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Hey baby...

by Veronica Ryan

OKAY, it's time for a baby dyke to gripe! Once again I am filled with frustration over the almost non-existent social outlets for baby queers, especially for 19- and 20-year-olds. It seems there are two types of groups available. The first are organizations for 13- to 18-year-olds. Mostly these are confidential, support-based efforts hosting no "outside the premises" activities. I believe these are needed, but one can get sick of always meeting in one room and talking. I don't consider it to be the type of social event other baby queers or myself really want. The second jumps to 21 and over. It is the ever popular "bar scene" which you can guess is more socially based containing drinking, dancing, and talking (oh, and don't let me forget... "cruising!").

As you can see, 19- and 20-year-olds are in a kind of social limbo. Most people in college are friends with people of all ages. That fact isn't bad, but in my opinion it sucks when every Friday or Saturday night, or both, you get dropped off at home ready to let loose and party — and instead end up twiddling your thumbs, while everyone else older gets their release by heading to The Wave! I don't even drink, so it really bugs me that the reason I can't get in is simply because there is a bar in The Wave. I just want to dance and feel safe that I won't get "gay bashed" if I happen to dance with another woman. That's something The Lost Abby can NEVER provide!

Luckily there is The Family at UAA which can have people from ages 18 and up. Once a week we meet, usually go out to eat, hang out and talk. This is a great resource as well, except that on average there are about 15 people attending. And get this, INCLUDING myself, there are only three women who attend, one of whom is heterosexual (Yes, I’ve been single too long! Hee! Hee!).

As it is in my nature not just to complain, I'd like to throw out some solutions. In the ideal situation there would be a club like The Wave where either: there was no alcohol, so 18 and up could go in; or there was a bar, but people under 21 had to have their hand stamped or had to wear a bracelet so they could enter, yet not purchase alcohol. Another idea is just to unite the whole queer community more often in events and activities outside the dance floors and bars. Any of these possible solutions would take a lot of work and effort. More than one person would have to help, but it only takes one person to get the ball rolling. Every Friday or Saturday night that I don't go out with my older friends, I get more and more passionate about the idea of starting something for those between 18 and 20.

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 Joyce Bauer

Changing our meeting night to the second Wednesday of each month seems to be a good idea. We had an extra large turnout to hear Dan Carter of EQUAL speak about the political scene. One of his major points concerned the Employment Non-discrimination Act which has 16 sponsors in the Senate. Two University of Alaska professors, Mark Tumeo and Kate Wattum, sued for equal pay for equal work. Out of 37 couples who applied for UA benefits, 4 were gay and 33 were not.

Dan also mentioned that there was a Gay and Lesbian Caucus at the Democratic Convention. A resolution passed in favor of same-gender marriage and health benefits for same gender couples. He suggested we write the Governor that we're not happy about SB 308, limiting marriage to one man and one woman, nor are we pleased with HB 226 which denies U of A health benefits to same gender couples.

Sylvia showed us the new P-FLAG T-shirts. They will cost $7.50 each for members and $10 for non-members. We'll sell them at our table at the June 30 Pride in the Park celebration. Trang reported that the youth group would like P-FLAG to do a workshop for them on how to come out to parents. She also prepared a rough draft of a nice brochure for P-FLAG.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings, and membership is just $15 a year, which includes meeting notices, our monthly "newsnote," voting rights, and eligibility for office in our chapter.

P-FLAG's next meeting will be a potluck picnic at Fish Creek Park on East Turnagain on July 10 starting at 6 p.m.

Potter's Lane Goes To Press

After three years of serialized chapters, "The Albums Of Potter's Lane (Remembering)" by Dan Cook (aka Cherisse) is no longer being printed in NorthView. Dan states he expects to publish the entire story, in book form, sometime this year. Watch for publication notice in NorthView.

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Distancing acts

It's a conversation I have heard throughout the years. But, as Gay Pride celebrations are held around the country, it takes on added resonance. Gay men and lesbians spend a lot of time complaining to each other about the appearances, clothing, behavior, diction, or politics of other gay people they know or happen to observe. In some cases, these conversations remain amiable and innocuous. In other instances, especially around the issue of pride parades and their participants, they become a vehicle for homophobia — homosexual homophobia. The problem of stereotypical homophobia, which we are quick to challenge in others, also deeply afflicts ourselves and our community.

As someone who lived in the closet for over fifty years, I remember the distancing actions I took to separate myself from other homosexuals, thereby avoiding both the vicious and the genteel homophobia that was all around me. Throughout those years, I felt a kinship with gay people who had the courage to be open. Yet, in a mistake that still marks many people's responses to gays, I often associated any perceived weakness or eccentricity in a gay person with his or her homosexuality. Yes, I was aware of my own frailties. But I told myself that my rough spots, however conspicuous, were different from those I saw in openly gay people, that I was not — indeed, could not — be one of them.

I always was — and am openly today — one of them. Dodging my connection to them, criticizing what I deeply feared I could become, I created a dynamic which did not die with my coming out six years ago. The tendency to carve shallow distinctions between myself and other gay people, to buy into the arbitrary and brutal division between "good" gays and "bad" ones, is simply an act of delusion. And it is a foolish delusion. If gay people are to survive and gain respect and equality as individuals and as a community, we need to stop looking down our noses and lift each other up. We need to change the conversation. I have been guilty of such transgressions when I have mocked or ridiculed gay Republicans in these columns. They are doing what they believe is good for our community, just as gay Democrats, Libertarians, Socialists and Queer Nation activists would. I apologize for having written such condemnations of others.

The strategies gays use to distance themselves from each other came back to me on two recent trips, one to the Southeast and the other to the Northwest. At dinner parties in the course of each journey, gay men of various ages began to criticize other gay people they'd met. Catty and campy quips like "Can you believe her hair?" and "Who taught her to talk like that?" and "She walked through the restaurant, almost knocking down chairs with her nelly hips!" were commonplace. Like firecrackers, most of these remarks just sizzled and popped; one or two particularly clever, teasing jibes, whistled like bottle rockets over the heads of laughing guests and fell to the floor, extinguished.

Then came attacks packing a little more punch. At each event, guests began to assail the personalities of other gay people, relating how "embarrassed" they were by their eccentricities, politics, activism, and the presumed havoc they wrought on the gay community's public image. I was annoyed at first, but realized I had heard this conversation before. It resembled the anti-gay diatribes I experienced during get-togethers with straight colleagues and acquaintances decades earlier, and those of the Christian Coalition and their clones today.

Something had changed, though. Six years ago, I stopped hiding. I stopped lying to myself and the world. I came out of my psychological "bomb shelter" into a community of brothers and sisters, many of whom welcomed my contributions, some of whom even valued my quirks. I realized the stereotypes of lonely, predatory, vice-ridden faggots and dykes were dreadfully false.

The stereotypes could no longer paralyze me or stifle my voice.

"Listen, we are all in the same boat," was all I told the dinner guests on each occasion. What I didn't say was that we cannot flee the stereotypical images imposed on us, not only from the outside but from within our own ranks. Where the gay community is concerned, particularly on public occasions such as pride parades, who can tell who puts the optimum, most reassuring face on homosexuality? We shouldn't waste our time trying to figure out this non-issue. Blue-jeaned macho or brash transvestite, leather or lipstick-wearing, we aren't defined by our exteriors. As the success of the movie "The Birdcage" might suggest, drag performers — long the nemesis of image-conscious gays — may outdo any well-scrubbed spokesmodel when it comes to advocating our right to lead integrated lives in our society. We have to start a new conversation about who we are as gay people, warts and all. A test of our character, as individuals and as a community, is how we deal with each other's differences, our imperfections, and our enormous diversity. From my perspective, this conversation begins with one simple statement: Those who want to do us harm and hate us, hate us all — from those of us still in the closet, to the buttoned-down imitation of the mainstream, to the flamboyant queen. We are one, separate only in our own minds. We must get used to it and learn to deal with it as strong men and women who simply are non-heterosexual.

Life insurance part two - “What kind should I buy?”

Financial news by Chris Olson

What you really need to ask is “How long do I need this life insurance?”

There are three basic types of life insurance: term, whole, and universal. Even though there are some odd variations on each of these types I will be discussing only these three. The main difference between these types is in the duration of the coverage.

Term insurance is the type purchased most often (85% of all life insurance is term). Term insurance is good for a specific period of time. The term can be for one year (annually renewing term) or for up to 20 years (20 year term). Your beneficiary will receive the death benefit if you die during the term of the policy. The premium you pay is based on your actuarial life expectancy. When young, the cost for term is low because your life expectancy is high. The premiums grow very high as you age because you are closer to death. If you lock in a 20 year term, then the premium will be level for the 20 years and not go up as you age. If you want to cancel the insurance past the 20th year, you will have to pay higher rates to do so. You should consider term insurance to cover the length of a mortgage, until junior is through school, or until you expect to retire. Cancel the coverage when you don’t need it any more.

Whole life insurance is intended to cover your entire life (as opposed to a specific term). Oddly enough, while only 5% of the policies owned are whole life, a full 75% of death benefits paid are from whole life policies. This is because more people die at an old age. Whole life insurance is the only insurance affordable at older ages. Premiums for whole life are more expensive than term insurance while you are younger but will not increase as you age. At older ages the premium is actually less than for term coverage. Whole life charges more than just the cost of your actuarial life expectancy. The extra premium accumulates and earns tax free interest. This is called the “cash value”. The cash value is awarded a guaranteed rate of return by the company. Whole life policies can often be prepaid with this extra premium. In many cases you don’t need to pay premiums for more than 15 or so years. You should consider whole life insurance if you want to carry the coverage for your entire life. This is the only kind that will not run the risk of expiring before you are ready to give up the coverage.

Universal life is a combination of term and whole life. The premiums for a universal life policy are between the term and whole life cost. Part of your premium pays for covering your actuarial risk of dying. The rest goes into a separate investment account. The insurance company tries to invest the money competitively for you and hopes to beat the guaranteed interest rate of whole life insurance. Usually the investment returns on universal life cash values are much higher than with whole life. As with whole life, your cash accumulates free of income tax. Universal life is also very flexible with regard to the amount of death benefit on your policy. You can increase or decrease the policy as your needs change. You can pay more or less premium at any time to meet your cash flow needs. Universal life insurance carries larger risks than whole life. If the company is not successful with investing your cash value then you could lose your policy sooner than planned. Consult with an independent agent or broker before buying universal life insurance.

So what kind of life insurance should you buy? Eighty-five percent of the time the answer will be: TERM. Term insurance is the only insurance without an investment component. I really think that most people can do better with their investments outside of a life insurance policy. This is where the saying comes from “buy term and invest the difference.” There are various appropriate reasons to buy each of these forms of life insurance. As a competent broker for help in deciding which is most appropriate for you.

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

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Editorial

by Fred Hillman

Faithful fans of NorthView will have noticed already that this issue is a week late. From reading recent issues, you are also aware that the editors, Ruth and Tom, “gave notice” and invited volunteers to step forward. A meeting was scheduled for May 25; fortunately a sufficient number of people volunteered to keep this journal in print.

We, the new editors and staff, along with the many others who help get NorthView out each month, share some beliefs: that gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people are important; that gay people have needs, interests, and points of view sometimes not present in non-gay publications; and that a gay-oriented journal is a vital tool in helping gay people talk with each other and with the non-gay community. Thus, NorthView fills a unique niche in Alaskan life.

There are many tasks to be done in order to publish the journal you are reading: soliciting advertisers; getting articles; selecting, editing and arranging copy; laying out final copy in proper form for the printer; stapling and addressing; bulk mailing; writing the checks, etc., etc. A big job! It is all done by volunteers, most of them unsung and unseen, all of whom are making an important contribution to the quality of gay life in Alaska. We invite each of you to join the team and add your unique talent in producing a quality product. It’s important! It’s fun!

Editors will be changing throughout the year. Mikel, Amy and Fred are editors for this issue. Barbara and Candy will do issues in the fall. Joyce in the future. Heartfelt thanks go to Ken, Ruth and Tom who have been responsible for the NorthView each month for these many years. As new editors, we will try our best to live up to their high standards. We thank them, and we wish them well!

Supreme Court ruling

Supreme Court strikes down Amendment 2: Profound victory for principles of democracy

The Supreme Court’s May 20 decision on Colorado’s Amendment 2 is a profound victory for all who believe in basic equal rights and the fundamental principle that all Americans deserve to live free from discrimination. It would have created special barriers to basic equal rights. It would have blocked the open and free participation in our democratic process for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

We commend those justices who defended basic civil rights and stood up to the anti-democratic agenda of religious political extremists. This case was not just about gay, lesbian and bisexual people. At stake are the very principles of democracy: justice, freedom, personal liberty, and the right to be different and still live free from the tyranny of the majority. We are reminded of the words of Justice Blackmun who in his 1986 dissent to the loathsome Hardwick v. Bowers case that upheld discriminatory sodomy laws, said: “The freedom to differ as to things that do not matter much is a mere shadow of freedom. The real test of its substance is the freedom to differ as to the things that touch the heart of the existing order.”

This is a joyous day for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. The time is drawing closer when we do not have to live as second-class citizens anymore.
—National Gay And Lesbian Task Force
Going places

by Greg Kramer

At 39,000 feet and headed home. As I’m pulling the airline blanket around me and shifting to get comfortable, I’m missing the chaise lounge chair by the pool and the warmth of the sun. The gentle hum of the 747’s engines soon lulls me into daydreams of wind-caressed palm fronds and waves cascading over coral reefs, filling the hours with oh-so-pleasant remembrances of the paradise I have just left.

Fiji fulfilled all of my expectations and added a few surprises of her own.

I had heard of a new resort catering to all members of our community, providing a refuge in a tropical paradise for both women and men. The promise of sun-filled days and night skies full of constellations not seen from our hemisphere was teasing. An absence of telephones and televisions (who wants to watch “Northern Exposure” when you’re on vacation?) was tempting. Add in a comprehensive list of activities in an environment where I could snuggle up with my main squeeze without the slightest askance look, and I was ready to go.

Don’t let the name fool you. Christened in honor of Robinson Crusoe’s faithful sidekick (and who knows what else...), Man Friday Resort, a quick, scenic, two-hour transfer from Nadi International Airport, or an hour and a half from Suva International Airport, welcomes everybody in an atmosphere that can be suited to taste for privacy or congeniality.

Private transfers from either Fijian airport are provided by the resort staff and are included. After clearing customs and immigration, having someone whisk my baggage away was wonderful. Having the warm and friendly staff, many of whom live in the neighboring village of Namaqua, bring the onslaught of necessities (who knew make-up could be so heavy) to my bure (private hut) was extra wonderful. I was ready to start enjoying myself and relaxing to the hilt instantaneously.

Nestled on 10 very private acres, this all-inclusive resort offers a host of amenities. Full breakfast is included daily with the room tariff, as are an assortment of activities, including: water skiing, windsurfing, sailing, snorkeling in the private lagoon, horseback riding, guided bushwalks, fishing and tennis. Scuba diving is available at an additional cost.

There is a full-service restaurant and bar, and the food was INCREDIBLE! Lunch can be requested poolside, perfect for those who have worked up an appetite slathering on the sunscreen (don’t forget to bring it, honey...). Dinner always offered a catch of the day and was served with gourmet finesse. The wine list wasn’t extensive, but there were some hearty choices mostly from Australia, a country known for its high standard in wine production.

The well-appointed bures (pronounced em-boo-ray), replete with double walk in showers, queen-size beds (is there another kind), ceiling fans and mosquito netting (oh, you princess, you...) are as comfortable as they are beautiful. All of the bures at Man Friday were completely renovated in August 1995, the same time the resort changed management and aggressively started pursuing the lesbian and gay market.

With so much to do right at the resort, one would think you wouldn’t have to leave at all. You don’t. But there are lots of other things to see. Fiji has several botanical gardens specializing in dozens of varieties of orchids. Excursions to see the famous Fire-Walkers and the pottery village are easily arranged by the resort, as are car rentals.

For those who enjoy sportfishing and/or just getting out on the water, boat charters are planned one day a week for guests of the resort, insuring privacy and a good time in a safe atmosphere. World class snorkeling, scuba and shell collecting on a deserted beach are events just too good to pass up.

Whether you’re ready to escape for R and R or looking for sun filled excitement, Man Friday Resort, Fiji, is the place to be. With the low airfares through Hawaii ($299.00 rt), and the companion fares on Qantas (gotta get those Alaska Miles!), now is the perfect time to grab your bikini and passport. Call Triangle Tours to customize your travel plans and take advantage of the savings now being offered.

Happy Travels!

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Melissa Etheridge says

“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.”
The period for candidates to declare for statewide races has come to an end and it appears our community will have some very good candidates to choose from for the Alaska House of Representatives and State Senate. Additionally, elections will be held for three incumbents in Washington, D.C. Congressman Don Young will be seeking reelection to his “umpteenth” term in the US House of Representatives. Senator “For Life” Ted Stevens will be seeking reelection to the US Senate and President Bill Clinton is seeking another term.

During the last legislative session in Juneau, only 10 legislators out of 60 supported both Domestic Partnership benefits and same-gender marriage. Of those ten, 7 were Democrats and 3 were Republicans. The three Republicans are not seeking reelection and two of the Democrats have also announced their retirement from the Alaska State Legislature.

As I wrote above, there will be many candidates seeking our support, our donations and our votes. We must emphasize to them the importance of supporting us after we support them!

In talking with legislators and others in Juneau, one thing became very clear to me — most of them don’t realize how many of “us” are living in Alaska. Or how many supporters we have in the straight community. If you are volunteering to work on a campaign this summer or if you are making donations, be sure to let the candidate know you are gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgendered...if you are comfortable doing it. If you are not comfortable with “coming out,” please let them know you are from EQUAL. Until they realize how important we have been — and continue to be — in their campaigns, they will see our issues as irrelevant to their constituents.

Whether you are Republican, Democrat, Independent or one of the multitude of other parties in Alaska, get involved and help make a difference. There are progressive candidates in several parties who could use your support. If you want to know who is running in your district, give me a call (274-9226) or mail your questions to EQUAL’s address as shown below.

Have a great summer and don’t forget to register to vote or encourage others to do so.

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A letter from their majesties

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Trollop Award ballots are available from the Emperor and Empress at selected events until 3:00 a.m., June 29th. This is a major fund-raiser for the Empire. One vote in all 33 title categories is a mere 25 cents.

Gay Pride Week activities are highlighted as follows:

Ms. Gay Alaska, Brittany LAMaR Barrington, will be hosting the Annual Gay Pride Ball. The date is June 29, at the Blue Moon, 530 East 5th Avenue. Aspirants are being summoned for the titles of Ms. Gay Alaska 1996-97, Mr. Gay Alaska 1996-97, and Ms. Lesbian Alaska 1996-97. Tickets, in a package deal with the Black and Blue (Leather) Ball on June 28th also at the Blue Moon, are $10 for both balls. Tickets for the Gay Pride Ball alone are $7.

A “Celebrity Pie Throw” will take place at Pride on the Park Strip on June 30th. Ready ... aim ... fire!

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Book review

Death by Denial: Studies of suicide in gay and lesbian teenagers
by Gary Remafedi, MD, MPH, Editor
Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, 1994
Youth is a time of turmoil at best, but for a significant number of young people who are destined to be gay and lesbian adults adolescence is a time of grave risk. The risk is threefold: their inevitable sexual experimentation exposes them to a disease that may kill them ten or fifteen years later; their inevitable exposure to society’s rejection usually results in withdrawal, isolation and even self-revulsion – in effect, a distorted adolescence; and lastly, all too many respond to what they see as a hopeless future in a hostile culture by choosing suicide. Because gay teens are a hidden population, and because of disapproval of homosexuality by both church and state, suicide in gay teenagers is a serious problem that is largely ignored. To ignore it, however, is “tantamount to sanctioning death by denial.”

Dr. Remafedi includes the controversial study on gay and lesbian youth suicide by the 1989 Task Force of the U.S. Public Health Service and contributes his own study of risk factors. Joyce Hunter of the Hetrick-Martin Institute in New York documents violence against gay youth. There is a study by Dr. Ronald F. C. Kourany of Vanderbilt University, who surveyed adolescent psychiatrists and found that nearly two thirds had no experience with suicidal gestures among gay teens and that many were not even working with them! In 1994 Massachusetts’s Governor William F. Weld created a Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth; Dr. Remafedi includes its report, Making Schools Safe for Gay and Lesbian Youth, that makes specific recommendations for schools. Other authors include Joseph Harry, Stephen G. Schneider, and Charles L. Rich.

This is a book that should be read by everyone who is responsible for youth – school administrators, teachers, counselors, clergy, legislators, and not least, by parents.
The Hill Clinic

Business spotlight

I met Allison Hill at lunch 16 months ago, and my opinion of her hasn’t changed... she is still a ‘straight (oops)-ahead’ woman who is good at what she does. That something is chiropractic work. We chatted in the tasteful parlor-like waiting room after her last client had departed.

**NY:** Where’d you take your training, Allison?

**AH:** I took two years of regular college and then the 4-year program at Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas. I practiced in Houston for 10 years.

**NY:** When did you come to Anchorage, and why?

**AH:** I moved here about 2 years ago, and I did it for love! My partner, Deb, and I are expecting our first child in about 6 weeks.

**NY:** Is this vocation a long-term interest? (I felt the old war-wound in my right shoulder give an arthritic twinge, begging to be noticed.)

**AH:** I got interested while I was in school doing a 2-year x-ray training course. Now I am able to do my own x-rays in the office. I also do x-ray work for other practitioners in town, and work with the radiology department at Alaska Regional Hospital.

**NY:** Is there a strong local network which helped you develop your Anchorage practice?

**AH:** My practice grew on a personal referral basis. I knew how to go about it from my previous experience in Houston... experience does make a difference. It has worked wonderfully well here.

**NY:** What’s your opinion of the old American Medical Association put-down of chiropractors?

**AH:** The AMA recently gave recognition to chiropractors in order to teach “adjusting” in medical school. Insurance costs are more medically oriented, and the AMA is, I am sure, interested in keeping a handle on the types of charges which can be covered.

**NY:** What types of problems don’t you handle? (I fought the urge to say “I have this pain...”)

**AH:** Certain types of neuro-muscular problems often show themselves to be surgical candidates rather quickly. The x-ray machine is a time and money saver for the patient in that respect. Sometimes surgery will be prescribed with chiropractic adjustments to speed and augment healing.

**NY:** If you were to say you had a specialty, what would it be? (My old aerobics back-injury tingled pathetically.)

**AH:** I did some post-graduate work in low back and neck injuries, and I treat a lot of them in an athletic community like Anchorage. In order to declare a particular specialty, such as pediatrics, a chiropractor must have a certificate in that specialty.

**NY:** Does the les/bi/gay community support your business here?

**AH:** Yes, definitely. About 40 percent of my female clients are from the community. Interestingly enough, I do not have a single male client from the gay community. In Houston, my practice was near my gym, and I had a large contingent of the les/bi/gay community. The community network and history was vastly different there, though. I must admit that I miss having gay men as clients.

**NY:** What is your chiropractic philosophy, Allison? (I made ready to leave before I made a whimpering fool of myself by throwing myself at her feet and begging for the next available appointment.)

**AH:** This is a medical vocation, a whole healing art, a philosophy that combines preventative measures with pain treatment to improve the quality of life of a person. I believe in helping the body heal itself, decreasing symptomatic problems and allowing the individual to work at a peak rate of comfort and efficiency.

**NY:** (I was feeling faint from the struggle of hanging on to my appointment book, so I departed the Hill Clinic. I felt rejuvenated from just breathing the air there. My shoulder gave another twinge as I adjusted my seat belt. Maybe next Thursday... )

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“Roll over, Flash,” I command, giving her a gentle, firm push. Don’t be shocked, dear reader. I am not describing the lurid sex acts Flash and I indulge in (and whether she’s a rollover butch or not is a secret). Flash is sleeping. Why do I insist she rotate? Am I that much of a control queen? Yes, but that’s not the point. The point is Flash is snoring. She has interrupted my dream: I am on a tennis court and Martina comes up behind me. She holds my wrist and shows me how to swing. My racket clatters to the ground as she whispers in that to-die-for accent, “Lesléa ...”

All of a sudden my dream changes. I am driving a truck over a bridge, the wheels vibrating loudly. My eyes snap open but the noise is still there. It’s coming from my beloved.

“Flash!” How can she sleep through this racket? It sounds like a dozen dykes are trying out their chain saws.

FLASH!

Desperate times call for desperate action. Luckily my feet become thirty degrees colder the second I hit the bed. I plant my ice cold toesies on Flash’s back. “Mgwwth!” Flash scoots away and turns over. The sounds of silence fill our bedroom but only for a moment.

Morning finds Flash singing in the shower and me unable to crawl out of bed. “Why are you so tired?” she asks. “Take three guesses and the first two don’t count.” Flash looks at me, puzzled. Sarcasm is not my usual style (it’s so unladylike). “Flash, you snored all night.”

“I snored?” She’s insulted, as if I have accused her of doing something preposterous, like leaving the house without her daily dab of Bryl Cream. “I don’t snore.” I’m too tired to argue so the matter is dropped until midnight when her snores disrupt my favorite Madonna dream, the one in which the Material Girl and I justify our love. This is really the last straw. “I don’t snore on purpose,” Flash says the next morning. “And besides, you can sleep with two cats purring in stereo on either side of your head and the smoke alarm going off. Why can’t you sleep through my snoring?”

“I don’t wake up on purpose,” I snap back. “Just leave me alone.” Flash takes her shower and I try to get some shut eye. But it’s no use. I’m too much of a workaholic to sleep away the day and too tired to work. What’s a girl to do? Go shopping of course. First I buy a pair of black shoes to match the bags under my eyes. Then I pick up a few items at the drugstore. Back home, Flash wants to know what’s in the packages. “Just some things for bedtime,” I say.

“I’m really tired. Can we go to bed now?” Flash asks excited. Last time I brought home bags for bedtime they contained Ben Wah Balls.

“Lie down,” I croon to Flash. “Shut your eyes.” My darling does as she’s told and before she can protest, I pop a Snore No More pillow under her head, prop open her nostrils with nasal tape, stick an anti-snoring ring up her nose and attach a Snore Busters device onto her arm which emits a small electroshock every time she makes a sound.

“What the hell?” Flash opens her eyes. “Are we into S/M now? Ouch!” Flash’s questions have elicited several shocks to her arm. “I can’t sleep like this. Look, I bought you something, too.”

“What’s this?” I ask, coyly. “Just a little something for your ears,” Flash says.

“Oh Flash.” My darling knows the way to this femme’s heart is jewelry. I envision diamond studs, pearl posts perhaps. But what’s in the box takes my breath away. “Ear plugs?” I shriek. “You think I’m going to sleep with ear plugs?”

“Why not?” Clearly Flash thinks this is the perfect solution. “There’s only one thing left to do, Flash. We’re going to see Sapprodite.”

“Who’s Sapprodite?” I look at my beloved like she just said, Who’s Cher? “Sapprodite is the Goddess of couple’s counseling.” I lower my voice in reverence. “She wrote that article about that couple — one woman was such a separatist she wouldn’t have a Mr. Coffee in the house and the other woman had three teenage sons — remember?” We drive to Sapprodite’s office in silence, and sit in her waiting room as far from each other as possible. Flash reads a magazine and I look out the window. It’s a gorgeous day. My ears fill with the sound of a steady rainfall. How can it be raining when the sky is as blue as my eye shadow? “Flash, do you see any rain out there?” Flash looks up from Popular Dyke Mechanics. “No.”

“Why does it sound like rain?” Flash points to an alien-looking object right out of Star Trek. “It’s coming from that,” she says. Flash pushes a button. We hear a heartbeat. She pushes another button and we hear a female voice shrieking, “You slept with her in our bed?”

“That’s the off switch.” Flash hits another button which emits whale noises. “Let’s get one of these to drown out your snoring,” I say, but Flash has already stuffed the device into my pocketbook, and left a check in its stead.

Back home, my darling plugs in our new toy. We lie in bed listening to ocean waves. “Roll over, Flash,” I murmur. “I’m not snoring.”

“Who said anything about snoring?” I ask, giving my beloved a gentle, firm push. She takes the hint and we spend the next several hours blissfully celebrating the salvation of our marriage. Then limbs entwined, we both fall into a well deserved sleep.
Past out

by David Bianco

What is the origin of the annual gay and lesbian pride events?

Many people know that the gay and lesbian marches, parades, and festivals that take place every summer across America and around the world commemorate the Stonewall uprising of June 28, 1969. But the idea of a gay event every summer actually goes back to the mid-1960s, to the “Annual Reminder” held every July 4th from 1965 to 1969.

The Annual Reminder was organized by the East Coast Homophile Organizations (ECHO), an umbrella organization of gay and lesbian groups in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. The first Annual Reminder took place in 1965 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia as one of a series of demonstrations protesting government policies that considered gays and lesbians to be security risks and unfit for both military and civilian employment.

While ECHO also picketed the White House, the Pentagon, and the State Department in 1965, the Philadelphia protest became an annual tradition, with conservatively dressed gays and lesbians marching a stone’s throw from the Liberty Bell on Independence Day five years in a row. Organizer Franklin Kameny, a long-time homophile activist and organizer of the Mattachine Society-Washington, insisted that the women wear dresses and the men wear suits and ties. Protesters wore “Equality for Homosexuals” buttons and carried signs with slogans such as “Sexual Preference is Irrelevant to Federal Employment.”

The 1969 Annual Reminder came within days of a series of clashes between police and gays in New York City, sparked by a raid at the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village. Most of the forty or so New York gays and lesbians who had chartered a bus to join the Annual Reminder had “liberation” on their minds, not “equality.” The activists who wanted to maintain the decorum of previous Annual Reminders objected when a pair of lesbians were seen holding hands. Kameny tried to separate the pair, much to the dismay of the gay liberationists. Craig Rodwell, a New York activist who had proposed the Annual Reminder in the first place, was furious and led the New Yorkers in breaking the “rules” of the Annual Reminder. For the rest of the demonstration, the New York activists paired off and held hands in same-sex couples.

Rodwell engineered a resolution that passed at the November 1969 ECHO Conference to replace the Annual Reminder with a new, annual demonstration shifted a week earlier to commemorate “the 1969 spontaneous demonstrations on Christopher Street.” The resolution dubbed the New York City protest “Christopher Street Liberation Day” and urged other cities to form their own, parallel demonstrations the same day. The new protest was inspired by the broader goals and more confrontational tactics of the burgeoning gay liberation movement, in contrast to the public but polite protests of the homophile movement of the previous decade.

New York’s first Christopher Street Liberation Day march was a part of a “Gay Pride Week” of activities including dances, political meetings, and an erotic art show. The march itself, on Sunday, June 28, visibly reflected the liberationist style, including shirtless, long-haired marchers, “Gay Power” signs, and open drug use. As with any march, crowd estimates vary widely, but perhaps five to ten thousand gays participated in the New York demonstration, with hundreds more in Los Angeles and Chicago.

The next year, the number of participants at the New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago demonstrations grew sharply, and marches were added in Boston, New Orleans, and other cities. Since then, events have been organized in every major city in America - some of which have continued the march/parade tradition, and some of which are more of a picnic or a festival. The issues most visibly represented in the pride events have varied widely - from opposing Anita Bryant in 1978 to supporting gays in the military in 1993. But contemporary gay pride events still draw on elements of both the bold but conservative Annual Reminder and the confrontational, celebratory Christopher Street Liberation Day.

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* Unprotected oral sex is risky, especially when your partner has her period or a vaginal infection. To make it safer, cover her genital area (vulva) with a latex dam (also known as a dental dam) or you can cut open a condom to make a barrier. If a woman is infected, her menstrual blood, vaginal secretions and ejaculate will have the virus in it.

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Baptists press Disney to clean up its act

Boycott call accuses entertainment giant of promoting homosexuality over family values

NEW ORLEANS—The 16-million-member Southern Baptist Convention is threatening to boycott Walt Disney Company, from cartoons and toys to its theme parks, saying it seems to be promoting homosexuality over family values.

Delegates cited Disney’s extension of health benefits to the companions of homosexual employees, its admission of gay- and lesbian-themed events to its theme parks, and the release by Disney subsidiaries of movies with adult themes and language.

Disney quickly objected. “We question any group that demands that we deprive people of health benefits and we know no tourist destination in the world that denies admission to people as the Baptists are insisting we do,” the entertainment company said in a statement.

The resolution probably won’t affect the convention the denominational group is scheduled to hold in the year 2000 in Orlando, FL, home of Walt Disney World. Several movies from Miramax Films, which Disney acquired in 1993, have come under criticism from the Christian right, especially “Priest,” about a gay Roman Catholic cleric, and “Kids,” a look at adolescent sex.


Lambda Legal Defense Education Fund anti-marriage tally

1996 LEGISLATION
Pending Anti-Marriage Bills: CA, DE, IL, MI, MO, NY, SC, TN (8)
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Anti-Marriage Bills Adopted; Litigation To Follow Unless Repealed: AK, AZ, GA, ID, KS, OK, SD, UT (8)
“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” We fight on.
—Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance PERSPECTIVE, June 1996.
The rainbow flag

by Steven W. Anderson

Color has long played an important role in our community’s expression of pride. In Victorian England, for example, the color green was associated with homosexuality. The color purple (or more accurately, lavender) became popularized as a symbol for pride in the late 1960’s—a frequent post-Stonewall catchword for the gay community was “Purple Power.” And, of course, there’s the pink triangle. Although it was first used in Nazi Germany to identify gay males in concentration camps, the pink triangle only received widespread use as a gay pop icon in the early 1980’s. The most colorful of our symbols is the Rainbow Flag, its rainbow of colors—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple—representing the diversity of our community.

The first Rainbow Flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist who created the flag in response to a local activist’s call for the need of a community symbol. (This was before the pink triangle was popularly used as a symbol of pride.) Using the five-striped “Flag of the Race” as his inspiration, Baker designed a flag with eight stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. According to Baker, those colors represented, respectively: sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony and spirit. Baker dyed and sewed the material for the first flag himself— the true spirit of Betsy Ross.

Baker soon approached San Francisco’s Paramount Flag Company about mass producing and selling his “gay flag.” Unfortunately, Baker had hand-dyed all the colors, and since the color “hot pink” was not commercially available, mass production of his eight-striped version became impossible. The flag was thus reduced to seven stripes.

In November 1978, San Francisco’s gay community was stunned when the city’s first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated. Wishing to demonstrate the gay community’s strength and solidarity in the aftermath of this tragedy, the 1979 Pride Parade Committee decided to use Baker’s flag. The committee eliminated the indigo stripe so they could divide the colors evenly along the parade route—three colors on one side of the street and three on the other. Soon the six colors were incorporated into a six-striped version that became popularized and that, today, is recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers.

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In San Francisco, the Rainbow Flag is everywhere: it can be seen hanging from apartment windows throughout the city (most notably in the Castro district), local bars frequently display the flag, and Rainbow Flag banners are hung from lampposts on Market Street (San Francisco’s main avenue) throughout Pride Month. Visiting the city, one cannot help but feel a tremendous sense of pride at seeing this powerful symbol displayed so prominently.

Although the Rainbow Flag was initially used as a symbol of pride only in San Francisco, it has received increased visibility in recent years. Today it is a frequent sight in a number of other cities as well — New York, West Hollywood and Amsterdam among them. Even in the Twin Cities [not to mention Fairbanks], the flag seems to be gaining in popularity. Indeed, the Rainbow Flag reminds us that ours is a diverse community — composed of people with a variety of individual tastes of which we should all be proud.

Sources used for this article were found at Quatrefoil Library in St. Paul, and include: “Vexed by Rainbows”, by Paul Zomcheck, in Bay Area Reporter (June 26, 1986); “Rainbow Flag” in The Alyson Almanac (1989); and “The Rainbow Flag”, in Parade 90: San Francisco Gay / Lesbian Freedom Day Parade and Celebration (June 24, 1990).

—GAZE Magazine (Minneapolis), #191, 28 May 1993, p. 25.
Lesbian Republican...Gay Republican...
Bisexual Republican...Transgendered Republican???

Sounds strange, doesn't it? I know there are gay Republicans (afterall, I was one of "them" for most of my life). I understand the historical role of Republicans as the champion of civil rights and a proponent of women's rights but times have changed and so has, regrettably, the Republican Party. I understand how "we" could have BEEN a Republican, I just don't understand WHY any of "us" are still Republican.

I can comprehend being a lesbian for a balanced budget or a bisexual concerned about higher taxes or even a transgendered person believing in a strong military. I just don't know why they don't consider themselves a conservative Democrat. Afterall, there are Democrats of almost every stripe out there. In contrast, Republicans seem to come in different shades of conservatism. From William Weld to Pat Buchanan, the original, as Whoopi Goldberg described him recently, "Boy in the Hood!"

And then we have Senator Bob "I like gay dollars/I don't like gay dollars" Dole. This man wants to be president of the United States of America but can't decide if he will accept a donation of $1,000 from a gay Republican group. He initially accepted it, then returned it after it became an issue with religious political extremists and then said he made a mistake and should have accepted it. And the Republicans talk about Clinton being indecisive! Of course, he made his last statement after he had virtually won the nomination. This is the man with the backbone to lead the country? Yeah, right! Even more astounding to me is the fact there are still gays/lesbians who think they can influence this political party.

As a former Republican, I think the only thing that will help the party is when they finally realize the Christian Coalition, Moral Majority, Concerned Women for America, Liberty Foundation and other organizations of the same ilk are not content to be a coalition within the party—they WANT to be the Republican Party! And they are making it more in their image every day.

After The Far Right Reverend "Dr." Jerry Prevo's group got their foot in the door in 1980, it didn't take them long to take control of the Republican Party. Much of that is because Alaska is a caucus state. It takes a motivated individual — or a political junkie — to sit through two days of precinct meetings! Of course, the Far Right Reverend and other religious political extremists have found the solution to motivating people to vote. What more motivation would a person need than to be told "God says you should do it!"

Gay & lesbian friends of mine have asked why we should continue to support Democrats when the President compromised away his promise to allow gays in the military? Why should we support Democrats when Governor Tony Knowles signed the anti-domestic partnership bill into law and allowed the anti-same gender marriage bill to become law? Why should we support Democrats when the majority of Democratic legislators did not support gay/lesbian marriage rights?

The Republicans have devised a great strategy to "divide and conquer" this year. It even has a name — the "wedge." The goal is to drive a wedge between Democrats and their natural constituency by forcing an issue which the majority of the electorate would oppose. The "gay marriage" issue is a classic example. Although same-gender marriage is going to be accepted one day, it will take a lot of groundwork and many legal cases similar to the ones taking place in Hawaii and Alaska at this time. The Republicans are making this a nationwide issue before we have had time to develop a national strategy. Their only goal is to "scare" voters who have not been educated as to just what gay marriages would mean to the average person. They are succeeding in putting Democrats in a position of "pissing" off their gay/lesbian supporters or alienating a large number of "middle-of-the road" voters. It's a great political strategy...even if it turns American against American.

Should we abandon the Democrats and Republicans who usually support us? No, we should continue to support them and make sure they know we are not only volunteers — we are gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgendered and we vote!

NOTE: Opinions expressed above are mine and not necessarily those of Identity, Northview, EQUAL or any other group in which I am a member. Newt Gingrich would also disagree!
You always remember your first

Gay Pride march, that is.

I didn't march that first year. The significance of the Stonewall riots had not yet become clear to me. Gay Liberation was suspect. Civil rights were for minorities. I didn't feel like a member of a minority group back then. I had a lover, a job, an apartment, a car. I simply accepted that I had to lie to my family, my co-workers and just about everyone else in my life in order to get and keep what I had.

For me, it was The Ladder, that monthly declaration of lesbian independence that opened my eyes. For others it may have been a simple yearning for freedom, or telltale ulcers - some tip-off that living in closets wasn't good for us.

Then there was a women's dance held in the basement of a sympathetic church. A small group of lesbians met every week to talk, not drink. At a party some exhilarated gay man described a fabulous march in the city with more gay people than he could have imagined. Mainstream newspapers reported crowds of hundreds, thousands.

There was something in the air beckoning, challenging, daring us to all to come out for a few hours, one day a year. We were too young or too oppressed to know that the taste of freedom was more addictive than any substance we'd ever used to dull the pain of living condemned and in hiding.

Those slow, early years of liberation may be a jumble of memories, but not my first march. It was big. We filled the streets as far back and ahead as I could see. You're not really aware you're making history while in the midst of it, but that day I knew. I think we all knew.

We were a force of nature, a river of queers overflowing our banks, a tidal wave of agony splintering a hundred thousand closet doors, the human spirit rising in a tide that would never recede, right there on familiar streets.

Before, we'd walked those streets only at night, always frightened, whispering, hypervigilant and timidly defiant. At my first march the sun shone. We sang, "Here come the les-bee-uns!" Didn't we bellow, didn't we strut and sashay.

Oh, the bulldykes and the guys in cowboy hats, the bedazzling, bedecked femmes of all genders! The long-haired boys, the short-haired girls, the costumed and the barely-dressed. The chants that blew the roof off the city, the visions that were born and grew. The laughing cops who couldn't guess that we'd be walking bears beside them.

The massed excitement would carry so many of us into then unthinkable queer careers: organizers, politicians, singers, historians of the gay culture. That day we were unknowing, carrying not only banners and posters, but America's future. While we thought we were having fun, we were creating a revolution, spawning everything from protective legislation to gay credit cards to rural gay sanctuaries. We were laying the foundation for the Supreme Court to rule against Colorado's Amendment Two.

Deep in the shadow of the citadels of respectability thousands of us marched. There were bar floats and fun floats and religious floats. We were not only educating those who watched, but ourselves. Imagine, gay people in organized religion. Could we change even the major institutions of our oppression?

Drag queens blazed in their finery, moving sparks of angry, exultant life. They sang their own songs, the cheer-leaders of our parade. I remember feeling torn: we'd be damned for their stereotypical antics, but they were at the very heart of queerness. I wanted to hide them and was ashamed for wanting that. I feared they'd ruin the revolution, and knew their fierce defiance was the revolution. I wanted the drag queens to go away and I wanted to be a drag queen. Next year I'd wear a tie.

Next year. Once part of our great upheaval I had no doubt that there would be a next year. I looked around that day and saw, by sheer numbers alone, that we were unvanquishable. Strangers smiled at one another. Before, in the bars, in a store, at work, we had used highly evolved signals that involved ducking the head, averting the gaze and telegraphing recognition all at the same time. It was a double-survival tactic: we risked no overt confession and were strengthened by acknowledgment.

When the ticker tape began to float down from windows full of cheering, waving, smiling people, I felt that we were being blessed. We were war heroes. Outer space pioneers. We were presidents that day, and Olympic champions. We were the toast of the town. No one who has been so celebrated can ever go back into hiding.

A woman I'd known in college rushed out of the crowd and hugged me. I'd suspected, but now she told me, told the world, "I'm GAY!" All over the streets the silent sisterhoods were shouting in welcome and appreciation of one another.

We were thirsty and too excited to wait in line for sodas. We were tired, and too buoyant to rest our blistered feet. We were hot and too euphoric to seek shelter.

Shelter found us as we reached the city park. We showed ourselves with water fountain spray and flung ourselves onto the cooling grass. As the speakers praised our numbers a prowling straight woman tried to pick me up, eager to come out, to be a part of us.

Like the drag queens, the religious queers, the butches with beer bottles and the women and men who stepped off the sidewalks to swell our power, we marched because everyone deserves a pride day, week, month - a life of pride. You always remember your first.

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My queer life

by Michael Thomas Ford

Too much of a good thing

My name is Michael E., and I am a Marthaholic.

That’s right, I am addicted to Martha Stewart. It started the morning I caught a glimpse of Martha’s television show while flipping channels. She was briskly dipping French toast into batter speckled with cinnamon. I could do that, I thought, and I did. It made my life a little brighter.

For several months I was satisfied by the occasional fix of Martha’s helpful hints. Like a freshly-baked muffin brimming with ripe blueberries, my encounters with her left me feeling content and happy. But then I found that these small Martha doses just didn’t do it for me anymore. I looked at my perfectly poached salmon reclining on its bed of endive, and I wanted more.

So, I subscribed to Martha Stewart Living. Each month I had delivered to my mailbox a new installment of the Gospel According to Martha. With her guidance, I whipped up lemon tarts so light they floated out the window. I learned how to refinish and install the clawfoot bathtub I’d always wanted.

Soon editors began to phone, frenzied when promised manuscripts failed to arrive. “It’s almost done,” I’d lie, cutting out gingerbread men with my free hand. Worried friends left messages that went unanswered as I drew up plans for constructing an Italianate grotto in the back yard. Finally, I unplugged the phone.

Things came to a head the night of my annual Christmas party. The invitations had gone out two weeks earlier. The fudge, all 18 kinds, was individually wrapped in glistening cellophane boxes. Presents, all of them handmade from found objects, sat under the tree. The tiny hand-dipped candles twinkled as I sat sipping my mulled wine and waited for the guests to arrive.

By midnight, when no one had come, it hit me. After months of scaring my friends for the company of Martha, they had abandoned me. I looked at the plum pudding languishing untouched on the table and wept. I was alone on Christmas Eve, and even the spirit of Martha couldn’t save me from my despair. I needed professional help.

I plugged the phone back in and called the mental health clinic. “Help me,” I sobbed when someone picked up. “I can’t take it any more.”

The young woman on the other end quickly referred me to a local chapter of M.A. — Martha Anonymous. There was to be a meeting the next afternoon.

The room was full of men and women like myself. Some chatted quietly. Others sat, hands neatly folded, staring at the floor as though picturing exactly how it would look sanded and refinished in knotty Carolina pine.

A cheerful woman approached me. “Hi,” she said. “My name is Anne, and I’m a Marthaholic. Is this your first meeting?”

I nodded. I wondered what Anne’s addiction had cost her. I sat down, and she began to tell me her story.

“It started with the Good Things,” she said. “I made little labels for my kids’ clothes, wove ribbon into the edges of my pillowcases. Then it got worse. Soon I was making peach pie kits for people I barely knew. I emptied the kids’ college accounts to pay for terra cotta planters. I wore gloves so no one could see the marks on my fingers from pushing cloves into orange pomanders.”

“But you’re okay now?” I asked hopefully.

“Oh, no,” Anne said gently. “Once a Marthaholic, always a Marthaholic. I still can’t walk past a yard sale without breaking into a sweat. But don’t worry, we can help.”

Anne became my sponsor. We started with the First Step.

“I am powerless against Martha,” I would repeat to myself every morning as I ate a bowl of plain cornflakes, resisting the craving to improve it with fresh berries. I emptied the kitchen drawers of arcane Japanese cooking utensils. Arugula became a forbidden word in my home.

Slowly, my system rid itself of Martha’s insidious poison. I no longer felt the need to marble every bare inch of wall space. I found that I could indeed eat vegetables that were not grilled over mesquite. After several months of daily phone calls with Anne, I was even able to part with the collection of animal-inspired egg cups I’d collected in my heyday.

I am still not completely cured. I still sometimes pine for a perfectly-trained grape arbor, and some mornings I think I won’t be able to get out of bed without a day of creating whimsical picture frames from antique ribbon to look forward to. But things are getting better.

Besides, the other night I discovered Norm Abrams and The New Yankee Workshop, and the grotto would look so nice with a Shaker table in it.

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Youth at risk

In the summer issue of the Four A’s Newsline, we highlight youth and, in particular, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth. In our homophobic society, GLBT youth face serious obstacles in the path toward a healthy life. The societal stigma of their sexual orientation often leads to a feeling of isolation that may be manifested by withdrawal, depression and acting out behaviour, such as poor school performance, running away, drug abuse and, at the very worst, suicide. Isolation and low self-esteem, combined with the sexual experimentation of adolescence, may increase the risk of sexually transmitted diseases.

According to the Center for Population Options Newsletter, about 30 percent of GLBT youth have attempted suicide while in adolescence, a percentage five times higher than that of their heterosexual peers. Youth grow up in a society that expects them to be heterosexual — that is, to date a person of the opposite sex, marry and have children. Moreover, many homosexual people are told they are just in a “phase”. Therefore, the process of “coming out,” in which gay men and lesbian women recognize their homosexual orientation and choose to integrate this knowledge into their personal and social identities, is daunting. Alaska offers a bleak picture with a suicide rate four times greater than the Lower 48 (44 suicides for every 100,000 Alaska youth of all ethnic groups, and 100 suicides for every 100,000 Alaska Native youth).

While several high schools and organizations in Anchorage offer assistance for GLBT youth, resources are limited. At the same time, in this very conservative area that has an influential and vocal religious right, “queer” people are subject to ostracism and discrimination that may soon be legalized. A need for a safe space in Anchorage for our youth is imperative.

Following is a list and description of the resources available in Anchorage for GLBT youth:

The IMR2U Youth Group, sponsored by PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) offers a safe and confidential space outside the school system. IMR2U provides a supportive place for young people (ages 13-18) to meet others like themselves.

Identity, Inc. is a non-profit organization which combats homophobia and provides a friendly network for GLBT people. Identity includes both genders — gay and lesbian — and networks with the straight population. It publishes NorthView, one of the two gay and lesbian local magazines in town, which provides a national picture of gay issues with equal gender representation. Identity tries to provide a safe environment for GLBT and straight people to come together. Youth are invited, too.

IMR2U Youth Group and Identity are just two bright stars on a rocky path for adolescents who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. While there are people who do not approve of this lifestyle, we must keep in mind that our youth need our support in their process of growing up and coming into their own. As a friend, family member, or a concerned adult, we can take steps that assist youth, GLBT or straight.

First of all, develop an awareness of your own beliefs and biases. We must teach facts and dispel harmful myths. In particular, be aware of the unique issues which confront GLBT youth.

Next and maybe most importantly, adults may help youth by listening to them and allowing them to talk. Be supportive by letting them know that they are not alone and that they are “okay”. We all are at times confused on our path to understanding ourselves and others. It is very common for teens to feel confused about their sexuality.

It’s important to deal with the youth’s feelings first. Save the problem solving for later. Try to remember that GLBT youth are two to three times more likely to commit suicide than heterosexual teens. They really need someone who will listen to them.

Using non-judgmental language will allow youth to feel more open and safe when talking about what’s going on with them. Any person who believes that they are gay has decided that the other is trustworthy, don’t let them down.

It’s important to know when and where to seek help and then assist youth to get further help from other resources. Here are some local resources to know:

Identity Gay and Lesbian Helpline 258-4777
IMR2U Youth Group 258-4777
Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) 333-1790 or 562-7161
National Hotline for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth 1-800-347-TEEN

Remember how we were as teenagers: confused, maybe rebellious, independent, seemingly invincible. Youth need to know that adults care and that they can survive adolescence with dignity and a stronger sense of who they are.

Trang Duong is the volunteer coordinator at the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association. From the Four A’s Newsline, The Newsletter of The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, Summer 1996.

Lavender Advice

The Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center (LYRIC) announces the first on-line anonymous counseling service for “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning people age twenty-three and under.” Twenty-five peer counselors will communicate with young people via LYRIC’s e-mail and telephone talklines. For more information, contact the e-mail counseling service at <lyric.talkline.info@tig.net> Contact LYRIC’s telephone service at (415) 863-3636, or 1-800-246-PRIDE.

—The Progressive, Volume 60, Number 5.
Teen magazine publishes dating and relationships issue

The national magazine for lesbian, gay and bisexual teens prints Episode 10

NATIONAL — On May 15 insideOUT, the magazine for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, will be on newsstands around the country. Episode 10 — the dating and relationships issue — has articles on everything from struggling to find dates in rural towns to negotiating sex in the age of AIDS. In addition, it contains two in-depth interviews and the magazine’s first fashion spread, which explores the question: After you break up with someone, do you get to keep the cool clothes you’ve “borrowed”?

One provocative interview features Kelli Peterson, the 17-year-old lesbian who turned Utah upside-down when she started a gay/straight alliance at her Salt Lake City high school. “Conservatives here basically went crazy,” she remarks. “I’ve really just raised a lot of hell about gay rights and I’m hoping that this will be the movement for gay people that the civil rights movement was for others.”

In an interview with “Go Fish’s” Guin Turner, Editor Arwyn Moore discovers Guin’s plans for the future, her feelings about other lesbian films and the hard-hitting truth about the controversial “Go Fish” video box cover.

If a 19-year-old and a 14-year-old are having a sexual relationship, should the state be able to put the older person in jail? That’s just what happened to one of our readers in Oregon, and he tells his story in our popular readers’ column “My So-called World.”

Then there are the usual features such as the Date-O-Meter — where readers can find out just how dateable they are; news and entertainment reviews important to lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, and a state-by-state resource guide. In addition insideOUT profiles three out youth in America: an HIV positive lesbian club mama from New York; a female-to-male transgender activist from Boulder, Colorado; and a Latina cyber-activist from New Hampshire.

“This is definitely our best issue yet,” says founder and Publisher Rick Aguirre. Adds Chief Editor Arwyn Moore, “Of course we say that after each issue, which means we’ll just get better and better.”

The issue is 46 glossy pages, has a $4 cover price and can be found in bookstores across the country. Also available by subscription — $12/one year; $20/two years, by writing to PO Box 460268, San Francisco CA 94146-0268. Review copies are available upon request.

insideOUT was established in 1991 and is the longest-running publication for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth in the country. Write: insideOUT Magazine, PO Box 460268, San Francisco, CA 94146-0268. Email: InsideOUT2@aol.com
Obituaries

Paul David Adams, 33, of Anchorage, died June 9, 1996, at Alaska Regional Hospital.

In accordance with his wishes, no service will be held.

Mr. Adams was born October 11, 1962, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, to Billy and Kathrine Jensen Adams.

He moved with his family to Anchorage in August 1970 and to Bethel in April 1971.

He graduated from Bethel High School and joined the U. S. Army, then worked in restaurants. He enjoyed plants, cooking and woodworking.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Billy and Georgia Adams of Palmer; sisters, Ann Adams of Juneau, Roberta Fisher and Faith Kennedy of Bethel; brothers, Jeffery of Bethel, Steven of Wasilla, and Billy Jr. of Germany; stepbrothers, Robert Stanley of Kentucky and Larry Stanley of Tennessee; nephews, Jesse Fisher of Bethel, Steven Adams II of Wasilla, and Michael and Kenneth Williams of Juneau; nieces, Heather Fisher and Chelsea and Cheyenne Kennedy of Bethel; uncles, Hubert Adams of Mississippi, Jack Adams of Minnesota, and Myron Jensen of Anchorage; and many cousins and friends.

Mr. Adam’s family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be sent to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Arrangements by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

—Anchorage Daily News

Same-sex bill fares poorly

By 20-10, the House Judiciary Committee recently approved legislation aimed at quashing any movement toward legalizing gay marriages.

Reps. Jack Reed, D-RI, and Rick Boucher, D-VA, joined all the Republicans present in voting for the bill, which has won President Clinton’s election-year support.

The bill would define marriage for the purpose of federal law and benefits as a legal, heterosexual union. It also would allow states to deny recognition to same-sex marriages authorized in another state.

The panel rejected an amendment by Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-CO, that would have modified the bill to include the words “monogamous” and “non-adulterous” in the federal definition of marriage. Schroeder said adultery poses a far greater threat to traditional marriages than do gay couples.

—Congressional Quarterly, June 1996.

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—Editorial in West Virginia’s The Charleston Gazette.
Beleagured in Bushville
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Okay, Goddess. We have to have a talk. I don’t mean to tell you your business, but can we agree that Dear Love and I have fulfilled the purpose for which you plunked us both here in Bushville — mating? I can’t help but wonder if your sense of humor isn’t a teeny bit perverse; I mean this town is the quintessential Noah’s Ark and I don’t recall Annie and Eve making the voyage and, if they did, they were hiding in the closet.

So thank you very much! Now can we move on to the other things? Here is my wish list: OUT OF HERE NOW. Good-paying jobs for both of us in Anchorage or Juneau or Fairbanks. Mine has to be state or university. Both jobs to miraculously become available simultaneously.

A large house to rent in Eagle River that costs no more than $1,000 (Dear Love says I shouldn’t be so specific in my request for a house in Eagle River because she doesn’t want to commute from Juneau or Fairbanks). Of course it could cost less, but it does need to have electricity, running water and gas heat. No more wood heat or hauling water. My hands, shoulders and feet are through with donkey work.

Oh, and reasonably-priced, well-running used cars. I will not be barging or flying my car back for $1,800. Sadly, the Anchorage transit system has yet to evolve enough to be the main form of transportation. Oh sure, lots of people do it — I did. Daily, for two years, I hauled small child, groceries and school books — a feat I never want to repeat. But I was twenty-four years younger. I don’t have enough time left to spend three hours a day getting to work and home again.

Would that it’s all going to work out this way, but from past experience I can tell you the universe rarely works the way I think it should. Instead, I am applying for a job in Anchorage as we speak; Dear Love’s been invited to sit on a prestigious commission as the rural representative, which would mean she’d have to stay in Bushville. Aargh!

Once upon a time, I wouldn’t have hesitated at a separation, but that was before the best love ever came to me late in life. That was before I realized that we didn’t have all the time in the world. Why, if our physical and mental capacities stay strong, we may have twenty good years together!

Carpe Diem. Gather Ye Rosebuds while you may. It’s very hard to smell the rosebuds in Dear Love’s hand when she’s hundreds of miles by-air-only over the mountain range.

So Goddess, help us out here. Go play perverse jokes on someone else. Maybe someone younger who can recover faster. Besides, I have an unreasonable fear everytime we separate that I’ll never see her again. I know separation anxiety usually ends at age three or four, but there’ve been so many separations. I’ve about used up my bounce-back skills.

So Goddess, if you’re listening, couldn’t I have it my way once? NOW?

Olympic Games visitor center

ATLANTA, GA — A gay and lesbian Visitor’s Center will open in Atlanta in June to welcome the thousands of visitors coming to the city during the summer of 1996. The idea for the Visitor’s Center was offered by Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell’s Senior Advisory Committee from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community as a result of the group’s ongoing dialog with The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games regarding the needs of lesbian and gay members of the Olympic family.

In addition to the Olympic Games, the Center will also welcome visitors to Atlanta during the Paralympics, the National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta Pride, Hotlanta River Expo, and Black Gay Pride, all taking place between June and September of 1996.

The 1996 Atlanta Games mark the first time that an Olympic host city’s gay and lesbian community has come forward to address the needs of lesbian and gay athletes and coaches, and domestic and international visitors.

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Two toaster ovens and a fondue set

by Darcy Wakefield

A warm Saturday a few weeks ago, my mother and I shopped for a wedding present for a friend of our family. After spending a chunk of quality sun-tanning time in the housewares department at a local department store, we settled on a Hamilton Beach Ten-Speed Blender. Wrapping my arms around our purchase, I was silent as we headed back to the car. Mom was too, but as I unlocked her door and passed her the blender, she said, “It’s not fair, is it?”

Clearly, we were thinking the same thing.

When I officially came out to my mother about a year ago, I cushioned my announcement with, “I mean, it might not be forever. I guess I could meet a guy that…” As soon as it was said, however, my mother and I realized the unlikelihood of me ever finding Mr. Man-of-My-Dreams and having a station wagon full of Juniors.

Yet even as we’ve accepted and grown comfortable with my lesbianism, the continuous discriminations continue to anger (me) and surprise (my mom). Dealing with probing relatives (“Has Darcy got a boyfriend?”); inquisitive friends (“So has Darcy got a boyfriend YET?”); and homophobic neighbors (“So, Darcy’s going to San Francisco? Tell her to watch out for all those lezzies.”) seems simple compared to the bigger issues such as employment and housing discrimination, physical harassment and wedding showers.

In my 23 years I’ve spent a lot of time going to weddings, going to showers and shopping for weddings and showers. In the past, I just did it, and didn’t give it much thought. Until, that is, an ex-girlfriend confessed to me that what really worries her is that as a lesbian she will never get married, never have a wedding shower, and therefore never accumulate all the things one gets at showers. At the time I laughed at her; now, five sobering cold showers later, the thought is painful.

As I glanced down at the ten-speed blender on the floor between my mom’s feet, I thought of all the kitchen appliances and gadgets I need. A recent college graduate, I am struggling to be able to afford a soup pot, a plate that isn’t plastic, a glass that isn’t a recycled salsa jar. Without a wedding shower, how will I ever acquire a set of salmon-colored guest towels with satin scallops? Or a bathroom scale that glows in the dark? A set of “Vermont is for lovers” coasters? An electric lint remover?

I think, for my mother, the realization that I will never have a wedding shower makes my lesbianism all the more real. It must be hard being the parent of a lesbian. Parents are socialized to expect certain things from and for their children, like weddings and bridal bouquets and grandchildren and showers. What must it feel like to realize that not only will your first-born child face a lifetime of harassment, but will also never acquire a complete set of Tupperware and two toaster ovens?

Mom was pensive as I shifted into reverse and backed out of the parking space. “You know, you could get engaged to a random guy. We’d have a shower, then you could break off the engagement.”

I thought a minute. “But Mom,” I said gently, “Dear Abby says you have to return presents if you decide not to get married.”

“Hmmmm.” Another pause. “Well, when you find someone you want to spend the rest of your life with, we’ll have a shower.”

“Mom, I’m not out to Dad’s family yet.”

“Oh, that’s easy. If you’re not out to them by then, we’ll send coming out announcements on hot pink paper first. Then we’ll send out shower invitations.”

Satisfied, I smiled at her, shifted into first, and turned my attention to kitchen appliances. I’m only 23, happily single, and not ready to commit to anyone.

So, to all my straight friends: enjoy the pickle dish. I’ll buy my own blender.

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)lesbian, (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) KIT Creative, Katie, 278-9174

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

Air Services:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or Lee Ann, 800-564-1765, 907-733-1765

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gateley, 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:
(G/A) Lipson/Brown Design, 274-0913

Art/Photography:
(G) Catworks, Catherine, 563-5492

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

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

Automotive:
(A) Courtenay's, Linny, 562-1227 (sec ad)

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

Bars:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0491
(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 (Homer), 907-235-5945 (see ad)
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary, Janette, 337-4391
(G) Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Phil/Bobby, 907-416-5061
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 907-235-2265 (see ad)
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeds, 278-2106
(G/A) Sauerdough Lodging (Seward, AK), Gordon, 907-224-8946

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

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

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

Books:
(A) Alaska's Bible, Gene, 561-8140 (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 Best Catering, Maurice, 338-1080, 337-1969
(G) Illusions, Brian, 561-8458 (see ad)
(G) Silver Spoon Cleaning & Catering, Brent, 258-0828

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

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

Churches:
see Spiritual

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

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

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

Computer Supplies:
(A) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4683 (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
(G) CDA Services, Waldroup, 276-6862
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) Ekstatic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) gra.f/x, Lucian, 561-5856
(L) Hellick & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mark, 274-9472
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

Computer Training:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4ASC
(G) Ekstatic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) Seven Treasures BBS, Don, 338-9068
(A) Find It! Business Services (Macintosh); Larry, 279-4862

Cosmetic Art Design:
(G) Every Bloomin' Thing, Jerry, Malcom, 274-3518

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

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

Dancing:
(G/L) 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
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Dental Care...

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

Drug Shows:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, Misty Dawn, 277-0441

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

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

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

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

A Gentle Touch Electrol Clinic, Shirley, 561-6608, Bronwyn 277-4744

Entertainment:
(G) Art Services North, Daryl, 561-2115
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064 (sec ad)
(A) Mascoella Music, Diane, 277-9751
(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

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

Financial, Insurance, Investments:
(L) Chris, 561-4040/338-3962 (sec ad)
(G) Jon, Bank of America, 263-3273

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

Flightseeing:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765;
907-733-7356

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

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

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

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

Gasoline:
(A) Courtney's, Linny, 562-1227 (sec ad)

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

Gifts:
(A) Design Craft, David, 279-4348 (sec ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talvyn, 243-0876
(A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8996

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

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

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

Health:
(A) Gatekey, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(L) Health Advocacy Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature's Own Way, Roberto/Debby, 561-0181
(A) The Old Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433).
Also Los Angeles CA, Coconut Grove FL and New York City

Health, naturopathic:
(A) Hope, 561-2350

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

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

Housewares:
(A) Design Craft, David, 272-4348 (sec ad)

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

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

Income Tax Preparation:
(A) Lynn (LaPerricre) Thomas, 263-0720 (sec ad)

Independent Marketer:
(A) Mark, 279-5264

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

Internet Service Providers:
(G) ServCom Alaska, Mark Mathis, 274-9472

Jewelry:
(A) Peggy's Jewelry & Repair, Peggy, 562-1095

Kites, Games, Banners, Puzzles:
(A) Northwind Kites, Pat, 279-4386

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

Legal:
(L) Mendel & Huntington, Allison, 279-5001 (sec ad)
(A) Mendel & Huntington, Karla, 279-5001 (sec ad)
(L) Rhodes, Phyllis; Mediator, 346-2217
(A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (sec ad)

Massage:
(L) Beth (MT), Debbie (CMT), 566-0842
(G) Don, 338-8826
(G) Gabriel, 272-9045
(G) Howie, LMT (Palmer), 746-7778
(A) Joyce, (CMT), 562-1916 (sec 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, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE

Mortgage Brokers:
(A) City Mortgage, Lynn (LaPerricre) 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 (sec ad)
(L) Klondyke Kontakt (Alaska Women's Cultural Center), 277-9763
(GLA) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
(GL) Perspective (S.E.A.G.L.A. (Juneau), 586-4297

Nightclubs:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-7511 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Obstetrics & Gynecology:
(A) Jane, 563-5151
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Odd Jobs...
Odd Jobs:
(L) Deb, 275-3018
(A) Service with a Smile (non-sexual), Liz, 274-5290

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

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

Pet Care:
(A) Alaska Pet Palace, Sharon, 276-0668
(A) Doggie Hut, Ardil, 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

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-0460
(A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
(A) Timelapse, 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:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Arc 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/L) 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), Lucille, 417-745-6798 (o); 417-993-4302 (h)

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

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

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

Restaurants:
(A) Cyrano’s Cafe, 274-1178
(G) O’Brady’s, 544-8038, 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
(GL) Q-Ratch (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, 658-5220
(A) Files by Ilene (Eagle River), 907-694-6946
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(G) Roy’s Bikes, Roy, 383-8221

Student Organizations:
(G/L) Alaskan Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA, Fairbanks), Pete, 907-457-0246 (see Club Notes)
(G/L) The Family (formerly Lesbian, Gay and Bi Student Association), UAA, (see Club Notes)

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(G) L.M.U.R.2 (Youth Group), 258-4777
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Anchorage), Sylvia 562-4992, Fred 562-7161
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Fairbanks), Mary Jo, 907-459-8985
(A) P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Juneau), 907-463-4203

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

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

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

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

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Cherese, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Apollo Travel Agency, Karyn, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Equinor Wilderness Expeditions, Karen, voice mail: 274-9087
(G) World Express Travel, Greg, 786-3701

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

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

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

* New listings are asterisked

AA
Gay Joyous & Free, see on-going calendar.
Live and Let Live, see on-going calendar.
Midnight Sons, see on-going calendar.

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) Anchorage
offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00pm) at
their offices, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102. Friday at noon is
a luncheon for People With HIV and AIDS. We are always
looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals.
If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteering
with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at
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 informa-
tion 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 258-4077.

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

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

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 informa-
tion, 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 per-
cived sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy
at 907-457-3876. For more information about EQUAL, con-
tact Laura Burleson at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLEB@auror
ra.alaska.edu.

Fairbanks Dance Club
the Palace Saloon in Alaska on 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
women) tourist 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: 487-3524.

Fairbanks Radio Station
KSUA 91.5 “Queer Beans” on 5-7 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 333-0871. Non-singers are more than welcome.
6:30pm potluck, 7:30pm singing (from the KK—Thanks!)

Gay Bar, Anchorage
free legal question and answer sessions on issues of interest to
Lesbians and Gays. Second Monday of every month, 7:00-
8:30pm at 485 ‘K’ St. 279-5001.

Identity, Inc. Anchorage
founded to improve self and community awareness, understand-

ing, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual
identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful
ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity
builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian
and Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian
and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities. Potluck Social is held
on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship, 5201 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 (ICOA), Anchorage
is a social and support group that contributes to our
Community by being active in many causes; we plan and pre-
sent wonderful entertainment, and donate money to needy
organizations for them to carry out their important goals. See
Calendar for this month’s planned activities, or contact
Emperor Madeline XXIII at 338-3327. Or write P.O. Box
104023, Anchorage 99510-4023.

I.M.R.U. 2
Anchorage gay youth group meets Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.
at 4As, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 102. Contact Identity
Helpline 258-4077.

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

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.

Mr. McKinley (non-ascent) Club, Anchorage
a social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. Look for
upcoming events in the Calendar, or call Eric at 277-3236.

Name Game Exposure Bowling League, Anchorage
each Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm, Park Lanes 861-8744 (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 459-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.
Club notes

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) of Southcentral holds meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. For information call Sylvia at 562-4992 or Fred at 562-7161.

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

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

Queer Round Table (QRT)
* Call to list your club’s events and hear about other club events.
Barb (H) 274-6549 or (W) 564-5818.

Radical Arts for Women (RAW)
* Voice mail 866-3783 info and message.

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

SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous) Anchorage
12-step meeting: Tues., Thurs., Sat. Check calendar for times and locations. 466-8133

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 387-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. Closed through September.

Cyberlust

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

Blumenfeld, Warren: Author/educator/ Pride Conference presenter:
<blumenfele@educom.umass.edu>

Capri Cinema, Rand Thornley: <gehrb91a@prodigy.com>

Carlois, Karen: Writer, feminist, teacher, activist:
<mrkct@aurora.alaska.edu>

Carter, Dave: Gay activist, Dandelion, Equal:
<alaskadan@ialn.com>

Covone, Michael R., AIDS activist and social worker:
<cmc@ksm.net>

Crabtree, Phil, Crabtree B&B, Fairbanks, AK,
<fspace@aurora.alaska.edu>

Craciun, Jean: market research, Pride Conference:
<jcraciun@aurora.alaska.edu>

CyberQueer Lounge: Directory for exploring bay and lesbian sites:

Digital Queers, Technical philanthropic organization:
<http://www.dqwn.com>

Chrysler, Stephen: writer/NorthView contributor:
<chryslerl@sbcglobal.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kohout, Jen: <jenkou@sbcglobal.net>

Last Frontier Men’s Club: See club listing – FMC@Micronet.net

Lavender Youth Recreation and Info Center:
<lyric.talkline.info@big.net>

LGNY, new NY LesBiGay newspaper:
<http://www.lynny.net/>-lgny

Olson, Chris: <CMOFri@aol.com>

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

Pinney, Pete: UAF instructor and owner of Alta’s B & B;
<flp@comcast.net>

Rachal, Tom: <TOMANDAL@alaska.net>

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

Severson, Kim: Entertainment editor Anchorage Daily News, board of Nat’l Les & Gay Jour nalists Assn:
<Kseverson@pop.arch.com>

Signorelle, Michelangelo: writer The Advocate:
<angel@sbcglobal.com>

Thornden, Rand: Capri Cinema:
<flimgallery@aol.com>

Triangle Tours: Lesbian/Gay travel services:
<triangle@servcom.com>

Walton, Eric: Q*Klatch, Q*K Outdoors, PFLAG, EQUAL etc.:
<fsbw@aurora.alaska.edu>

Wave, The: Lesbian/Gay Bar & Coffee house:
<wave@alaska.net>

Webcastro “Hotlinks” Businesses in the Castro district:
<http://www.webcastro.com/hotlinks.html>

Wockner, Rex: San Diego-based journalist, LesBiGay info:
(Internet): <wockner@netcom.com>
Calendar

June

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.
A Solstice Block Party at Chilkoot Charlie's at 1 p.m.
"Beyond Basic" appearing.
A AWAIC Solstice Festival in the Town Square all day.
J Gay Pride Picnic. Call SEAGLA.

Tuesday, 25:
A Olivia Women's Dance. Starts at 9 pm lower level at
the Egan Center. $10.
A Identity Board meeting at 7 pm at AUUF.

Friday, 28:
A Black and Blue (Levi and Leather) Ball
Sponsored by the Men's Club and the Court. $5. 7 pm
at the Wave. tremlyam at 338-9184.
A Identity Potluck. Program will be by Marty with
STAR who will compare the Identity and STAR
helplines. Gather at 6:30 pm, 7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm
program.

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

Sunday, 30:
A GAY PRIDE PICNIC ON THE PARK STRIP
1-5:30 p.m. by the ROSE GARDEN. Fun, food,
music and entertainment!

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24045 Oriedner Road
Eagle River, Alaska 99577
Phone: (907) 694-3978

July

Tuesday, 2:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.

Thursday - Sunday, 4-7
S McKinley Club Annual Seward Encampment accompa-
nied by the Men's Club and all other community
members who wish to go. Eric at 277-3236.
F Alaska Women's Music Festival VIII
Call Louise at 907-479-0618

Wednesday, 17:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.

Tuesday, 23:
A Identity Board meeting at 7 pm at AUUF.

Friday, 26:
A Identity Potluck at 6:30 pm. Program by Greg Kramer
on Gay Travel.

Tuesday, 30:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.

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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.
A MGD Light sports night at the Wave

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 Dyke Night at Sears, 7pm to 9pm.
A Blue Moon Bollies, 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, 561-9283.

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'Brien at 786-7644.
A The Wave volleyball and B.Y.O.M BBQs at 4 pm.
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.
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