a larger issue that’s being ignored. “Moderate” Republican presidential aspirants are not running solo. They are the candidates of a party which is able to make a bid to become the majority party precisely because extremists have flocked to the GOP. Without the Christian extremists, without the crusaders for “traditional family values,” the Republican party wouldn’t have a chance in hell of electing a president or controlling Congress. Whoever runs for President as a Republican will need the intolerant hatemongers in order to win, and therefore be in debt to them. And in most states, the same is true of Republicans running for the Senate, the House, or for state office.

Then there’s Clinton. He leads the party in which the strongest support for gay rights is to be found. But he, too, opposes same-sex marriage, and gave us “don’t ask, don’t tell.” On the other hand, he’s been good on appointing us to government positions, supports bans on discrimination in employment, and employs a political rhetoric of inclusion and tolerance. All in all, a mixed record.

In the end, deciding who to support this year will involve a lot more than simply assessing the words and deeds of particular candidates, although that can be a starting point. It also requires, especially in races for national office, that we scrutinize who a candidate is willing to run alongside, what political environment he or she is choosing to call home, and whose support they require in order to win. ▽

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Where in the world?

by Bob DeLoach

Look out down under!
As this is being written your reporter is about 4 hours away from a trek downunder. My significant other (of almost 24 years) and I are on our way once again to Australia. The occasion is business, I assure you, in that we will be attending the IGTA (International Gay Travel Association) annual convention this year in Sydney. When we return we will hopefully have lots more info on global Gay travel.

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The Gay Rodeo Association has a full calendar of events and venues lined up for the season. Las Vegas June 14-16; Calgary June 28-30; St. Paul July 12-14; Seattle August 8-11; and Chicago August 16-18. Why not saddle up your lover and head off into the sunset for one or more of these exciting shows.

Closer to home
The Anchorage Community Theater is producing a great show “West Side Story” at Grant Hall for the period May 4 through May 18. I was privileged to see the final dress rehearsal and was impressed with the young performers in the show. I urge you not to miss this show. Tickets are going fast at Carr’s TiX.

Judge rules against military

by Reynolds Heddinger

Gay California guardsman wins case
A federal judge in Oakland declared the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy on homosexuals unconstitutional yesterday, ruling that it violated the equal protection and free-speech rights of a gay member of the California Army National Guard.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong protects only former Lieutenant Andrew Holmes, who challenged his firing from the National Guard last year.

Armstrong’s opinion is the second of its kind in the nation. And its strength and breadth make it an important precedent in the legal battle to overturn the Clinton administration’s controversial compromise policy on gays in the military.

“Defendants separated Lieutenant Holmes from the state and federal national guards solely because of who he is, and not for anything he had done,” Armstrong wrote. “This is impermissible under our Constitution.”

She ordered Holmes reinstated and permanently blocked the government from proceeding against him under the policy, which allows the dismissal of soldiers who openly acknowledge their homosexuality. She also ruled that “the policy fails because it impermissibly relies on irrational prejudices against homosexuals as a group.” Holmes, 37, said his victory “hasn’t sunk in, but I feel really great about it so far.” He also said he expects the government to appeal the decision, meaning his plans to rejoin the National Guard will remain on hold.

Taken from THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, March 20, 1996.
A funny thing happened after the latest Municipal elections. For the first time since EQUAL was organized, we had complaints concerning the candidates we chose to support for election to the Anchorage Assembly and School Board.

We have known for quite some time there are names of people on our mailing list who are not supporters of equality based on sexual orientation. However, in this case, the complaints seem to be coming from members of the lesbigaytrans community itself. Although no one involved with EQUAL takes a position of perfection when it comes to endorsing candidates, it should be understood by everyone that the criteria used for endorsing candidates is their position on ending discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Although all of us should base our decision to support candidates on a broad range of issues, EQUAL will not support candidates who have either a voting record opposing equality for gays and lesbians or one espousing political views opposing equality — regardless of how good they may be on other issues.

However, the decision by at least two people to take their complaints about our "political activities" to the Alaska Public Offices Commission was a real surprise.

If this person or persons truly cared about our community, you would assume they would simply call one of EQUAL’s board members and express their concern as to the legality of EQUAL mailing endorsements to individuals on our mailing list. It could have saved them, the APOC and EQUAL a little time in the process.

When the investigator from the APOC called, he asked one question: Does EQUAL send their endorsement letters to people on a specific mailing list or does it go to everyone in a particular precinct or zip code? The answer was that it goes to our mailing list, which under the First Amendment of the US Constitution, is perfectly legal. We may not always appear to know what we’re doing, but WE DO know what WE CAN’T DO! If you prefer not to be on the mailing list, just send us a request to be removed.

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The database will be made available to all participating groups, as well as to any GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) organization or individual defender of gay rights who express an interest. The ultimate goal is to create a means for the groups on the list to communicate, exchanging information about resources or tips about group operation, or even to unite these groups into a larger coalition.

There is a June 6 deadline for this school-related project. E-mail can be sent to <elly@ptn.com> but if this mode of communication is inconvenient for you, you can call (510) 486-0685, fax (510) 549-2324, or send regular mail to P O Box 5313, Berkeley, CA 94705. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this database for use in your own work once its “first edition” has been completed, please include this request in your response.

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Elly Matsumura: <elly@ptn.com>

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A letter from their majesties

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The 22nd Annual Gay and Lesbian Eklutna Picnic is set and ready to go at the Eklutna Picnic grounds in Eklutna (north past the railroad tracks) on Memorial Day, May 27, beginning at noon. The high heel races and egg toss contests are set with food and soft drinks available. Plan to stop by on your way home from those Valley trips. We all can think back on the friends, new and old, we’ve played with in Eklutna … Let’s Celebrate in the Woods!

The crowning of Mr. and Ms. Gay Alaska 1996, as well as Ms. Lesbian Alaska, will take place on June 29. Ms. Gay Alaska, Brittany LaMar Barrington, will be your hostess for the culmination of gay pride week activities and the Gay Pride Ball.

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The Eclectic Egalitarian Group of Solitaries is the first group I’ve been in where the men outnumber the women. There were male/female couples, two of which brought a young child, single straight men and women, and gay men and women: an egalitarian mixture, for sure.

A May pole stood in the back parking lot of the Unitarian church when I arrived. It was fashioned with streamers of blue and green crape paper. Green paper plates, scissors, glue, glitter, ribbons, feathers, tiny yarn balls and paint tubes sat on a table just inside the basement door. I was welcomed and urged to make my own mask for the procession. Someone had put ribbons on budding branches for us to carry. Members wore Renaissance costumes; several men wore special shirts or vests. Women had flower garlands around their hair; some wore lace-up bustiars and flowing skirts.

The Solitaries address both God and Goddess. The group was very organized with an altar set up, music selected and equipment ready for casting the circle and the May pole dance. The woman who had the longest strip of crape paper when the dance ended was crowned Queen of the May and the man who managed to toss an ivy wreath over the top of the pole was the King. It was good, hearty fun. Afterwards, we noshed on potluck and socialized. I was quite comfortable in their company.

Lilith’s Circle has a newsletter. Their next planned event is the Summer Solstice, though they may have a workshop before that date. These women prefer to meet outdoors as much as possible. Contact Kim at 337-7842 or Ruth at 245-1173 for the time and location or if you’d like to get their newsletter. The Eclectic Egalitarian Group of Solitaries traditionally celebrate the Summer Solstice at King Mountain.

Call Reiveja or Meeko at 563-3028 for directions and details. In the meantime, count the good things in your life, put on an attitude of gratitude and spend some in the sunshine. By Barbara J. Soule is a Reiki Master, a clairvoyant psychic, a lesbian artist, performer and writer.
Altas Bed & Breakfast

Business spotlight

This time I opted to get out of town ... I flew to Fairbanks with my sweetie (using 'el cheapo' rates), spent the weekend with good friends, and chatted with owner Pete Pinney in incredible sunshine following a Sunday champagne brunch (thanks, Barb & Laura!).

**NV:** What is the history of Altas Bed & Breakfast?

**PP:** The house belonged to Barb Brooks grandmother, and was passed down through her family. When I bought it and opened the B & B, I decided to name it after grandmother Alta. It seems to have her good energy. It has been a B & B since the first Womens Music Festival was held here. That's when I decided to make use of the extra room and the family-friendly neighborhood.

**NV:** This is not your chosen vocation, I assume?

**PP:** Not hardly! I spend most of my waking hours teaching required courses in English composition and grammar at U. of A. Fairbanks. I've been full-time for five years, but really got my start as a payroll clerk for the now-defunct Community College. That was my true vocation. Community College, that is ... not payroll!

**NV:** How long have you been in Fairbanks, Pete?

**PP:** I moved here in 1975 from San Diego to drive Westour buses in the “last frontier” and get away from the California scene. After I completed my degree and began teaching, I got deeply involved in the gay community on campus.

**NV:** What sort of involvement? (I speared another piece of cantaloupe and squinted at Pete in the bright Fairbanks sunshine.)

**PP:** I became a faculty advisor for the gay student group on campus. Weve attempted to create an integrated group with AGLA (Alaska Gay/Lesbian Association), P-FLAG, Town Meeting (gay), and EQUAL. Fairbanks is a small community, and the loop for gays and lesbians is so small it tends to disappear at times.

**NV:** How do you blend teaching and your commitment to the gay community?

**PP:** I meet interesting new people through Altas B & B. Some are gay, some are not. All find this a place of quiet isolation where they can regroup between intense portions of their travel. Often they have information which is beneficial to those of us here in the Fairbanks gay community. Alaska could become an important gay travel destination ... it can sell itself as its own beautiful place. The ecosystem supports running off into the woods occasionally to escape. We should create a market for that to happen ... promote it.

**NV:** You speak with passion regarding the gay/lesbian population here.

**PP:** I believe we need to organize and become involved. Alliances and coalitions are important pieces in helping the gay community become economically strong. Money talks, and that is a universal language the straight community recognizes. That kind of clout has the weight we need both economically and politically.

**NV:** Heavy topics so early in the morning, Pete! (I squinted at my watch.) Mind if I try out the hot tub you advertise in your brochure? (This sunshine was really getting to me!) I think I should be able to write about such luxuries firsthand for our readers. What else should I tell them?

**PP:** You might tell them about the sunshine ... we guarantee it every summer! 

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“Package for you,” Flash announces.

“It’s from my editor.” Flash slices open the box with her pocketknife. Hundreds of envelopes tumble out. “Fan mail!” I shriek, opening one with glee. But there’s no letter inside. Just a photo of a femmie wearing nothing but butt floss. “What is this?” I pick up the envelope. “Flash, this is for you.” “Let me see it.” “Not on your life.”

“This one’s for me, too.” Flash opens an envelope that smells like Poison. “Dear Flash,” she reads. “I am a blonde, buxom, blue-eyed femmie, looking for a butch...”

“Are they all for you?” I whine. “No,” Flash says. “This one’s for Raven.”

“Oh, for God’s sake.” I finally find an envelope addressed to me. “Dear Lesléa,” I read. “Is Flash really as wonderful as you make her out to be?”

Now listen up ladies: of course Flash isn’t as wonderful as I make her out to be. She’s a thousand times more wonderful than words on paper could possibly convey. But just so you know, Flash was a little rough around the edges when I first met her. I wasn’t worried, though. Most butches can and need to be trained. Unbeknown to Flash, I started training her on our first date. She knew enough to ask me out for Saturday night and pick me up at eight. She even knew enough to bring me a flower. A rose, which would have pleased the average femmie. But I am not the average femmie. Some call me a high femmie. I prefer to be known as a high maintenance femmie. While Flash meant well, she needed to learn basic math: diamonds come one by one, shoes come in pairs, roses come by the dozen. I took the rose and said, “Thank you,” like a lady. Then I got out a huge vase and ran enough water in it to fill the Atlantic. “Don’t you have anything smaller?” Flash asked.

“No,” I said, setting the lonely rose on the table. She got the point.

Then Flash made mistake number two. “You look nice,” she said. Nice? This high maintenance femmie hadn’t spent the last seven hours bathing, shaving, bleaching, filing, polishing, combing, brushing, drying, moussing, spritzing, and spraying to have all her efforts summed up in one four-letter word. I started at the bottom and worked my way up: “Do you like these shoes?” I asked Flash. “They’re fabulous,” she answered. “Do I look okay in this skirt?” “You look great.” “Does my hair look okay?” “Your hair looks wonderful.”

“Then let’s go.” I glanced at my wrap which was draped over a chair. Flash didn’t move, so I picked up my coat, handed it to her and turned around. Then I backed up and slid my arms into the sleeves. “Thanks,” I said. When we got to her car, Flash made another faux pas by walking around to the driver’s side. I stood at the passenger side, waiting. When she yanked, “It’s open,” I yelled back, “It doesn’t look open to me.”

After Flash parked the car and got out, she walked halfway across the parking lot before she realized that she was alone and unless she wanted to eat dinner that way, she had better come back and open the car door for me. When our waiter asked us what we wanted to drink and Flash immediately said, “I’ll have a...” I knocked my knife across the room and asked her if I could order my wine before she asked for her Budweiser.

During dinner, I trained Flash to give me her undivided attention. I shrugged my shoulder just so, causing the spaghetti strap of my bustier to slide down my arm in a mesmerizing manner. I ordered chocolate mousse and used my tongue to maximum effect. Assuming that Flash, like most butches, were fascinated by all the feminine accoutrements that baffle them, I touched up my lipstick at the table (“How does she do that without a mirror?” I could practically hear Flash marveling.)

When Flash took me home, I knew she was nervous. She pulled into my driveway and kept the motor running. I gave her a look: don’t you think I’m attractive enough to see the evening through? She shut the engine, which prompted another look: how dare you presume I want you to come in? The poor girl didn’t know whether she was coming or going, which is just the way I wanted her. “May I have the honor of coming inside?” Flash finally asked, and still asks every time we come home from a date, even after six years of living together. Once inside, I told Flash to sit on the couch and then I sat on her lap. When she kissed me, I acted surprised, like it was all her idea. Then I let her take the lead, and she proved to be my dream butch by making all my dreams come true.

But who knew I was creating a monster? Here we are, years later surrounded by fan mail from femmies fatales.

“Listen to this. Dear Flash, I am writing a book called Butches are from Mars, Femmes are from Venus and I need a research assistant...”

“Dream on, sister.” I snatch the letter away. “I’ll answer this.”

“Watch what you write,” Flash says. “I don’t want them all to think I’m henpecked.”

“You’re not henpecked, Flash,” I tell her. “You’re pussywhipped.”

“Pussy whipped? I’ll show you who’s pussy whipped.”

Flash shows all the envelopes aside, slings me over her shoulder like a mail sack and carries me off to the bedroom where she proves just who wears the pants in this family. And if she wants to think that that was all her idea, who am I not to let her? V
Past out

by David Bianco

What is the origin of the phrase “a friend of Dorothy’s”? 

During the middle part of this century, some gay men and lesbians in the United States used the term “a friend of Dorothy’s” as a code word for a gay man. Closeted gays in mixed company could ask each other, “Are you a friend of Dorothy’s?” without fear of revelation and awkwardness if the answer was indeed no.

Two possible origins for this phrase have been suggested. The most obvious one suggests that the expression refers to Judy Garland’s role in the 1939 film The Wizard of Oz. The film has always resonated with gay camp sensibility, and Garland herself has been a gay icon ever since. Particularly after her well-publicized suicide attempt in 1950, Garland was seen as a beloved tragic figure by gay men, who flocked to her concerts. Upon her death in 1969, some gay bars were draped in black in memorial. The Stonewall Riots, which marked the start of the gay liberation movement, started the night of Garland’s funeral.

Perhaps the more interesting explanation points to Dorothy Parker, the American writer whose short stories and one-liners have been popular with gay men in particular. Parker was married to a gay man, writer Alan Campbell, and some have suggested she was bisexual herself. In any event, she is widely recognized as a master at the one-liner: when asked to use the word “horticulture” in a sentence, she replied “You can lead a horticulture, but you can’t make her think.”

As recounted in the recent documentary “Coming Out Under Fire,” Parker’s books were on the list of approved literature for soldiers serving overseas. The language in them is exaggerated and campy - and some gay G.I.s used Parker’s diction and syntax as a secret gay language in their speech and letters. V

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Program: Mary Whybark speaks about — Planting Perennials For Spring

Same-sex marriage nears

MAUI, Hawaii - As the legislative session headed toward a midnight close Friday night, opponents of homosexual marriage insisted on a recorded vote. Supporters of gay rights won. Hawaii’s state senators voted 15 to 10 against the more conservative House’s bill to ban the licensing of marital unions of persons of the same sex.

As a result, the state’s lawyers will find it harder to assert a “compelling state interest” in limiting marriage to one man and one woman. Baehr v. State of Hawaii comes before Judge Kevin Chang in August; the likelihood increases that he will rule that the state Constitution’s provision against sex discrimination precludes the state from refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

No longer can defenders of one-man, one-woman marriage claim that the institution is being threatened by hyperactivist judges. One state’s duly elected representatives have just paved the way, and under the U.S. Constitution’s “full faith and credit” clause, a judicial proceeding held in one state is to be honored in all states.

Nor is the movement limited to the United States. In The Hague last week, a majority of the Dutch parliament called on the government to submit legislation permitting homosexual marriage. That would affect all members of the European Union; British gays could marry in Amsterdam and claim spousal status in London.

The Hawaii solons, in a tense conference just before the deadline, considered a compromise. Homosexuals in contracted “domestic partnerships” were not to be denied pension or insurance benefits or inheritance or other state tax deductions available to spouses, thereby assuring fairness as taxpayers and equal treatment as employees - but not including a state of matrimony. The compromise, which might have affected the outcome of the court case, failed. That was unfortunate because that is the way this issue should be resolved. V

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I’m Funny That Way
by Robert Patrick

I know AIDS is awesomely tragic,
As if from Olympian Fates,
And I know it's worked all kinds of magic
In getting us noticed by Straights,
But even though our popularity
is headed right straight for the top,
I hope you won't think me a rarity
If I'd really much rather stop?

I know AIDS is causing society
To see we're a part of its wealth,
And I know that it’s caused a variety
Of folks to take charge of their health,
And I know it’s brought on more advances
In science that ever have been,
But I hope I won't get nasty glances
If I wish that It never had been?

I know brave celebs are appealing,
And our artists are going full-tilt;
Generation “A” has its first feeling
At its sight of the admirable Quilt. And
I'm glad that Tom Hanks won an Oscar.
His performance will surely endure.
He was lovely reading to Tosca,--
But I’d much rather hear there’s a cure?

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Risk Reduction Corner

** Oral Sex for gay

Oral sex is safest when you use a condom,
but, if you aren't going to do that you can
reduce your RISK of contracting or
transmitting HIV by:
1. NOT BRUSHING OR FLOSSING YOUR
TEETH 2 HOURS BEFORE THE EVENT.
2. DISCOVERING OTHER PLACES FOR
HIM TO CUM OTHER THAN YOUR
MOUTH.
3. AND BY WAITING UNTIL ANY
SORES OR CUTS IN YOUR MOUTH HAVE
HEELED.

Unprotected oral sex is considered less risky than
anal sex, but it still puts you at risk of contracting
or transmitting HIV. To lower you risk, use a
latex condom. Make it taste good with honey!
13th International AIDS candlelight memorial
and mobilization scheduled for May 19, 1996


The 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 19, 1996. [See the enclosed pink flyer for our local event.] The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS, demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS, and mobilizes community-based responses to HIV/AIDS.

“Our theme this year is ‘AIDS Discrimination Is a Global Epidemic,’” Program Director Ben Carlson said. “Around the world, people with HIV and AIDS suffer discrimination caused by fear, ignorance, and misconceptions about the disease. In the U.S., the Congress passed a Department of Defense bill that calls for all HIV-positive service members to be discharged, regardless of their health, and denies them and their families the medical benefits available to those who receive medical discharges for other reasons. This is blatantly discriminatory.

“We believe that policies that reduce the stigma of HIV, and build the self-esteem of people who are at risk for HIV or who have HIV, can create the environment of trust and cooperation necessary to change behavior and reduce HIV transmission. But discriminatory policies promote, rather than prevent, the continuing spread of HIV.”

Additional information about HIV/AIDS discrimination is available on the Candlelight program’s new site on the World Wide Web <www.hooked.net/users/candle>.

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Three books focus upon “family” life

Dyke Life: From Growing Up to Growing Old, A celebration of the Lesbian Experience by Karla Jay.
A mixture of the serious and irreverent, Dyke Life is a wide-ranging book work providing a comprehensive view of the many rites and phases of lesbian life.

It is filled with pieces written exclusively for Dyke Life and includes exciting and new perspectives, including Victoria Brownworth’s controversial take on “outing” other lesbians, Laura S. Brown’s insightful analysis of how families treat lesbian daughters, and Jo Ann Loulan’s look at sexual identity stereotypes within the lesbian community. From racial issues to body piercing and celebrating coming out to understanding recovery, this authoritative collection gives vibrant voice to the diversity of the lesbian experience.

Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality by Andrew Sullivan (Knopf Press, Hardcover, $22).
In this pathbreaking book, Andrew Sullivan, the brilliant young editor of The New Republic, takes on all of today’s main arguments about homosexuality — from the Catholic Church to Michael Foucault. Virtually Normal is about the most comprehensive, concise, and moving discourse yet written on the subject and is a modern classic of political and moral thought. It will permanently change the way society thinks about homosexuality.

This lovely photo-book by the award winning photographer and writer Jean Swallow portrays a new kind of family in America where love and sharing form the family relationship and not just traditional ties and eternal vows.

Manasse and Swallow went throughout the country, talking with Gays and Lesbians; those with Children and without; young and old; blended and chosen families. This is a beautiful book for a gift or to be shared with loved ones. 

(Editor’s Note: These book reviews were compiled for the York Area Lambda by Kathy Weems of Her Story Book Store.)
Obituaries

Andrew Gallaway
Former Anchorage resident Andrew Gallaway, 30, died April 21, 1996, at his home in Las Vegas after a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held at Palm Mortuary in Las Vegas, while a celebration of his life was held in Anchorage.

Mr. Gallaway was born November 22, 1965, in Minneapolis. He was raised in Minnesota and California. He came to Alaska in 1988 and worked in the social services field. He moved to Las Vegas in May 1995. A friend said: “Andrew devoted much of his life and love to volunteer work and foster parenting. His enthusiasm, energy and humor touched all who knew him. He will be missed dearly.”

Mr. Gallaway is survived by his parents, Connie Waring of Las Vegas and James Gallaway of Cross Lake, Minnesota; best friend, Anthony Darweshi Hollins; maternal grandparents, Hadley and Virginia Waring of Las Vegas; sister, Cara Winters of Ann Arbor, Michigan; brothers, Scott and Matthew, both of Cross Lake; aunt, Nancy Wintersand; uncle, Donald Gallaway of Minneapolis; and many loving friends.

Anchorage Daily News, Thursday, April 25, 1996

Dale A. Hillmer
Former longtime Anchorage resident Dale Alan “Buckshot” Hillmer died April 13, 1996, at the Bailey Boushay House in Seattle. He was 34. A wake was held April 19 in Seattle.

Mr. Hillmer was born September 21, 1961, in Anchorage, to Dale and Alice Hillmer. He attended Fairview Elementary School, Romig Junior High School and West Anchorage High School.

At age 17, he moved to Seattle. There, he met Jim Fagley, owner of the 611 Tavern, where he worked for the past 17 years as a bartender. He displayed many talents while working at the 611, which in time earned him much respect from the gay community.

His family said: “He will be missed by many who learned from him to be proud and accept who and what you are. You will be greatly missed and in our memories forever, We will always love you.”

Mr. Hillmer is survived by his partner of 10 1/2 years, Timothy Caldwell of Seattle; father, Dale Allen Hillmer of South Dakota; stepmother, Betty Harthorn of Anchorage; sisters, Theresa Fletcher of Phoenix and Doris and Melissa Hillmer of Anchorage; brothers, Michael and Clint Hillmer of Anchorage; brother-in-law, Kirk Fletcher of Phoenix; nieces, Amber, Shannon and Shelby; and nephew, Christopher.
HB 226 & SB 308: Worldwide Opposition — But Very Little In Alaska’s Legislature

The recent passage of two anti-gay bills by the Alaska Legislature and the signing of the anti-domestic partnership bill by Governor Knowles into law as well as his decision to allow the anti-gay marriage bill to become law without his signature should be a "call to action" for the LesBiGayTrans community.

If you feel we are isolated and do not have support, you may be wrong. I emailed 317 UFMCC churches and a hundred or so others online connected with PFLAG and Unitarian-Universalists. I asked them to support Alaskans by emailing the Governor and asking him to VETO HB 226 and SB 308. Additionally, I asked them to send me a copy of their email. Some of the almost 600 email messages sent to the Governor follow:

From: Gay Sparks  
To: office_of_the_governor@gov.state.ak.us  
CC: AlaskaDan

Dear Governor Knowles,

As a member of the South Austin (TX) Democrats, I strongly urge you to stand strong in your convictions as a democrat and VETO these biased and prejudicial bills! I know it's tough standing up against the tyranny of the conservative religious right, but as a fellow democrat, I pray for your strength of political character. God is on the side of the fair and the merciful. As a God fearing citizen of this great nation, you must stand firm for the rights of ALL the people you represent, not a special few.

Whether you deserve (or even desire) the reputation or not, those of us in the lower 48 look to Alaska as perhaps the last bastion of rugged individualism and personal freedom. Please don't let them take that away. Veto House Bill 226 and Senate Bill 308 as a strike for freedom. We're all counting on you to be a voice of sanity in a society that appears to be going crazy with a need for conformity. God made all kinds of people who choose all kinds of family groupings. Please veto these bills so our people can breathe free.

MCC minister in New Brunswick, NJ

Although I am not a resident of Alaska, I am writing as a fellow Democrat to request you veto House Bill 226 and Senate Bill 308. If enacted, these bills would make your State one of the few to formalize discrimination by incorporating prejudice into State law.

From an MCCer in Connecticut

I am very disturbed about news of Alaska House Bill 226 and Alaska Senate Bill 308. I am concerned not only as a Christian and a member of the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C., but as a person who is concerned about religious and other freedoms in our great country.

MCCer from Rockville, Maryland

As loving parents, family and friends of lesbians and gays, we encourage you to use your veto power to stop the mean-spirited and unconstitutionality exhibited by such bills as HB226 and SB308.

PFLAGers from East Bay, Michigan

I am a member of the Unitarian Universalist denomination. We are a group of religious people who work to promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. To deny gays equal rights and protection under the law, goes against a primary principle of our religion.

From Dallas, Texas

Please Please PLEASE VETO House Bill 226 and Senate Bill 308!!!!!!! Gender-based discrimination like this must NOT be allowed to gain a further foothold in our country's state legislatures!

From Chicago, Illinois

Dan Carter is a local gay activist

NOTE: Opinions expressed above are mine and not necessarily those of Identity, Northview, EQUAL or any other group in which I am a member. Also I doubt the Far Right Reverend "Dr." Jerry Prevo would agree with them either!!
Computer-enhanced dating (or virtual heartburn)  
by Jen Kohout

I'm sitting at the counter of my favorite bagel place tearing a peanut butter-chocolate bagel into bite-sized pieces. I figure if you can’t play with your breakfast food why bother with it. Despite the growing tower of bagel bits, I’m feeling virtuous. A sensation related to my reading material rather than my uncivilized eating habits. I'm perusing one of those slick computer magazines. Those glossy publications where you can’t tell the ads from the articles but it doesn’t matter because the whole thing is written in a foreign language. My mom, the librarian, sent me a subscription to help me stay on top of the latest trends. But as I flip through the glossy pages, I feel odd. I catch myself staring out the window reminiscing about the Smith-Corona typewriter that got me through college.

I glance at my watch. I’m supposed to be at work in ten minutes so I start skimming. Admittedly, I’m paying more attention to the chocolate flakes dropping from my bagel in an effort to avoid unsightly chocolate stains on my faded jeans. I’m almost to the end of the magazine when a quarter-page ad catches my attention: “Meet Your Soulmate On-Line.” I push the remaining bagel pieces to the side and slide the magazine a little closer so I can read the fine print. According to the ad, to find Ms. Right all I have to do is enter the address of the Soulmate Homepage and my life will be complete. All this time, I had assumed meeting the woman of my dreams was a function of an unexpected collision on a softball field or some other cosmically-timed event. Little did I know that all I needed was a modem. I tear out the ad and stick it in my wallet for later reference.

I have a friend who thinks recent developments in computer technology portend the downfall of civilized society. According to Terri, people lose their social skills when they rely on computers to interact. During one recent discussion in our office computer room, I found myself nodding my head in support of her position as I stared sheepishly at my shoelaces. Guilty as charged. I’m one of the people she was referring to. The evidence? I rely on e-mail to communicate things that feel awkward or confrontational or uncomfortable so I don’t have to do it in person. I spend sunny hours indoors writing e-mail messages to my friends. I leave social engagements early so I can go home and check my In-Box.

But in my own defense, who wouldn’t love e-mail? It’s easy; it’s fast; and you can do it in your bathrobe. Thanks to the Internet, I can sit at home wearing a pair of dirty gray sweats and sound alluring, or at least try to. Granted, there are a few down-sides. For one, now that I’ve started e-mailing my friends, I experience the empty P O box syndrome more frequently. As I stare through my barren cubbyhole at the automated letter sorter at the other end of the post office, I wonder if I’ll ever receive another piece of mail that doesn’t ask for money. The other problem with e-mail is that it encourages sound bite communication. I catch myself staring at my computer screen for long periods of time trying to think of witty things to write. In non-virtual reality, if you’d asked me the same question in person, I would have blurted out some inglorious one-sentence answer. Ultimately, I’m not always sure which version of me is real.

 Needless to say, I’m skeptical about finding my soulmate On-Line. But then again, I’m not feeling particularly giddy about the prospect of finding my soulmate off-line, either. So why not go the electronic route? In my limited experience, I know that On-Line flirting is fun. Probably because it feels safe. The anxiety level is much lower when getting to know someone via the computer. The pressure of trying to figure out “whether she’s interested or it’s all in your head” is much less immediate. And you avoid all those uncomfortable interactions that occur when you drop her off at the end of the evening and you haven’t yet figured out the answer to that first question.

Of course, there are a few tricks to applying computer technology to the relationship minefield. First, select someone who lives thousands of miles away. You can electronically flirt with someone who lives down the street but it borders on schizophrenic — there are the conversations you have face-to-face about the weather, last night’s basketball game, and her new kitchen linoleum; then there’s the racy, suggestive fencing that occurs On-Line. Better off to avoid the confusion caused by real life interactions altogether. The other complication with On-Line flirting is that it will confuse your hormones. Because you are spending all of your time with a computer screen rather than the real thing, it isn’t clear whether there is enough lust present to propel you through the first two years of red flags at the inception of any new relationship. A more evolved person might observe that the computer link enables two individuals to get to know one another before they do anything impulsive. The flip side: no sex.

All part of life in the midst of the Information Revolution. Wonder if Mom had this in mind when she sent me the subscription.

Jen Kohout currently lives in Ann Arbor where she writes lots of e-mail between softball games.

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A community service of Identity, Inc.  
PO Box 200070, Anchorage AK 99520
The new Ear (or is that fresh corn?)

I (h)Ear(d) that people liked first names, but the very same people were surprisingly “mum” about new information ...

The exodus of women continues. Julie is selling her place; Rose B. has her house up for sale; Kola, Lois and puppy dogs head down the ALCAN this week in an RV; Ann M. and Nancy C., who left a long time ago, are house hunting in Ashton OR; Carol V. is hooking up with them this month while she’s on vacation; Morgan’s partner, Cheryl, went on a monster hike and stopped to see her Mom while on vacation. Good news, Pat and Stacie are planning to move back to Alaska. Now, my idea of a vacation is staying out my lounge chair by the pool for the duration.

The men are home making: Dennis and Sheldon are up to their elbows in dirt starting plants in a makeshift greenhouse on the back deck of their new home; they have ambitious landscaping plans. Kurt and Bill are still unpacking boxes in their custom-built new home in Eagle River; (is there a house warming planned, yet?) Tom R’s partner, Al, returned from his trip to Germany safely; one flight was delayed significantly by heavy thunderstorms and downpours in the mid-west. F Ken’s been seen out and about, looking better and better.

Gretchen may have missed her cue, but had all the ear- and Eye attention. She looked wickedly dangerous and quite fetching in tights, black leather mini-skirt with matching jacket during the last half of her performance at the April Women’s Coffeehouse. Tons of women, women showed up for the Beyond Basic show at the Wave and for Shirley S’s album debut at the PAC the same night. Yea, for the women; I always knew they could be two places at once! Ears get around.

Marial and Joanne are packing, packing, packing ... going through stuff, laughing, crying, remembering the good times. “Our life has been so rich here,” commented Joanne. One of their favorite photos is a pic of Barbara S in her “Mary Full of Grapes” (and Grace) persona. Joanne and Marial had the photo blown up, framed and gave it to Barbara this week. I (h)Ear(d) they were reminiscing about the “good ol’ days; not without tears, however.” The two women haven’t advertised their trailer for sale in the newspaper, yet. The asking price is $25,000. There’s some nice change, a $500 finder’s fee, for the community member that finds them a buyer for their trailer.

Other news, the Empress-sized bed is still in the test phase, daily — we (h)Ear! Bronwyn is looking absolutely gorgeous in a blue dress these days. Who’s that twinkle in her eye? Shirley G has a new honey. They are in that cute, honeymoon-Velcro stage. Amy O says she’s met the woman she’s going to marry! Spring has sprung a leak. Bye-bye for now. 

Quack Quack! “Such Is Life!” cartoon strip

Introduction article

Duck feathers and confetti fill the skies in celebration as the “such is LIFE!” cartoon strip becomes a monthly feature in the NorthView. As a social commentary, “such is LIFE!” exposes the vulnerabilities of GAY LIFE and life itself.

“such is LIFE!” chronicles the adventures, observations and commentaries of “buckminster duck,” a somewhat inquisitive, somewhat introspective, somewhat irreverent and yet insecure little duck on the path of self-discovery.

As “buckminster” constantly contemplates the why’s and wherefores of his existence, there is one aspect of his life that he is completely okay with ... HE IS GAY! (imagine that, a gay duck!) The “who” is handled; it’s the what, when, where and why of life that continues to ruffle his feathers.

The charm of the strip is that it combines gay camp with politics, philosophy, spirituality, love and romance, societal attitudes and Hollywood gossip with whimsical and often poignant satire. “buckminster duck” transcends stereotypical characterizations and approaches being Gay from a more social/spiritual perspective. As you get to know the strip, you’ll notice that “DUCK” and “GAY” are virtually synonymous. All the characters who are ducks are Gay, if you are not a duck ... pity!

In his cosmic quest, “buckminster duck” can be found in a wide variety of localities, and occasionally in the company of an assortment of characters (ducks or otherwise) including: Weez, his straight soul mate; Phenix, a dyke duck; Dylan, his duck buddy; Dr. Quackenbill, his therapist and The Cosmic Diva, his spiritual guru.

“such is LIFE!”, created by cartoonist Earl Storm of San Diego, California, has been published in the “Gay and Lesbian Times” (a Southern California weekly with circulation in San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles) since July 1994 and has gathered quite a following. In the fall of 1995 "such is LIFE!" went into national syndication and can be found in a wide variety of Gay and Gay-friendly publications across the country.

You can easily find the further adventures and commentaries of “buckminster duck” on the Internet through Southern California Gay Wired: http://www.gaywired.com/unify/quack/suchlife.htm Feel free to leave E-mail; it's one of the things the duck lives for.
Women's coffeeshouse

by Candy Bonham

Coffeeshouse events are over for the season as of May 11th. It's been a great year; we've been able to give money to local organizations: 4A's, R.A.W. (formerly the 15%, Inc.), Identity and Alaska Women Speak. We've had some terrific programs: Gretchen Legler, Beyond Basic, Women Do the Blues, Susan Johnson ... it's been enjoyable. Barbara and I would like to thank everyone who has had a part in the coffeeshouse this season.

We are already looking for performers and artists for next season. So, if you or someone you know might be interested in doing a coffeeshouse, you can call us at 337-2011. It is a Women's coffeeshouse, so that's the limitation. Performers and artists must be women, lesbian or straight (it doesn't matter); backup musicians and or sound people can be male. Also, if you have ideas on what kind of programs you'd like to see and/or suggestions on how we can make it better, we're also happy to hear constructive comments. See ya in September.
The albums of Potter’s Lane (Remembering)

Part 35(B), “The home front”

The annual Town Hall meetings were a combination of business and town gossip. But the war news was more important than even the price of crops. The war helped because the prices the ranchers were getting were top dollar. Everyone was trying to produce more because the demand was there, but the pre-war labor force was gone.

Steve and Mr. Holt were helping Carl and Lucy during planting and harvesting, and neighbors everywhere were doing the same thing. But it was the city folk that sprang into action this time. Small kitchen gardens got larger and were now called victory gardens. Every piece of land, large or small had something growing on it. That window-box no longer grew flowers... it now held tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, and it was someone’s pride and joy. Folks had gardens so that farm production could be saved for the military.

People living in the cities were learning to barter and trade. Housewives soon learned they could trade coffee stamps for sugar stamps with a friend, and it did take a real friend to loan you a cup of sugar. You could fake coffee with the now-popular Postum, and butter was replaced with a block of white oleo that came with its own bead of yellow coloring. The new word was “fake it” and everyone was doing just that.

If you had 75 extra cents, you went to the movies and stopped by a hamburger ‘joint’ to eat and listen to the jukebox. You could push a few bars aside and learn the latest dance steps and do your damnedest to forget about the war. That is, until songs came on like “I’ll Be Seeing You,” or “When I Fall In Love,” and then everyone would take their own sentimental journey. There were songs that touched the soul of every man and woman and there were old songs that had new meaning to them now. They seemed to be written just for you. (Well, at least you thought they were.)

1943 saw two old familiar faces come by for a visit: The Parson and Lottie were both close to retirement now. The large church in Seattle was doing very well. They missed John Day but were surprised to see the little church had been taken out of town and now sat in a field all by itself. They knew the preacher that took over the church wouldn’t make it but they had no idea the good people would move the church just to keep away preachers like him. But they did, and the only ones who were welcomed back were these two.

The property was Mona’s. Mr. Gibbons built the church and when the parson and his wife were sent by the Methodist church years ago it was a perfect match. But six months of that preacher was all anyone could stand. Mr. Gibbon’s solution was to move the church, and he had without blinking an eye.

In the fall of 1943 Byco and any young Japanese-American who wanted to could join a special branch of the army. The only catch was that their families had to stay in the camps. Byco’s duty was to the USA, as was the majority of the young men who occupied the camps. They wanted to fight the enemy. At the end of the war these men would walk away with more medals than most. But that’s getting ahead of the story.

Jimmy Brewer, the younger brother of David, was the first of the John Day men to die. Everyone who had a loved one in the service held their breath whenever they saw the Simmons boy on his bike... Western Union no longer brought good news. Before 1943 came to a close there were five more telegrams that began “We are sorry to inform you...” This was the perfect time for the parson and Lottie to come home.

At the town hall meeting that year Mona proposed that the town build a new church. Not everyone was ready to spend money on a church, even after Mona donated the property to the town. However, the old-timers (which included Mike and Steve) would donate time, money and materials.

The new church had a choir loft, an organ, and even a stained-glass window. The doors were open on the first Sunday of April... Easter Sunday. The old church bell had a new tower and could be heard for miles. Lottie worked for months with the choir; the sermon was gentle and loving like the people who came, glad to hear the ‘good word from the good book.’ Fried chicken tasted better that Sunday, and the words “God bless our Country” seemed to fit.

TURNING THE PAGE...更快

Cherriese AKA Dan Cook was Empress 1 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 Cherriese, who will send the missing sections at no charge.]

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Melissa Etheridge

"I think the best way to be an activist is to live your life well and be honest. It means being out. If you are not comfortable marching you can make a big difference just by working side by side with someone who actually knows that you’re gay and a fine human being."
Power at the polls

Groundbreaking new survey paints portrait of gay, lesbian, bisexual vote

"Power At the Polls: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote" is based on exit polling data from the 1992 and 1994 elections. The data was originally collected by Voter News Service (VNS), a major national polling organization, and until now has remained largely untapped by the media. It provides the first statistically reliable picture of self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual voters.

The VNS 1992 exit polling data is based on a nationally representative sample of 15,488 voters. The poll allowed gays, lesbians and bisexuals to identify themselves for the first time in a presidential election. Some of the major findings include:

1. Gay, lesbian and bisexual self-identified voters constituted 3.2 percent of the total voting population in the 1992 elections.
2. The gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be decisive in urbanized states. In cities with populations between 250,000 and 500,000, the figure rises to more than eight percent. The urban concentration means the gay, lesbian and bisexual vote can be the margin of victory in key states. "It can also make the critical difference in many Congressional races and in state and local elections as well."

3. The self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual vote is also a younger vote, and will inevitably grow in size. "Gay voters already constitute five percent of the under-30 voters."
4. The gay, lesbian and bisexual voter displays a clear political profile. The gay voter is more likely to favor more government services and higher taxes to pay for them; downplay the importance of deficit reduction; support greater access to health care; blame government neglect rather than a decline in moral values for social problems; believe that government should encourage tolerance of diverse value systems; and support continued legalization of abortion.

The survey also details who gay voters vote for. In 1992, Clinton received 43 percent of the total popular vote, but 72 percent of the gay, lesbian and bisexual vote. The Republican Party can antagonize the gay vote, or try to neutralize it. The Democratic Party can effectively mobilize it, or watch it slip away in inaction. There is a gay, lesbian and bisexual vote. It is growing, it is concentrated, and it is still untapped.

The survey was released April 25 at a Washington D.C. press conference. ▼
A National Gay And Lesbian Task Force Press Release

Tourism chief fears boycott of Florida

by Larry Keller

There will be "an enormous negative impact on Florida's economy and image" if medical groups boycott Florida because of anti-gay statements made in a letter by a state bureaucrat, Broward County tourism director Nicki Grossman says.

Grossman made that assertion in a letter to Gov. Lawton Chiles on Thursday. It followed an announcement by the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care that it was canceling plans to conduct its August 1997 conference in Fort Lauderdale because of the controversial letter.

Leanne O'Connell, a youth traffic safety program coordinator with the state Department of Transportation, wrote recently that AIDS "was created as a punishment to the gay and lesbian communities across the world."

"As far as the gay and lesbians of this world ... let them suffer their consequences!" O'Connell wrote on official department letterhead in response to the sender of a pledge form for a Miami-to-Orlando Florida AIDS Ride that starts next month.

O'Connell was reprimanded and received counseling. The Department of Transportation sent a letter of apology to AIDS ride organizers.

"I think it's universally seen as a weak response," said Ken Wolf of Fort Lauderdale, who is on the board of advisers to the international doctors' group. "We're confident the governor will take appropriate action."

Chiles said Thursday that O'Connell is sorry about her letter, but he expressed no interest in getting personally involved in the matter.

Gordon Nary, president of the 6,000-member international doctors' group, vowed to contact other medical associations and ask them to join in a boycott of Florida.

That has Grossman worried.

"If this threat of an AIDS boycott takes form, it would be a tremendous financial black eye," Grossman said from Toronto, where she was attending a trade show. "(And) it would create a negative image for the state."

The typical convention delegate spends $170 a day while visiting Florida, Grossman said. "Doctors are likely to be bigger spenders. We can't afford to kiss off business."

Grossman didn't suggest in her letter to Chiles what action the governor should take. She wrote the letter because "he needs to look at this in a broader context," she said. ▼

THE SUN-SENTINEL, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Friday, April 26, 1996.
I woke up this morning to a regrettable news item on the radio — the Governor had just signed a bill into law bringing back discrimination. Apparently the State is now recognizing a religious institution and authorizing private industry and government to blatantly pay more in the way of benefits to employees that follow this institution.

You may think this is discrimination against homosexuals, but it affects straight, non-married couples far more! It is fact that the majority of non-married couples who signed up for partner benefits at UAF in the last two years are HETEROSEXUAL! Why did that radio announcement from Juneau say it was seen from the gay community as discrimination? It should be seen as discrimination (by any community) against any couple that chooses not to be part of that religious institution called marriage. How dare the lawmak- ers and news reporters say this is between the Gays and Straights. THIS IS BETWEEN THE CONTROLLING CHRISTIAN LAWMAKERS and anyone with a different view or religion.

Please don’t misunderstand me, it is possible that one or two Muslims, Jews, or Hindus are part of the legislative process also. But regardless of that, the process is now controlled by those who are either part of, or sympathetic to, the religious right. Religion is good, I am very religious within my Jewish faith, much more than most of my family would like, but that doesn’t mean I believe my religious views should cross over to government and be used to discriminate!

Just the opposite. This country was built with certain guidelines to prevent the mix of “church and state.” Each of us has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As I remember from grade school days, one of the extra rights each of us has is to not be discriminated against for various reasons. As a realtor today, I am constantly reminded by my industry that it is illegal to discriminate in my line of business for many reasons including race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, and ... did I just say marital status? A poster hangs in my office which was funded by a grant from HUD. It states that we should all stand “together to support fair housing and reduce prejudice.” It states that I should contact the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights or the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity if I feel I have experienced discrimination in housing. I am willing to bet there are other posters partly sponsored by Alaska that also say no to discrimination by “marital status.”

EXCUUUSSE MMMEEE! If the State of Alaska tells me I cannot discriminate by marital status, then why did the legislature just get the Governor to sign a law stating discrimination is now allowed? As I said in the Public Opinion Message I sent a couple of weeks ago, I think the State of Alaska is sliding backwards. Is this our first step backward toward the dark ages in Alaska? 🙄

Jonathan Wolman, a Fairbanks businessman and community activist.
Travesty in Salt Lake — tragedy in America

by Frank Whitworth

The floodgates have been opened. Across America Religious Political Extremists have launched campaigns to pass restrictive and exclusionary anti-gay legislation and regulations. In public schools and universities, in city council and state legislatures, in state houses and Congress, an almost panic level of activity has been signalled.

Fearing backlash, local state and national legislators are jumping on trains of irrationality and hate, claiming threat to the very moral fiber of America and America’s families. Much of the activity revolved around the Hawaii marriage case and the fact that, by the Constitutional tenet of “full faith and credit,” people married in Hawaii, whatever their gender makeup, would have to be considered married throughout the United States. More than half the states are now considering or have passed what have become known as “anti-gay” marriage resolutions. All such measures will have to be considered unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court or one will see the breakup of the fabric that binds America as a nation — found to a large degree in the “Full Faith and Credit” clause of the Constitution.

Of course, such a breakup is the seeming objective of the extremists. The only thing that keeps them in check is the restraint of the federal government. Without it, they would be running rampant in the streets. From Kevin Tedeo (Fallen Director, Colorado for Family Values) and his sister’s Sovereign types to Christian Patriot and Aryan Nation fanatics, vulture-like individuals sit on tree limbs waiting for opportunity to begin the feeding frenzy.

The strategy is clear. If they can totally disrupt the federal government; if they can destroy all confidence in it; if they can take control and disrupt state houses; if they can bring about total chaos, a chaos they created in order to fulfill their own predictions, into the melee they will step to save the nation.

It is not a new strategy. It has been done before in history. Undermine; disrupt; create fear; create hate; destroy — then seize control. Of course, when control is in their hands, the situation will be so urgent that they will be able to suspend individual liberties, invoke martial law, arrest dissenters, eliminate opponents. It’s only natural. “Safety” is the first concern. “Protection” will be the moving force.

Why Gays???? Quite simply because, like Blacks, we are so easy to hate and set apart because we are “different.” Seizing on stereotypes and a natural fear of anyone who is different, the radical elements have easily been able to stir up old fears and hates and use them for political gains. The arguments are not so different, whether we compare such strategies to those of National Socialists in Germany, to State’s Rightists in the South of the forties and fifties, or to today’s Extremists. Jews eat children, Gypsies steal them; Blacks are dirty, diseased, immoral, inferior; Gays are a threat to our children, are diseased, immoral, want to destroy the nation. All stereotypes developed to feed the need of Extremists; a need based in intolerance, bigotry and a desire to control, to be in charge — to be the thought police of a nation. They need someone to hate, to blame, to proclaim their war against. Kikes, Niggers, Spicks, Wetbacks, Chinks, Fags, Pinkos (words decent people consider as offensive as the most graphic of swear words) — their list is endless and they are practiced at using this tactic.

If you doubt their presence today, you are in denial — a denial they depend on — a denial they have always depended on. If you stay in denial — if you refuse to open your eyes — if you won’t stand up now and be counted, tomorrow, when they are knocking at your door, it will, indeed, be too late. Today you still have the power of the vote; the right to lobby; legislators you can influence. You still have a court system to put a brake on extremism. Will you always have these tools? That’s up to you! It’s not too late yet — It may be tomorrow!!!

Frank Whitworth has been involved in Civil Rights activities since 1958 and in the Gay Rights movement since 1971, is Executive Director of Ground Zero Colorado Springs and 1995 winner of a National Stonewall Award.

Taken from the April 1996 Community, published by the Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community Council, Inc., in Albany, NY.
A gift for gay readers
New library center named for its big donor, James Hormel

Like other gays of his generation, wealthy meat-packing heir and philanthropist James C. (for Catherwood) Hormel, 63, sensed growing up that he was different. But there was no one to talk to about his emerging sense of self, no place he could go to delve into what set him apart.

“I had a sense of feelings which I was not willing to acknowledge. I don’t remember in my adolescence anybody ever saying homosexuality was wrong and bad, but every message that society sent out was that it was wrong and bad,” he said. “Being a very conventional sort of adolescent who was concerned about what people thought of him, I did everything I could to suppress those feelings.”

In recognition of that confused time of his own youthful questioning, Hormel donated $500,000 toward the creation of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center, a room at San Francisco’s $134 million new Main Library at the Civic Center. The world’s first permanent public research center in the long-neglected field, it opens for a preview tomorrow night and the unveiling of its trompe l’oeil ceiling mural, “Into the Light.”

When he went as a young man to the University of Chicago library to see if he could find any books on homosexuality, Hormel said, “It was all very frightening. It was slanted toward homosexuality as an illness, a disease, a psychological disorder.”

A Wealth of Material

In contrast to the nearly total absence of gay literature and other reading matter that Hormel and others of his generation faced, patrons of the new Gay and Lesbian Center will find a wealth of published and non-published material from local, national and international sources. The room has enough space for a dozen people to study at once.

Hormel said the center’s materials will provide “a level of enlightenment and awareness to people who are questioning their sexuality and to non-gays who have gay friends or relatives and who want to get a better understanding of what these issues of sexuality are about.”

Hormel said there is “growing competition among academic institutions to create these collections in their libraries.” In many cases, he added, his philanthropy takes the form of smaller challenge grants to give incentive to others to kick in contributions. “I didn’t even think of it in this case.” As it happened, the fund-raising goal for the San Francisco center was over-subscribed. So far, $2.8 million has been raised, which also covers an endowment for operating costs.

Hormel is open to further contributions as need develops.

No Trip to Fiji

Hormel, a major Democratic Party contributor who is also a director of the San Francisco Symphony Board and the San Francisco Greater Chamber of Commerce, was selected by the Clinton administration to be ambassador to Fiji. He would have been the first openly gay American ambassador. But the nomination never made it to the Senate because of opposition.

“I felt that the issue should never have arisen,” said Hormel. “It came into focus through a leak to a Washington Post columnist whose story was picked up in the Fiji press and became distorted by a headline which read ‘Gay Activist May Be Next U. S. Ambassador.’ It was the result of that headline that reactionaries in Fiji became concerned and started drawing public attention.”

Ironically, he says he would have declined the appointment. “The choice of Fiji was unfortunate because my research revealed that the country had a sodomy statute. I had not sought an appointment to Fiji and certainly would not have encouraged it because of that.”

But Hormel thinks it is just a matter of time before a gay person is appointed to an ambassadorship. “I think that it will happen soon. There’s absolutely no reason not to have it happen. The old fears of extortion and blackmail and nefarious tricks of that kind just wouldn’t exist with an openly gay individual.”

Taken from the Friday, March 22, 1996 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle.
The Directory

AA...

This directory is our "yellow pages" and reference guide. 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 the business or service ownership. All people are welcome to call for further info.

NOTE: In some instances you might encounter employees who are unaware of this Directory and its significance. Don't be offended: enlightened. All listings are in Anchorage unless indicated.

AA:
(G) Gay, Joyous and Free, see Calendar
(A) Live and Let Live, see Calendar
(G) Midnight Sons, see Calendar

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see 4A's page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), Juneau, Ritz, 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), 206-383-2563
(A) Shanti of Juneau, 907-463-5665, 800-478-AIDS (2437)
(A) S.T.O.P AIDS Project, (see page)

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

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gatekay, Ketki/Jaimini, 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:
(GA) Lipson/Brown Design, 274-0913

Art/Graphies:
(L) Catworks, Catherine, 563-5492

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

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

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

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

Bars:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G/L) O' Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)
(G/L) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaskaland (Fri & Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(L/G) The Wave, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfast:
(G) Alta's (Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see ad)
(G) Arctic Feather, Doug, 277-3862
(G) Aurora Winds, James/Bill, 346-2533
(A) Beach House, Mary (Homor), 907-235-5945 (see ad)
(L) Blue Heron B&B (Missouri), Lucille, 417-993-4302
(L) Butterfly Inn, Kay (Hawaii), 800-968-7936
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Jane, 337-4391
(G) Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Phil/Bobby, 907-451-6501
(L) Garden Cottage (Orlando, FL), Liz, 407-394-3595
(G) Gingerbread House, Yves (Montreal), 514-897-2804
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homor), 907-235-2265 (see ad)
(L) Mermaid Inn, Nancy/Bonnie (Fl. Lauderdale, FL), 305-565-8437
(G) Normandy South (Miami Beach, FL), Hank/Bruce, 305-674-1197

(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G/A) Sauerhough Lodge, 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) G. McPherson, Nina, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

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

Catering:
(G) Alaska Catering, Maurice, 339-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 561-8458 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-8028

Chemical Dependency:
(G/L/E) Pride Institute (Minn.), 800-545-7433 (G/L/E)
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 Socratic Table at The Wave, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

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

Computer Bulletin Board:
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4039
(G) Wings, 243-7518, 243-7517 (G/L/E)

Computer Supplies:
(A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4638 (see ad)

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4ASC
(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., F. Ken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Walter, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-8528
(G) Ekstastic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) gra.i/s, Lucian, 561-8556
(L) Heilleck & Ass., Terry, 276-3869
(L) Mark, 274-9472
(L) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

Computer Training:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4ASC
(G) Ekstastic 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, Ltd, 279-4606

Counseling:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(A) Connie, 562-1826
(A) Jann, 248-9408
(L) Kaia, 563-2684
(A) Marion, 562-0012
(A) Psychological Services Center, 786-1795
(L) Tess, Alternative Counseling, 562-8281
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Dancing:
(G/L/B) The Wave, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see ad.)

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 Hulbert, DDS, 248-0022

Drug Shows:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, Misty Dawn, 277-0441
(G/L/B) The Wave, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see ad.)

Drug Dependency:
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433).

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

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

Electrolysis:
(A)anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(A) Gentle Touch Electro Clinic, Shirley, 561-6608; Bronwyn 277-4714

Entertainment:
(G) Art Services North, Daryl, 561-2115

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

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

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

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

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

Gasoline:
(A) Courtney's, Linny, 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, 907-224-8966

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

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

Hairstyling:
(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, 261-3173
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature's Own Way, Roberto/Debby, 561-0181
(A) The Ol Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372

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

Helpline:
(G/L) Anchorage, Identity Helpline, 278-4777 (see ad)
(G/L) Fairbanks Lesbian/Gay Line, 907-458-8288
(G/L) Juneau, SAGLA, 586-GAYS

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

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

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

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of All Alaska, Madeline, 338-3037

Income Tax Preparation:
(A) Lynn (LaPierriere) 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

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

Legal:
(L) Mendel & Huntington, Allison, 279-0001 (see ad)
(A) Mendel & Huntington, Karla, 279-0001 (see ad)
(L) Rhodes, Phyllis, Mediator, 346-2217
(A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (see ad)

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

Media:
(L) NLGJA (National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association),
   Kim, Alaska chapter coordinator and board member, 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
(A) Anchorage Press, Nick, 561-7737 (see ad)
(L) Klondyke Contact (Alaska Women's Cultural Center), 277-9763
(GL) North View (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, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see ad)
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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&K 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 Graphs:
(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, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Real Estate, 907-277-4744, 800-750-4796
(L) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucile, 417-745-2250
(L) Coldwell Banker, Elaine, 562-2378
(L) Dynamic Properties, Joli, 276-6633
(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(L) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

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

Research:
(L) Craciun & 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

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. Nancee Sweeney, 258-0010
(A) Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Church of the Covenant (Matanuska Valley), Pastor Howard Bess, 746-1089
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church.
(A) St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church (Kodiak), Fr. Paul, 486-5276
(A) Unity Church of Anchorage, 346-2824

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226
(A) Flies by Ilene (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 Bisexual Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(G) L.M.R.U.2 (Youth Group), 258-4777
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4993, 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) Breakeven Productions, Linda 277-5630
(A) Out North Theatre, Genie, 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, Cheresse, 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, Russ, 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 lunchon 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 lunchons, volunteering with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at 263-2050.

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 information about meeting time and place, contact Christopher at 907-479-7348.

Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB) Anchorage a social group for Gay men looking for an alternative to the “bar scene.” For next meeting time and place or to get on the mailing list, call the helpline at 258-4777

Anchorage 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 events that missed the calendar(s). Call 566-6EMM.

EQUAL, Inc. Anchorage EQUAL provides education and information about political issues to our community. EQUAL is not a political action committee and does not endorse candidates. For more information, call 274-9226.

EQUAL, Inc. Fairbanks purpose is to keep the community informed about political and legal events which have an effect on the LesBiGay community, to educate about community issues, to organize letter writing campaigns and other forms of political action, and to promote equal rights for all Alaskan citizens, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy at 907-457-3876. For more information about EQUAL, contact Laura Burleson at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLEB@auroraralaska.edu.

Fairbanks Dance Club the Palace Saloon in Alaskaland is still the hottest spot in town to meet. You can go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00pm til the wee hours of the morning (it’s a straight tourister bar at all other times.) The DJ will be spinning Country, Disco, Top 40 and Oldies for your dancing pleasures. Info: Phil 451-6501

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

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

Family—Anchorage meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Arts Building, Room 121 on the UAA campus. Social group after 7:00pm (bowling, dinner, etc.) High school people, bisexual men & women, transvestites and transsexuals most welcome! Call Harry O’Brien at 786-7644.

Feminist Sing-a-Long (women only), Anchorage third Saturday of every month, 1741 Westview Circle; call Carol and Fran at 323-0871. 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, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian and Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities. Potluck Social is held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Doors open at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the Calendar for this month’s program.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), Anchorage is a social and support group that contributes to our Community by being active in many causes; we plan and present wonderful entertainment, and donate money to needy organizations for them to carry out their important goals. See Calendar for this month’s planned activities, or contact Emperor Madeline XXIII at 388-3327. Or write P.O. Box 104023, Anchorage 99510-4023.

L.M.R.U. 2 Anchorage gay youth group meets Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. at 4As, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 102. Contact Identity Helpline 258-4777.

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

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Anchorage holds Sunday services at 11:00am and 7:00pm, and Wednesday at 7:00p.m. 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. Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:00pm at the Raven; campouts & weekend trips, too. Write T.L.F.M.C., P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99520-2054.

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

Mt. 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 Lane 561-8744 (Bob).

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 45P-FLAG for more information.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) of Juneau meets the 1st 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
**Club notes continued.**

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

**Q*K Outdoors, Fairbanks**
an offshoot of Q*Klatch and a member of IGLOO (International Gay Lesbian Outdoor Organization), is an informal, volunteer group of GLBs interested in enjoying the Great OUTdoors. Last summer, we canoed down the Tanana River to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the Alaska Range), went halibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more info, call Eric at 455-4051 or e-mail to <fsebw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-6358 or <hlatkf@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 566-3783 info and message.

**Shanti of Juneau**
offers 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 22685, 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 99802-1452. 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 Barbara or Candy at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. Closed through September.

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**Cyberlust**

**Burleson, Laura**: Gay Rights activist, Chair of Equal of Fairbanks, and in the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association:
<file@aurora.alaska.edu>

**Blumenfeld, Warren**: Author/educator/ Pride Conference presenter:
<blumenfeld@educ.umass.edu>

**Capri Cinema, Rand Thorsley**: <fsebw@prodigy.com>

**Carlisle, Karen**: Writer, feminist, teacher, activist:
<nmkc@aurora.alaska.edu>

**Carter, Dan**: Gay activist, Dandelion, Equal:
<alaskadan@aol.com>

**Crabtree, Phil**: Crabtree B&B, Fairbanks, AK,
<fpca@aurora.alaska.edu>

**Cruciun, Jean**: market research, Pride Conference:
<jcruciun@cruciun.alaska.net>

**CyberQueer Lounge**: Directory for exploring gay and lesbian sites <http://www.cyberqueer.org/html/GLAIDS/gladshomepage.html>

**Digital Queers**, Technical philanthropic organization:
<www.dqnw@aol.com>

**Chrysler, Stephen**: writer/ North View contributor:
<chrysler@aol.com>

**Ferrell, Kathy**: Fairbanks co-editor for NorthView, Q*K OUTdoors co-coordinator, <hlatkf@northstar.k12.ak.us> and <kskdf@aurora.alaska.edu>

**Freedman, F. Kenneth**: Gay/Lesbian activist,
<fcen@servcom.com>

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

**Gingrich, Newt**: Speaker of the House, <egingrich@hr.house.gov>

**Hein’s Ultimate Gay List**: A launching pad to gay web sites <www.xx4all.nl/~/hein/hnldoc/gayhttp1.html>

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

**Into The Woods Bookshop**: Connie, Fairbanks, AK,
<wwoods@polar.net>

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

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

**Kohout, Jen**: <jenkout@aol.com>

**Last Frontier Men’s Club**: see club listing <FMC@Micronet.net>


**McMullen, John**: Chapter Co-Chair/Project Manager for Digital Queers Northwest: <JMcmullen@aol.com>

**Olson, Chris**: <MOFrida@AOL.COM>

**Phoenix gay community**: <http://www.comeout.com>

**Pinney, Peter**: UAF instructor and owner of Alta’s B & B; <tpinney@aurora.alaska.edu>

**ScotsGay Magazine**: Gay Scotland <http://www.scotsgay.co.uk>

**Severson, Kim**: Entertainment editor Anchorage Daily News, board of Nat’l Lesb & Gay Journ. Assn: <kseverson@pop.adn.com>

**Signorile, Michelangelo**: writer The Advocate:
<angel@pipeline.com>

**Thorsley, Rand**: Capri Cinema: <filmgallery@aol.com>

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

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


**Wockner, Rex**: San Diego-based journalist, LesBiGay info (Internet): rwockner@certom.com

Want to be listed? Write to Identity and include information.
Calendar

May

Friday, 17:
A "Rave for AIDS" - 4A's dance party fundraiser; 263-2048.

Monday, 20:
A PFLAG meets 7pm AUUF social hall. 3201 Turnagain

Wednesday, 22:
A Alaska Pride Conference at AUUF, 3201 Turnagain, Identity Office upstairs from 7-9pm. 566-2048.

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

Saturday - Sunday, 25-26:

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A Mt. McKinley Club outing at Horseshoe Lake.

Sunday, 26:
J Library and Coffee House, 1-3pm mendenhall Valley

Monday, 27:
A ICOAA Ketchum Picnic, Eric at 277-3236.

June

Saturday, 1:
J PFLAG, 10:30 - 12:30 in the Mendenhall Library conference room.

Friday - Sunday, 14-16
A Tippocanoe Canoe Trip for Couples, Eric at 277-3236.

Saturday - Sunday, 22-23
A Joint McKinley-Men’s Club campout at Chickaloon (The entire community is invited.) Eric at 277-3236.

Saturday, 22:
A Scott Olsen memorial Float Trip, Chickaloon Not sponsored by any group, the entire community is invited. Eric at 277-3236.
J Gay Pride Picnic. Call SEAGLA.

Friday, 28:
A Black and Blue (Levi and Leather) Ball Sponsored by the Men’s Club and the Court. $5. 7pm at the Wave. trevelyan at 338-9184.

Saturday, 29:
A ICOAA MGA Ball. Eric at 277-3236.

July

Thursday - Sunday, 4-7
S McKinley Club Annual Seward Encampment accompanied by the Men’s Club and all other community members who wish to go. Eric at 277-3236.

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On-Going Calendar Items

SUNDAYS
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.

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 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.
A MCC, 4th and Barrow Street, Praise & Prayer at 7 pm.

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, on summer hiatus.
A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
A Country Dancing at the Wave, 8pm, taught by Patty, 561-9483.

FRIDAYS
A Lunch, 4A's, 12noon-1pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited - HIV, volunteers and friends.
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.
J Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Youth meeting (26 and under) 5:30 pm. Call 463-4396.

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, Harry O'Brian at 786-7644.
F KSUA, 103.9 FM, 5pm-7pm, "Queer Beans" (Gay issues and music).
A IMRU2, Anchorage, 6pm-8pm, Anchorage 4As, 1057 Fireweed, call Identity Helpline 258-4777.
F Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon, Alaskaland.

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