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Hey baby...

by Veronica Ryan

The action of “coming out” is once again on my mind. I find it ironic that I can be out to some people and yet be the innuendo queen around others. I recently went back home to visit family and friends. I am “out” to all of my friends, immediate family, and even my step-father’s family. There is one person whom I’ve never told, my grandmother. The idea of telling her makes me nervous. She lived with me my entire life and was a pseudo-mother while mine worked. It feels very odd to know that everyone else knows except her. It makes me uneasy. What if one relative says, “So do you have a girlfriend?” My grandma hears that and keels over. (Yes, I’m being over dramatic!) She might suspect it; I never hid anything from her while I lived at home. I left gay magazines and books all over my room with my door open. Perhaps, I left them out on purpose hoping she would ask me about it. The point is, I’ve never told my grandmother.

Before I went home, I decided to tell her. The week came and went and I hadn’t told her. I couldn’t. Now, I keep wondering why not. Was it fear of rejection? The idea of her being ashamed of me. I think there will never be a “good” time. Remember when you were younger and just started wanting to know why was? How did you see it on TV with a parent in the room you’d feel uncomfortable? That is the feeling I get when I think about telling my grandmother. I don’t even know if she understands what being gay is or how accepting she is. I’ve heard her say conflicting things concerning it. We’ve watched “Donahue” together when there were gay people on the show and grandmother said “I don’t know why everyone is making such a fuss over it, they’re not hurting anyone.” Good, that’s a positive statement. When I told her my ex-girlfriend was a lesbian and brought it a little closer to home she was uncomfortable. Grandmother said, “That’s a shame, she’s such a pretty girl. Maybe she’ll grow out of it.” It enraged me, made me sad and I put off telling her.

To top it off, I lied to her. I had a picture of the 1996 Pride on the Parkstrip and when she looked at it, I told her it was a Solstice Celebration... UGH! I don’t like lying to her! Worst of all, my grandmother is old, in her late eighties. The idea of her passing on without my having told her about myself scares me. If that happens I would feel like I’m carrying a lie forever and I never trusted her enough to let her know. I know that I have to do it. I know that I am going to do it... eventually. In the meantime, the question is, how do you tell your grandmother you’re queer?

Veronica Ryan, age 20, is a student at A.P.U. Originally from Illinois, she is an aspiring young writer.

PFLAG, Southcentral Alaska

by Fred Hillman and Sylvia Short

PFLAG’s table was one of a couple of dozen at the Pride On The Parkstrip Picnic. Newspaper coverage of the picnic was good, and we were happy to be among those specifically mentioned in the article. Times are a-changing!

The regular July meeting of PFLAG took the form of a picnic at Fish Creek Park, a la traditional family values — namely, hamburgers, hot dogs, and Camp-Fire-Girl-style S’mores for dessert, not to mention rhubarb cobbler smothered with HäagenDazs. Yum-m! No baseball though.

Planning ahead:

For our August meeting, Fred will present a program on the back-to-school theme, looking at gay youth and their groups. Several local high schools have gay youth support groups, and we will be interested to learn how they are faring, and their relationship with our own youth group. One of our primary concerns is that our youth are growing up in a hostile world, so we are hoping to interact with school officials to make our educational institutions more gay-friendly.

In September Rep. Kay Brown will talk to us on “How We Can Improve the Legislature’s Attitude about Civil Rights.” She addressed the Bartlett Democratic Club recently stating that one of the biggest failures of our current legislature was its action on gay rights, citing the non-gay-marriage bill. Obviously, one way to improve the legislature will be to carefully scrutinize candidates for legislative office, and with Kay’s insight and leadership, we will have good ideas for the forthcoming November election.

Who we are: As our name implies, we are parents, families, and friends of lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals and gays. About a half of our membership falls into the first two categories—parents and families, while the remainder consists of the friends, including lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals and gays. At a recent meeting, I tried to sit back and select, objectively, which category each person fell into, and of course while I know all of them, I could not detect in any way any hints of who was which. It could have been any group, social or political or what have you. The only difference was that this was a friendly, supportive, considerate group, and we were all thoroughly enjoying ourselves and each other. We welcome all new-comers and ask only that you come again, and again, and, if you feel moved to, join us! Membership is only $15 for the entire year.
The soul savers

by Marvin Liebman

Forgive me if I sound frazzled. The proselytizers just won’t leave me alone. Ever since the Southern Baptist Convention last month in New Orleans, my doorbell and phone haven’t stopped ringing. The reason? I’m one of the prime targets for conversion, at least as Southern Baptist leaders see it.

As a gay man, I’m used to bids by zealous Baptists to induce me to give up my homosexual lifestyle, whatever that is. Now, as a Jew, I seem to be doubly blessed by their entreaties on my behalf. Last month, on the heels of their resolution to boycott Disney for granting equal rights and health benefits to their gay and lesbian employees, the Convention passed another resolution. This one, aimed at “proclamation of the Gospel to the Jews,” has Baptist missionaries beating a path to the doors of folks like me. However flattering, all of this outreach is exhausting. I guess the Baptists mean it when they say there’s no rest for the wicked.

Never in my seventy-three years has my soul been the object of such attention. I haven’t ever shown my soul in public before, but the Baptists who’ve been calling seem well-acquainted with its supposedly dismal condition. Neither have I ever really worried about being saved. Yet suddenly this, too, has come to concern me. Perhaps it’s because these callers, all courteous to a fault, offer such lurid descriptions of the wrack and damnation they claim I’ll suffer if I don’t embrace their particular manner of salvation.

Anxious to find the root of their peculiar insight, I looked through what records I had on this group. In 1991, I discovered, that Convention documents called homosexuality “outside the will of God.” Still, the Convention stated that year, if homosexuals will “turn to Him in repentance,” then “the redeeming love of Christ is available” to us. And, they determined, “it is the responsibility and privilege of the church to minister to homosexuals.” This must explain the periodic calls I’d had in the past five years prior to the current onslaught. Despite the coating of judgment, it all seemed neighborly enough. They cared about my soul, didn’t they?

In the years after the Convention’s 1991 pronouncement on homosexuality, the Convention’s expressions of wisdom grew less ambiguous. In 1992, for instance, they sought to oust two North Carolina churches that had shown support for gay people, one by performing a union ceremony, one by licensing a gay man as a minister. Denial of membership to churches that tolerate gays became official Convention policy a year later.

In 1993, the Convention condemned President Clinton and Vice-President Gore for their support of non-discrimination protections for gays. In March 1994, in a move that bore out conservatives’ takeover of the denomination, trustees of the leading Baptist seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, fired seminary head Russell Dilday, a prominent moderate. And last year, in a change of heart that must have required a lot of soul-searching, the group acknowledged that slavery was wrong.

Clearly, the Southern Baptist Convention had a direct line to God. How else could one explain such stances? I, and others like me, needed to get in on the action. Maybe we should mount a missionary campaign of our own to the Southern Baptists to tell them our stories and absorb their wisdom! I decided to run the idea by one of my callers. As a gay man and a Jew, I wanted to stop by the homes of Baptist families. Could he provide addresses and phone numbers? No dice, he said.

Undeterred, I offered again. What if I were to visit Baptist kids in their Sunday school classes to tell them about growing up Jewish and gay? His initial silence, I thought, meant he must be awe-struck by the overture.

“That,” he answered aridly, “would be recruitment. By the way, are you a militant homosexual?”

Perhaps, I realized, the Southern Baptist Convention’s outreach isn’t a two-way street at all. The rebuff stirred my memory. Haven’t gay friends of mine complained of their brushes with religion-coated conversion therapies? And for the Jewish people, haven’t such conversion attempts been a common nightmare, a centuries-long trail of tears?

Suddenly, I had no doubt about the dangers from which I needed saving. Could God really endorse such intolerant missions as these? I wouldn’t claim to know for sure, but looking back over the scriptures, I had a suspicion. There was at least one Jew with whom the Southern Baptist Convention’s treatment of gays and Jews wouldn’t have sat very well. In fact, the Jesus Christ I knew wouldn’t have stood for it, either.


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The problems with the insurance/health care industry

Financial news

Hello, faithful NorthView readers! This month’s financial column is written by guest author Jeri Powers. Jeri has extensive experience in the health care delivery industry and is well qualified to offer a “counterpoint” to some of my views. I shall return in August. — Chris

My good friend, Christina Mac, writes thought-provoking articles that give me reason to reflect on the roles that various institutions play in my life. I certainly respect and admire Chris’ decision to pursue her studies in the financial field. Her advice in this newsletter is a free service to those communities and is of benefit to all who choose a prudent course. My perception of partiality in her last several articles on health care and insurance is the reason for this guest response.

As I recall, Chris suggested that health care insurance might become more affordable if it was extended to all citizens. Although “choice is good,” Chris would prefer that this stratagem not be a government-driven mandate. The implication was that private corporations and voluntary enrollment would better serve individuals and would address at least a portion of the current health care crisis. If my sketch of Chris’ thoughts is accurate, I need to part company on both points.

It does seem logical that if all Alaskans, or all Americans, contributed to the health care pool, then the cost of insurance would come down. The idea being that if risk is shared among greater numbers, then the individual share of that risk becomes smaller. The problem, however, is not necessarily the cost of insurance, but the cost of health care itself. As long as the cost of health care continues to rise, the cost of insurance must follow, regardless of the numbers participating. Throwing more private and federal insurance dollars at health care only guarantees the upward spiral.

I must strenuously disagree that the private sector is somehow preferable to the public sector for determining and meeting our fundamental needs. Chris’ position seems to be that big government has not been successful in developing and implementing social programs. I agree. I am also quick to add that private corporations are not better. There are numerous examples of business greedily imposing its own agenda and systems on the larger populace. A pertinent example from the Anchorage Daily News on April 23, 1996, was that business “jeered” at the plan to include mental health benefits in the health insurance reform bill.

A second, and perhaps more cogent example, is the development of the Medical Information Bureau. The MIB was established by private concerns to collect and store medical information on each of us, presumably to aid in distinguishing high-risk from low-risk applicants. The concept is akin to credit bureaus that collect and record our credit histories. The March issue of Consumer Reports related that clearly 50% of the information contained in the MIB is in error.

In order for the insurance companies to control their own costs, they need to screen high-risk individuals from their rolls. This is the purpose of the MIB. One can imagine that as genetic testing becomes more routine, insurance companies may refuse coverage based on “pre-existing” conditions not yet evidenced. Now imagine that the genetic marker was wrongly recorded in your file. My point is that the business model is often revered as an elegant example of efficiency and potency. It’s just not so.

The issue of universal health care insurance is really a matter of social policy, and, as such, it deserves rigorous public debate. I am dismayed but not surprised that big business threatened the demise of the insurance reform legislation if a costly benefit such as mental health care was included. Business is obligated to make decisions based on profitability. When they participate in shaping public policy they do so to serve their own interests, not mine or yours.

I believe the greater problem is our current system of health care rationing and the unprecedented rise in costs associated with the acute-care setting. The suggestions of nearly universal and voluntary insurance enrollment will have a negligible effect on the status of the health care industry. It will, however, mean increased profits for the insurance industry. I am not opposed to profits. Let’s just be clear about whose interests are being represented.
Last month Fred Hillman wrote that Candy and Barbara volunteered to be the editors of the NorthView for a few months. When Candy read that part, she came up off the couch, got in my face and said, in no uncertain terms, “You’d better tell them that Candy did not volunteer to edit the NorthView!” I, Barbara, volunteered to be the editor of the NorthView for July, August and September. Truthfully, Candy always manages to read my copy and can never resist correcting my spelling and punctuation. A “BIG THANK YOU” to all who helped to put out the NorthView this month.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the Gay Pride Picnic. Another BIG THANKS to Vicki for putting together the entertainment. “Bear,” of the Frontier Alaska Men’s Club, did a great job keeping the sound system going. A number of people said that they liked being able to hear the music and still carry on a conversation — that includes me. Thank you, Bear. Thank you to Maria T, who picked up tables on Saturday and came to setup on Sunday with her son, Casey, who brought me Oreo cookies and gave me a helping hand. Fred, Bronwyn, Judy and Amy O. and the guys who showed up to help set up, especially the one who went and got the sledge hammer. Sorry, I didn’t get your name.

J & M Espresso’s iced coffee and ice cream kept a number of us cool. The craft and product booths had some excellent stuff, and I couldn’t get close enough to the massage booth to get a back rub because of the line waiting. No Closets in My House, designs by Mona needs to stock larger sizes next year. Mona is the former Monalessa E. poet, writer and former woman-about-the-community. Mariah gets better and better at the tarot cards. Since I read the cards myself, I’m the tarot reader’s toughest customer. They have to tell me something I don’t know.

Thanks to the people who staffed the information booths: MCC, AUUF, PFLAG, EQUAL, 4A’s, R.A.W., Alaska Women Speak, The Imperial Court & College of Monarchs, the Alaska Frontier Men’s Club, etc. The National Organization of Women joined us at the last moment. Hope you, winmin, come back next year. Thanks to all the folks that came out and brought the well-behaved dogs and kids. We have such nice families. The queens and the teens danced on the platform. Glad you came out. You’re always welcome. We that are older didn’t have a chance to “come out” when we were young. Teens are the proof and our hope that things do change. Thank you to Tom & Al, Dale, Judy, Mary, Amy and the other folks who helped to take it all down and clean up. Actually, there wasn’t much to clean up; everyone was very good about turning in the aluminum cans and putting their trash in the barrels or bags. We even got the last of the tables back to the Unitarian church before the rain storm broke. It was our lucky day!

I noticed the editor’s editorial in Anchorage Press, July fourth week issue, about the diversity of religion that included the philosophy of Thomas Jefferson to let people have their differences, trust in their goodness and leave them be. I’m proud and glad to be a member of this community. More and more there is proof that the differences and diversity of the community do not mean division. Cooperation, compassion and a sense of humor generate good will among us. The Pride Picnic is proof we can have our differences, be kind to one another, work together, enjoy each other’s company and have our day in the sun. Let’s keep it up.

Hello again

Sorry I missed you last month, but it was a very busy time with 10 days in Australia. My better half and I were fortunate to again visit the land “down under”. There were several highlights and one of the greatest was a tour of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. This is a very beautiful area with Grand Canyon type valleys and breath taking scenery. A high point of the day was a trip on an old ore cable train. We descended over 800 feet almost straight down, in the open and through tunnels down the side of the mountain. Another great side trip was the ferry from Sydney to the beach side community of Manley. It was great fun just to walk the streets, and especially nice to stroll along the beach and watch the Australian men!

RSVP

One of gay travel's established vendors is RSVP. They offer a variety of ship and land based trip opportunities primarily for gay men. November 9-16 will find them on station in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Dan from Apollo travel spent a week there during his last visit to PV and has nothing but great things to say about the facility, the staff, and the other clients. Club RSVP is all-inclusive and includes accommodations, meals, beverages, gratuities, activities, and entertainment. All this starts at just $695 for the week.

Women’s Fest Key West

September 4 thru 10, some 10,000 women are expected to invade the sleepy land’s end city of Key West, Florida. This event promises to be one of the largest in the world for women. Atlantic Shores Resorts will host the event with the Holiday Inn Beachside. Events include the wet T-shirt contest, the Women Fest tennis tournament, comedy nights, tea by the sea and a whole lot more. This is the place for women to be for Labor Day.

Men on Vacation

Men on Vacation and Certified Vacations have joined forces. Certified is a well known supplier of travel products, and Men on Vacations is a well known gay travel wholesaler. MOV was a leader in travel for gay men to Hawaii and the South Pacific. Certified Vacations has FIT (Foreign Independent Travel) programs in Europe, Mexico, Canada and the U.S. By combining their experiences and resources they should be a major player in the gay market.

Cruise Anyone?

Having just returned from 5 days of “Cruise-A-Thon” in Vancouver BC, I can tell you that shipboard cruising is really taking off in the lesbian and gay communities. The following is a partial list of gay & lesbian cruise opportunities:

1. The “Don Juan” is a 400 passenger ship cruising from Barcelona, Spain to the Med.; Utopia Cruises.
2. Skylink Women’s Travel is offering cruises of the Greek Isles — a cruise for men and another for women. The “Lady Caterina” is a 50 person deluxe yacht.
3. Toto Tours offers private motor yacht tours of the Greek Isles for gay men.
4. RSVP, a gay favorite, is offering Greece and Eastern Med tours on the MTS “Odysseus”.
5. Sail Away is coming to Alaska July 17, and then to Bermuda in September.
6. Mariah Wilderness Tours for women offers sailings on the 173’ M/V “Belize Temptress”.
7. Olivia Women’s Cruises have just finished Alaska, and cruise to Europe next.
8. Our Family Abroad is in Alaska July 28 for an 8 day cruise in style.
9. Pied Piper Travel is the QE2 gay cruise champ and will do a transatlantic crossing in August.

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

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Fourth Friday Potluck & Social

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

Date: Friday, July 26

Time: 6:30pm doors open/socialize; 7:00pm dinner; 7:30pm announcements & program

Place: Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain St

Program: Greg Kramer speaks on: New Expanded Travel Opportunities for the Gay & Lesbian Community.
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If you are not currently on our mailing list, there is no better time than now to get involved. Statewide primary elections will take place in August and the general election for legislature, US Congressperson, US Senator and President will occur in November. If you need more information about EQUAL, use the same form below and write MORE INFO at the bottom of the form and I will give you a call.

There are numerous progressive candidates running in legislative races throughout the state — including Anchorage. Many of them are running for the first time in a political race and are up against very conservative and anti-gay incumbents. If you would like to volunteer to help a candidate but are unsure how to do it, complete the form below and write CANDIDATE VOLUNTEER at the bottom of the form.

I will be attending the Standing Committee on Rules for the Democratic National Party in Pittsburgh, PA in early August and then will attend the Human Rights Campaign Out Vote '96 Conference in Chicago from 15-19 August followed by the Democratic National Convention, also in Chicago from 25-29 August. I hope to bring back many new ideas on organizing our community for the many issues and debates that will continue to face us in the future.

With all the issues facing us, please get involved!

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Past out

by David Bianco

Who was Oliver Sipple?

Oliver Sipple was a disabled ex-Marine who saved the life of the President of the United States. On September 22, 1975, Sipple was standing near the entrance of the St. Francis Hotel in downtown San Francisco, hoping to get a glimpse of President Gerald Ford, who had just finished addressing the World Affairs Council inside. When Ford stepped out of the hotel, Sipple noticed a gray-haired woman aiming a gun toward the President. He wrestled her to the ground and, although the gun went off, no one was injured.

When questioned by the Secret Service, he begged them not to release his name to the press. They did so anyway — the near-assassination of President Ford by Sara Jane Moore was a major national story. Soon, Sipple faced the public revelation of something he hoped to keep out of the newspapers: the fact that he was gay. Harvey Milk — who later became San Francisco's first openly gay elected official — is said to have contacted San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, who promptly included a brief item about Sipple in his column. Caen wrote of the celebrations of Sipple's heroism in a gay bar the night of the assassination attempt — and listed Sipple as a volunteer in Milk's campaign for office.

Several other newspapers followed with stories about "The Gay Vet" and the "Homosexual Hero," and when Sipple's family found out, they refused to speak with him. Sipple responded by suing the Chronicle and other newspapers for invasion of privacy, but the courts rejected his case, arguing that by choosing to save the president's life, he had become a public figure.

President Ford — embarrassed by the affair — did not invite Sipple to a Rose Garden ceremony or award him a Presidential Medal of Honor. After weeks of waiting, Sipple finally got just a brief note of thanks for his heroism.

What was the "Lavender Menace"?

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, some straight feminists, most notably National Organization for Women founder Betty Friedan, worried that feminism's public image would be marred by a too-visible lesbian presence in the movement. In Friedan's choice phrase, lesbians represented a "lavender menace" to American feminism. Complicating Friedan's statement was evidence of actual discrimination within NOW: lesbians in positions of leadership were being silenced or forced out of office. A group of women from the Gay Liberation Front felt that the feminist movement needed some consciousness-raising, and planned an incident that would mark a turning point in the relationship between lesbians and the women's movement. It would also be one of the most creative direct actions in the early history of what was then called the "gay liberation movement".

On Friday night, May 1, 1970, the lights went out on the hundreds of women gathered for the second annual Congress to Unite Women. When they came back on, twenty women in purple T-shirts proclaiming "Lavender Menace" stood at the front of the auditorium, and signs along the walls read, "Take a Lesbian to Lunch" and "Is the Statue of Liberty a Lesbian?" The "Menace" demanded the microphone from the stage and accused the women's movement of internalized sexism, and of discrimination against lesbians.

The rest of the scheduled speakers were canceled, and the assembled women spent the evening listening to the concerns of lesbians. Although the event had its angry and emotional movements, for the most part the "Lavender Menace" kept a sense of humor about what they were doing, which helped relax many women present who had never been exposed to open discussions of lesbianism.

When the lesbians who had prepared remarks finished speaking, an open microphone was declared. One of the women who chose to come forward and talk about her struggles with her own sexuality had actually been a scheduled speaker on another topic. She was the well-known professor and author Kate Millett, who herself would become a lightning rod for debates over sexuality in the women's movement.

During the rest of the weekend, the Lavender Menace put together well-attended discussions and workshops on issues related to sexual orientation and feminism. On Sunday, the congress even passed a tongue-in-cheek Menace resolution: "Be it resolved that Women's Liberation is a Lesbian plot."

The Lavender Menace action was a landmark in an ongoing struggle within the lesbian movement. Lesbians in the early 1970s were feeling increasingly like tokens or showpieces in male-dominated groups like the Gay Activists Alliance and the Gay Liberation Front. Yet at first the National Organization for Women, the Redstockings, and other groups had tried to silence lesbian issues. After the 1970 Congress to Unite Women, the women's movement was more open to lesbian concerns, and just 16 months later NOW passed a resolution declaring "the oppression of lesbians as a legitimate concern of feminism."

As for the Lavender Menace, it did not disappear after its highly public debut. Members marched in that summer's first-ever New York City Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, and (under the name Radicalesbians) published an influential essay, "The Woman-_identified Woman."

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A letter from their majesties

Newly elected 1996-97 titleholders of the Empire of All Alaska included Ms. Gay Alaska, Fonda Dixl; Mr. Gay Alaska, Kendy Mendez; and Ms. Lesbian Alaska, Vonda. We commend these three for their volunteer commitment to the Alaska Gay and Lesbian community. Also, a hearty “Thank You” to Brittany Rachel LaMar Barrington for the accomplishments of her reign as Ms. Gay Alaska.

Aspirants to the thrones of Emperor and Empress XXIV have been recently approved by the ICOAA Board of Directors and College of Monarchs. Campaigning has begun for Empress wannabees Kristara and Salmon Ella together with Jerry Baltazar who seeks the Emperor crown. Anyone running unopposed must receive affirmation through a yes/no vote process. Mark your calendars! Community voting will be held at the John Thomas Center (3rd and Cordova) on August 24, 1996, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Monarchs of the Flaming Aurora Glacial Reign
Stargazer commentary

by Barbara J. Soule

When Bad Things Happen to Good People, is a book title that I know by heart. The author is Rabbi Harold Kushner. I wrote a column for last month, but lost my nerve and didn’t submit it. Often I consult my astrologer friend, Maureen, for information. Pluto is three years into the orbit around the sun that happens only every two hundred and ninety eight years. Pluto is called the great transformer: under its influence, our lives, down to the soul level, get the opportunity to change. Pluto began the orbit in the sign of Capricorn. Last month Pluto went into Sagittarius. A fire sign, Sagittarius is the kinetic potential for heroic action and effort that, in the end, brings us closer to the Divine All.

It is also true that almost on the very same day Pluto went into Sagittarius, the wildfire started in the Mat-Su Valley. No human was killed in the Mat-Su wildfire, but, in another way, all these people lost their lives. Their sense of security, sense of themselves and the priorities of their lives will never be the same. In my life, the most devastating disasters resulted in my greatest blessings.

Life altering situations come under Pluto’s transformative power. The fire, heroic activism and energy is Sagittarian. Fire is called “The Great Cleanser.” The Disaster Plan, the chain of command procedures for professional and volunteer firefighters, coordination of the medical personnel, relief workers, technological communications, including cellular phones are ruled by the earth energy of Capricorn. Organizations that were already in place, since Pluto had moved from Capricorn to Sagittarius.

So, what’s my problem? As a Dianic Wiccan, I live by the rule, “Harm none,” and I was embarrased. The wildfire burned down over three hundred and forty-four homes and left hundreds homeless. How could anyone say that maybe it was a good thing? My daughter Joan, a registered nurse, lives on the Little Susitna River. She went to her duty station as part of the Disaster Plan instead of staying to defend her home. Although Joan didn’t lose her home, I actually heard her say that she thought that in some ways the fire was a good thing. She said that people up at Big Lake were getting very weird. The macho, chauvinist faction is very strong. Rednecks talk seriously about starting a Klu Klux Klan Brotherhood, non-military men wear fatigues and carry guns Freemem militia style and people shoot at or threaten to shoot at anyone or anything they don’t like. Joan said that during the fire the very kind of person someone didn’t think had the right to be on the planet helped them to save their homes, family, pets or livestock. The generous help extended to the people who lost their homes and possessions has changed a lot of people’s attitudes. The community is united in helping each other. These are all good things.

I also forgot something. There is a Divine Plan. Someone else is in charge of that plan. Consulting my own heart on the matter, I found that I have great faith and hope in the Divine Plan. Where the fires of Sagittarius burn and the transformative power of Pluto is in your life is part of the Divine Plan. This energy is so powerful that it’s usually terrible or wonderful. Whatever happens during this time, remember that we have a great opportunity for the Soul to advance. Good luck.

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Apollo Travel
Business spotlight

I never interviewed a person who wore as many hats as Bob DeLoach of Apollo Travel. We talked informally in his office after business hours, and I tried to remember which "hat" I was talking to.

**NV:** The travel business is not your first line of work, Bob. What else do you do to keep the wolf away from the door?

**BD:** I have had a tax and accounting business for 17 years. Electric Doctor has been in operation for 15 years, and Apollo Real Estate for 8 years. Apollo Travel has been a fully developed enterprise for three and one-half years.

**NV:** Sounds as though you've been in Alaska quite a while.

**BD:** This has been my home for 45 years. I moved with my family from Florida as a lad of 12, and attended Anchorage High School when it was the only high school in town. I met Gene in the military, and we will celebrate our 24th anniversary in August.

**NV:** Is the gay/lesbian community supporting your travel business?

**BD:** They do support us, but they comprise less than 20% of the total clientele. Neither are gay tours the bulk of the tour business. People choose a travel agent (or agency) based on trust, reliability, and personal preference. Once the agent knows your likes and wants, you get the service you desire without breaking in someone new each time you travel.

**NV:** What is a good reason for using a travel agent anyway? Why can't someone just call an airline and book a reservation themselves?

**BD:** Anyone can do that. However, the airline you call will sell you the most expensive ticket they have. They won't help you find a cheaper fare, or suggest an alternate day/time to travel more cheaply, or another airline which has a less pricey fare. They don't keep your credit card number, can't offer car/hotel packages, can't offer reduced rates through bulk ticket purchases. The list of reasons is endless. A good travel agent is worth finding and cultivating.

**NV:** What is the biggest portion of your travel agency business?

**BD:** Air travel is the biggest, naturally, since we operate in Alaska. Bush travel comprises a sizable portion of the business. We have several husband/wife teams in bush villages. We get all of the business in such villages, and they tend to travel frequently.

**NV:** Is there anything that sets your agency apart from others in Anchorage?

**BD:** Apollo Travel is the only agency holding a membership in I.G.T.A. (International Gay Travel Association). I am particularly proud of that.

**NV:** Anything you want to share with our readers? You have been a long-time advertiser in the NorthView. What is your advice concerning travel agencies?

**BD:** Pick an agency (or an agent) with whom you feel comfortable. Pick one which is large enough to have CRS (Computer Reservations System) available. This offers additional search parameters, and, ultimately, savings for the traveler. Our goal at Apollo is to get our clients the best deal possible based on their preferences. Whether cost, comfort, or time are your greatest concern, our job is to offer you the right travel package.
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The way we purr

“We are gathered here to mourn and celebrate the nine lives of Coucous Kerouac...”

“Come back, little Cousy, come back.” I throw myself on top of her size 10EEE shoebox-coffin. Now that Cousy has gone to the Great Litter Box in the Sky, Flash and I are a feline-free family. And let’s face it: a lesbian without a pussy is like, well, a lesbian without a pussy.

Weeks pass, but my grief does not. I sob in the supermarket in front of the Friskies display. I play the soundtrack to “Cats” every night much to Flash’s dismay. “Do we have to hear that now?”

“And forever.” I turn up the volume and take out Cousy’s photo album. There’s Femme-top Cousy with a rhinestone collar, and Jock Cousy scaling the furniture. There’s Cousy getting in touch with her inner kitty, nursing on my sweater, and Cousy getting in touch with her inner bitch, biting the hand that feeds her (I still have the scar). There’s Country Cousy chasing a mouse and City Cousy chasing a rat. There’s hiphy Cousy growing her own catnip, Separatist Cousy hissing at my father and Activist Cousy, a red ribbon pinned to her collar. There’s even a picture of Couscous the Bulimic Wonder, baring her dinner back into her bowl.

After looking at the photos, I take a cat nap. Something sharp, like a claw, digs into my ankle. I turn to see a run-travel up my stocking faster than the speed of light, and Coucous, looking proud, something furry in her mouth.

What is it this time, a mole, a bat, a squirrel? No, it’s a kitten. I pick up the little ball of fur. It nestles into my neck and purrs. “Cousy, where did you get her?” I ask, but Cousous is gone and I am awake, telling Flash the dream.

The next day I call our vet, Dr. Dykelittle to see if she has any kittens. “Someone just brought in a stray,” she says.

Flash and I get to the vet in two seconds flat. Dr. Dykelittle hands me a small ball of white fur. The kitten nestles into my neck, swipes her claw, and destroys the diamond necklace Flash bought me for my birthday.

“What a sweet cat,” I croon.

“We named her Princess,” Dr. Dykelittle says.

“There’s only room for one Princess in this family,” I tell Flash. The Cat Formally Known as Princess, for she becomes QUEEN the minute she sets paw in the house. When she decides the only place she’ll take a cat nap is on my angora sweater, I don’t argue. When she makes it clear that the only bowl she’ll eat from is my grandmother’s cut-glass crystal, I apologize for not offering the family heirloom sooner.

But while we are ecstatic, Flash wonders if The Cat Formally Known as Princess is content. “Maybe she needs a playmate.” Flash says one night as I polish my nails and The Cat Formally Known as Princess’ claws Pussy Pink. “I was an only child.” Flash reminds me, “and I always wanted a sibling.”

“I had a sibling,” I remind Flash, “and I always wanted to be an only child.”

Flash retires to the living room to watch “Lifestyles of the Butch and Famous.” In a flash I see what the problem is: our new kitty isn’t lonely. Flash is lonely. Two femme-tops and one bashful butch equals an unbalanced household. Flash agrees.

The next day I call Mitzi who tells me her roommate’s therapist’s therapist’s roommate knows a dyke named Kitty whose cat just had kittens. Flash and I race to Kitty’s house. She leads us to the den where a little Morris-like red head is tearing up the curtains.

“What a pretty, witty,itty bitty kitty,” my boot-stomping butch squeals through clenched teeth, her voice suddenly high enough to crack my contacts. The kitten chirps something equally incoherent in reply.

“He discovered his meow yesterday,” Kitty tells us. Flash names her pal New Cat on the Block and brings him home to his sister. The Cat Formally Known as Princess goes wild with excitement. She runs toward her new brother and then dashes away. He gallops after her and then both kittens run past me and Flash. They thunder through the apartment like little horses for hours, running, leaping, and doing triple toe loops that would make Tonya Harding proud.

Flash and I are so in love with these kittens, our friends are worried about us. Flash cuts her hours to half-time so she can be home with them more. I cancel a fifteen-city book tour because I can’t bear being away from our little darlings. But our friends don’t know the half of it. We haven’t had sex in weeks because Flash thinks it will upset the children.

“Maybe they could sleep in the kitchen tonight,” I dare to suggest. Flash glares at me. “Well then shut the light.”

“I can’t,” Flash says. “New Cat on the Block is sleeping on my arm. You shut it.”

“I can’t get up. The Cat Formally Known as Princess is asleep on my chest.” I lift the covers to show Flash.

“Oh, look at the burly, curly, twirly, pearly, surly girl,” Flash squeals in a falsetto that sounds like a cross between Mickey Mouse and Melanie Griffith.

Suddenly I have an idea. “Flash,” I say in a kittenish peep, “wouldn’t you like some pretty titty anditty bitty clitty?”

“There’s too many pussies in this bed,” Flash growls in a low Tina Turner “Private Dancer” voice. We remedy the situation and soon all the pussies in the house are satisfied and sound asleep.
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every open wound; medicating them
With a forgiveness that only lovers
Can share. Your deathbed held a mirror
to my eyes, where refractions of a silhouette
bleed white as a ghost upon the bruise
of twilight—lazaretes of fluorescence
extinguished. The eyes of respirators
blinded closed. Slumbering sepia tones
of memory, brown as earth, push through
the surface. Nostalgic film clips climb walls
like clinging vines growing in darkness
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What’s Your Pleasure?
A Who’s who of condoms by the S.T.O.P
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Anvil:
This is the first commercial polyurethane male condom
on the market. It is made of plastic rather than latex. It
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Maxx:
The first of the larger sized condoms, this condom
measures in at 7 1/4" x 2". The thinner, high quality
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condoms. Its design adds extra length as well as extra
head room. If you’re looking for a condom with
greater width, try either the Trojan Magnum or
Trojan-Enz Large. Maxx is available lubricated with or
without aloe vera-9 in 3 or 12 packs.

Lifestyles Extra-Strength:
For those who play a little rougher or who have
marathon sessions, this condom might be a good
option. Extra-strength condoms are thicker but can
break too if mishandled. Make certain to use a water-
based lubricant and check
occasionally to make sure the condom doesn’t start
to dry out and get sticky. The thickness of extra-strength
condoms can decrease sensitivity. Available lubricated
in 3 and 12 packs.

Lifestyles Snugger Fit:
This contoured condom is ideal for a man with a
shimmering penis. Men who have had a problem with
condoms sliding off or who prefer a tighter fitting
condom may want to try this one. Other contoured
condoms include: Snug Fit, Exotic and Exxotica
brands. Lifestyles Snugger Fit condoms are available
lubricated in 3 and 12 packs.

Rough Rider:
This studied condom has hundreds of raised dots on
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The Ear (or is it fresh corn?)

Via e-mail came the message... someone actually wants to be in the gossip column! Quote: “Jen K. is coming back to Anchorage.” She writes the joys & trials of being a single woman for the NorthView. A warm welcome back! Jen’s still single, women. Update: Stacy and partner are not coming back to town. They stopped to visit Ann & Nancy in Ashley OR, bought a house and are staying there. The two women who bought Mariah and Joanne’s empress size bed are vacationing separately. One is in CA the other in MN. They have not split the sheets. The two will be back sharing home and hearth, soon.

Mariah & Joanne passed the torch. The official Muugwump Day celebration on July 4th was at Susan K. & MaryLou’s. Local women established the “Muugwumps” basking in the sun or huddled around the campfire, sipping hot beverages and roasting hot dogs and marshmallows at past summer campouts. Over the years, Muugwumps and muugwumpers-at-heart keep this women’s community tradition alive — just barely. The Ear notes that many of the original members now have a lot of gray hair. A muugwump is a slug — with a sense of humor. Wumpers made a supreme effort to socialize by walking across the street to hob-nob with picnicking women & children at Susan and Janet’s. Have a lovely summer, no matter if you “wump” or not.

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Random observations on sex and the single gal

“Ther’s a news brew pub in town,” Katie offers us as we stand on the Park Strip sidewalk stomping the grass clumps off the bottom of our cleats after an early evening game of Ultimate Frisbee. But I’m not biting. It’s been six long months since I set foot in Anchorage and I’m holding out for the familiar decor of my favorite Mexican restaurant. I feign mild interest at her suggestion and nonchalantly toss out a counter-offer.

“How ‘bout Mexico in Alaska?” She nods her head and grins warily. Remembering that our last Mexican diner had been memorialized for publication.

“Does that mean I have to watch what I say?”

A half hour later we’re munching on chips and waiting for our enchiladas to appear. I was hungry and relieved to see that there were no new entrees to mull over. The menu wasn’t the only thing that had remained unchanged since I’d last sat here with Katie mashing a lime wedge into the narrow neck of my beer bottle. We were still discussing the mysteries of dating and singleness.

Of course, our focus had shifted slightly. I confessed that I didn’t miss being in a relationship. “Who needs it? I have wonderful friends to hike, bike, and soul search with. I can sleep in or get up. Stay out late or go home early. I can eat refried beans straight out of the can and wear the tee-shirt I slept in to work. Life is good.” Katie smiled and nodded her head in agreement. Since I was on a roll, I continued. “In fact, the only thing I really miss about being in a relationship is the sex.” The waitress picked that point to appear at our table and ask if we needed anything. “As a matter of fact...” I started.

After the coast was clear, I started to clarify my comment. “The exciting life of a single gal isn’t always so exciting.” It had been a long Spring. Blue skies, buds on the trees, the new smell of fresh earth, warm rays of sun shining through the windows and celibacy.

Being the left-brained kind of gal that I am, I’d done little research on the subject of sex for fun, not marriage. The results hadn’t been all that encouraging. I figured I’d share them anyway. “According to Curve magazine, the only way to have sex without emotional involvement is to have a fling,” I announced as if suddenly an expert on the subject. My only first-hand experience in the fling arena came six years ago. One woman became my partner for five years. Neither outcome indicative of a particularly successful fling if my understanding of the concept was correct. Short and fun.

In any event, Katie seemed intrigued. She sat back and ordered another beer when the waitress wandered by again to check on our progress. Without missing a beat, Katie slid the cool, clear bottle to my side of the table as soon as it arrived. I wasn’t clear if my curious friend was more interested in the underlying theory of flings or in the glory details of my own experience. I decided the former would be more educational.

“Anyway, according to this article there are two rules to having a fling. First, it shouldn’t last longer than two weeks. and second, you shouldn’t have them with friends.”

“Sounds simple,” Katie observed, looking more than a little skeptical. I shared her skepticism. Personally, I thought there should be a heck of a lot more rules to this murky endeavor; a manual in a three-ring binder for updating ease would be helpful. And perhaps a formal contract arrangement negotiated at the outset.

Something to at least make my head think it had some degree of control over my hormones.

Even the existing rules didn’t seem all that helpful to me. I understand the risks of sleeping with friends. I’d spent plenty of time contemplating the gray area between friends and lovers in the lesbian community where our friends are also our prospective partners. So who did that leave as potential flingees? Women I don’t know or don’t like. Neither sounded like a particularly... continued...
fun way to spend the evening. As for the two-week rule, it made perfect sense. But then so does flossing regularly. The problem was that it also assumed that my brain has some input in the decision to walk away before things got complicated. More likely my hormones would be whispering in my ear, "Oh come on, Jen, go ahead, just one more night, you can end it tomorrow." Heck, I have enough trouble stopping halfway through a bag of Orcos, this would be a lost cause.

By now our enchiladas were long gone. Which was fine. I had decided that I wouldn't be the appropriate person to write the manual on flings. In fact, I wasn't sure I was shedding any light on the subject whatsoever. At least Katie appeared to find the conversation entertaining.

"So if a fling isn't the answer, what's a single gal to do?" Katie asked.

"Run a lot," I answered.

(Lacking any particular expertise in the subject area, Jen Kohout, officially disclaims any responsibility for attempts to implement any of the suggestions in this article. She is happily packing her bags as she prepares to head back up to the Last Frontier in the next couple of weeks. Having finally come to her senses, she's opted for the company of wise and generous friends, spectacular scenery, and decent enchiladas.)

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"It's a Small Mind After All...
It's a Small, Small Mind!"

Just when I thought Pat Robertson had one of the "narrowest minds" of any national religious leader, the delegates at last month's Southern Baptist Convention voted to boycott Disney if the entertainment giant doesn't turn from its evil ways — you know all those evil things they do, like providing health care benefits to partners of their employees who are not legally allowed to get married and to make matters worse, they allow gays and lesbians to attend their theme parks. Oh My God, what will Disney do next?? As one of the Southern Baptist leaders stated, "Soon Mickey will be leaving Minnie and moving in with Donald and we think that's Goofy!!" Cute, eh?

Just to provide a light-hearted look at this latest controversy, I am reprinting some of the messages left in an Internet message area called "Baptists Versus the Duck."

Today the Baptists initiated a BAN on Disney parks, movies and entertainment BECAUSE of Disney's support of same-sex employment benefits and allowance of gay and lesbian attendance nights at their parks (among other things.)

Why not drop Disney a note of SUPPORT, tell them how much you enjoy their parks and movies, support their employment policies, and let them know how many people out there OPPOSE the Baptist's ban. Tell them Disney fun is for everyone, not just for those the Baptist's think should be allowed to enjoy it! The Baptists ban Disney - What are they THINKING?!?!

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Disneyland is the only place I've been where a Gay Day can take place one day, and another day militant Christian groups can swarm the place and have prayer circles in front of the rides.

What a wonderful, weird, and BIG world we live in!

Oh please, like a bunch of bible thumpers are gonna tell their youngin's "Sorry little Anna Belle, we can't go to Disneyland no more. But we'll take y'all to a nice clean place like Tammy Bakker World and you kids can ride Mascara Mountain." That ones gonna go over like a lead baboon.

WOW! Good for Disney! Great to see a big corporation not knuckle under to these hateful bigots who hide their intolerance behind religion. I think the Baptists are upset cuz Pocahontas had such huge hooters.

According to the news tonight Disney responded to the ban by stating a church group has no right to protest health care benefits to ANY group, especially benefits they (Southern Baptists) are not paying for. AMEN, Mickey!

Isn't it funny that the big ole Baptist Honcho says "of course they will boycott Disney. AFTER he and his family use up all of their Disneyland tickets so they "don't go to waste." Baptists and Hypocrisy...one and the same....

I am not gay and I go to a Southern Baptist church and in my opinion some of us are acting in hatred. The first amendment of the constitution that states the freedom of religion also states the freedom of assembly. Things like this will make things between our two groups become worse. Christians need to understand what goes on in gay people's lives and if they want to see change there are loving ways to do it. But please "forgive us for we know not what we do."

I don't know about you, but I know where I'll be doing most of my Christmas shopping for all my nieces and nephews this year — you got it, the Disney Store at Dimond Center! Se you there. Wonder if they have those Minnie Mouse slippers in size 11!? 

NOTE: Opinions expressed above are mine and not necessarily those of Identity, Northview, EQUAL or any other group in which I am a member. I'm Gay, Christian and Proud!!
Real dykes don’t drive Fords

by Lee Lynch

After it was all over, someone told me that buying a car is one of life’s major stresses, not far down the list from marriage and buying a home.

Now they tell me.

I still get chucked up talking about my ‘76 Volvo sedan Spock. He was with me for nineteen years, longer than any lover to date. When the only good Volvo mechanic in town retired, I could no longer take care of Spock. I had to buy a car.

But what? I couldn’t afford a new Volvo. After two years of heroic rescues by Lover, emptying my bank account and fearing to wander farther than Super AAA would tow, I wanted nothing to do with used vehicles. That decided, I faced the nightmare of car payments. Fortunately, my employer pays me instead of giving me benefits. It was simple: I don’t get sick or take a vacation for the next six years and bingo — the car is paid off. Well, it made sense at the time.

I spent a hot summer month memorizing Consumer Reports New Car Buying Guide. I lived, breathed and sweat cars. Lover and I scanned price and options stickers at dealerships by the light of the summer moon.

What I really needed was a kind of car-parent to tell me what to buy. My step-dad-in-law counseled me, but confessed, “I’m a GMC man.” My mechanic echoed him. So I reported with great hopes to the nearest GMC dealership. No match. GMC must be a guy thing.

Lover’s very out at work. In our radical right town, queer couples don’t get many straight mentors, but Lover’s old boss Molly has always taken a motherly interest in us, teasing me about spoiling Lover when I bring flowers, giving us gruff mini-lectures. “A Ford,” she pronounced. I couldn’t explain that dykes like me don’t drive new Fords.

Soon I had it narrowed down. Safety — at fifty years old, mortality becomes very real. Low repair costs — lesbian writers don’t keep cars nineteen years for no reason. Roominess — I’d always had difficulty fitting book cases and multiple pet carriers in my economy cars. I’d entered my station wagon/mini-van years.

Lover had quietly gone out the year before and replaced her old car with its updated twin: the national lesbian car, a Subaru wagon. I drove one, loved it, and went to talk turkey with the salesman. Then his manager arrived for a good cop/bad cop routine. I walked.

More research. Big city brokers. Test driving. Internet queries. I was exhausted and confused. I gave in and went to car-mom—Molly’s Ford dealer. They had what I wanted and made it affordable. Molly even called during the negotiations and told me to get the pretty blue one. One look and

I named the mini-van Large Marge.

Car-mom knew best. Middle age is no time to be politically correct about air conditioning or to resist automatic transmissions and power options made for bad shoulders and knees.

Lover’s now on the management team with Molly. One evening outside their office, Molly’s employees ogled Lover’s “friend” in Large Marge as they climbed into cars decorated with Christian fish magnets and Free Willie ‘96 bumper stickers.

When Jed, one of Molly’s underlings, came out he averted his eyes from mine in the usual I’d-rather-not-know manner, and conceded, “Nice van.” With the smugness of a black sheep who’s the favored sibling anyway, I boasted, “Thanks, Molly picked it out.” Jed stopped in his tracks, a look of total confusion on his face, then scurried away.

The conflicts, expense and embarrassment of driving a shiny new Ford were suddenly worth it. I began to understand why buying a car is a major life stress. It’s a rite of passage, a common initiation, evidence of achievement and, even for a lesbian, evidence of belonging.

I can’t wait to show it to my in-laws!

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The phone rang at 9:30 on Friday night. It was Stephen.
"Hi," he said. "What are you doing tomorrow afternoon?"
I hate questions like that. If I say I'm busy, it usually turns out to be something I really wanted to do, like go to a Rangers game. If I say I'm free, it almost always turns out to be something dreadful, like being dragged to a foreign film festival.
I went for the middle ground. "I'm not sure," I said. "I have a manuscript due on Monday and it depends on how much work I get done on it. Why?"
"I'm doing this shoot," he said. "It's supposed to be about lust, and I want you to model for me at a strip joint."
"I am not stripping for a national magazine," I told him firmly. "My father might see it. Anyone might see it."
"Don't worry," he assured me. "You'll just be sitting at a bar watching strippers. All you have to do is look horny and stick money in their G-strings every so often."
"Why me?" I asked suspiciously.
"I need an all-American type," he said. "The magazine wants a mix, and you're the most clean-cut guy I know personally."
"You mean I have the shortest hair?"
"Yeah. So, can you make it?"
I was suddenly overcome by a vision of my face on magazine covers across the country. Me surrounded by hunky men wearing nothing but lots of oil. While I usually not one to have delusions of grandeur, I allowed myself the indulgence. Cindy Crawford would see my pictures and retire instantly, leaving both her career and Richard Gere for me to snatch up triumphantly. I caved in.
"All right," I said. "Where is it and what time?"
Stephen told me to show up at 2:00 and gave me the directions to the club. The next afternoon, I dutifully dressed myself in a suit, as Stephen had said he wanted the models to look like Wall Street types. There was brief moment of ugliness when I couldn't button the pants, which I hadn't worn in almost four years. But I held my breath and got them closed, all the while thinking bitterly about lost youth. I hoped I wouldn't have to pick anything up.
I managed to find the club with no problem. Warily eyeing the burly bouncer outside, I went in and found my way to the back. Sure enough, three models were having their pictures taken by a photographer. Three female models. With nothing on but bikini bottoms.
"Can I help you?" one of them asked me, her hands on her hips.
"Uh, no," I stammered. "I'm waiting for someone. I'll just wait out front." I beat a quick retreat before she took anything else off.
The thought that these would be female strippers had simply not occurred to me. I know that Stephen is straight, likewise the magazine he was shooting for. But the image of me posing with naked women is not one I am accustomed to envisioning. If I am going to be lusty, the person I'm lusting over is not likely to be wearing spike heels and pasties.
Once safely back outside, I stood with the bouncer and watched the hookers working the block. Across the street, a woman walked up to a Jeep waiting at the stoplight. She pulled her top down and laid her breasts on the hood. Just then, a police car came around the corner. The woman took off down the street, her breasts flying wildly, her purse under her arm.
As the woman turned a corner and disappeared, a cab pulled up. Stephen got out with another man, camera bag in tow. "What was that?" Stephen asked. "The Olympic trials?"
He introduced the man with him as Ed, another friend he had roped into the day's festivities. Ed had hair much longer than mine, and he hadn't shaved in a few days. He was, Stephen explained, supposed to represent the underside of corporate lust. I didn't ask what I was supposed to represent.
Before we went in, I cornered Stephen. "You didn't tell me this was a straight club," I said accusingly.
He just grinned. "I must have forgotten. Look, how hard can it be to look excited? These girls are beautiful."
"Right," I snarled. "When was the last time you got hot and bothered watching a Mel Gibson movie?" He ignored me.
Stephen set up at one end of the room. Because it was early, there were only about fifteen men there. They quietly sipped their drinks and watched the women, who danced on an island in the middle of the circular bar.
For the first shots, Stephen wanted us to sit at the bar. He asked one of the women to dance directly in front of us. Ed and I were directed to look up at her rapturously. I obligingly gazed upwards, wondering how she managed to balance in high heels while simultaneously avoiding knocking over the drink glasses and ashtrays that lined the bar for effect. I hoped the puzzled look on my face would pass for burning passion.
"Alright," Stephen said after a few minutes. "It's time for the money." He handed us each a wad of one dollar bills.
"Now, when Sarah bends down, run your hand up her leg and slip a dollar in her garter."
Ed grinned. "This should be fun," he said. I drank my fake drink, wishing desperately that it was real.
Sarah started dancing again and Ed and I commenced lusting. Every so often, she would lean down, and either Ed or I would run a hand up her leg and put a dollar under the black garter belt around her thigh. When we ran out of bills, she gave them back and we started over again.
We repeated this routine with a number of different women. Ed seemed to be enjoying himself, and the women were very pleasant. I did my best to appear inflamed for them, but I was really thinking how oddly hairless their bodies seemed.
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Stephen then asked two of the dancers to do some one-on-one shots with us. I was paired with Karen, a beautiful woman with long wavy hair and big brown eyes. Stephen gave me a cellular phone, and we pretended that I was showing Karen how to use it. Meanwhile, Ed was being mauled by the woman he was posing with. She was running her hands through Ed’s hair and sitting on his lap.

Then she noticed his wedding band. “What would your wife think about this?” she asked laughing.

“She knows it’s for art,” Ed deadpanned. “Otherwise she’d kill me.”

Karen looked at me. “And what would your wife think?”

“I don’t know,” I said. “But my boyfriend would probably be very surprised.”

I waited for her to start shrieking a Homo Alert. Instead, she laughed. “You mean all the guys over there watching us are getting hard-ons wishing they were you and you couldn’t care less?”

“Tragic, isn’t it?” I said helplessly.

She smiled evilly. “Well, in that case, why don’t we give them something to really get off on.”

The next thing I knew, she grabbed me by the tie and pulled me up off my bar stool. While I did my best to breathe, her hand went around my neck and she pulled me towards her. Suddenly, her tongue was in my mouth.

Now, there are women that I find attractive. And once or twice I’ve looked at a woman and wondered what it would be like to make love with her. But I had never had the urge to grab a woman and make out with her. Now I had my chance to find out what it was like.

But nothing happened. Karen was beautiful. She was funny. She had a lot of the qualities I would find attractive in a man. Except that she was a woman. No matter how hard she or I tried, she could never give me that feeling I get from feeling the body of another man against mine. I suppose there are people who are attracted to both men and women. More power to them. As for me, I am very proud to say that I am irrefutably queer.

The moment was shattered by Stephen saying very loudly, “I am telling every single person you know about this. And I have the film to prove it.”

Karen let go of my tie. “Anything happen?”

“Sorry,” I said. “Maybe if you had a beard.”

Stephen wanted to take some shots of the dancers in their dressing room, so he left Ed and I to wait for him at the bar. One of the men who had been watching the shoot came over to talk to me.

“You sure got it good,” he said. “I’d pay fifty bucks to have one of them do that to me.”

I looked at him. “Well,” I said. “Some guys have all the luck.”

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k.d. lang.

All You Can Eat summer tour helps feed the hungry

During the summer dates of k.d. lang’s current All You Can Eat Tour, the Grammy-winning vocalist and songwriter will sponsor a food collection drive to help feed the hungry, administered under the auspices of USA Harvest.

Concert-goers will be asked to bring packaged food to the venue, where it will be collected by USA Harvest volunteers for distribution to the hungry through local missions, soup kitchens and shelters. k.d. lang has requested that the donated food be vegetarian.

USA Harvest utilizes 59,000 volunteers to deliver 225 million pounds of food annually across the nation. The organization accepts no money from the public or any government agency and distributes all goods free of cost.

k.d. lang is currently on the second leg of a worldwide tour which includes stops in North America, Australia, Japan and Europe. Concerts highlight material from her latest — and aptly titled — Warner Bros. Records release, All You Can Eat. Additionally, the k.d. lang recording of “Love Affair” can be heard on the soundtrack of Warner Bros. Pictures release, Twister.


IT'S A GAY LIFE

PLEASE, AMY, TELL ME THERE ARE TWO BOYS OUT IN THE CAR.
Are Anchorage schools good for gay and lesbian students?

Book review

School’s Out: The Impact of Gay and Lesbian Issues on America’s Schools
by Dan Woog

One Teacher in Ten: Gay and lesbian educators tell their stories.
by Kevin Jennings, Editor

Becoming Visible: A reader in gay and lesbian history for high school and college students.
by Kevin Jennings, Editor

“School Days, school days, dear old Golden Rule days...” Pollyannas have written reams over the decades about school days as a blissful idyll of carefree happiness. Most adult lesbians and gay men whom I know remember school as a place of uncertainty, self-doubt, fear, harassment, and isolation. The good news is that schools are changing — and fast!

In Alaska there are beginnings of change for the better. In Anchorage several high schools have gay/lesbian self-help support groups. A few counselors, teachers and principals are supportive. There is one teenage self-help support group outside the school system, the IMRU2 group sponsored by PFLAG. There have been no murders of gay students, no firing of gay teachers recently, and no highly visible antigay incidents in schools to arouse the town. Rather, on the down side, Anchorage exists in a quiet limbo of denial and fear, where few in the school system dare to make waves, and where meanwhile, the needs of lesbian and gay teens are not even talked about, let alone being met. There is no municipal anti-discrimination ordinance, no protection of gay and lesbian teachers, no school policy specifically banning harassment of gay and lesbian students, and no workshops to inform teachers, counselors, and administrators about homosexuality. Generally, Anchorage schools are not safe or happy places for openly gay youth.

Dan Woog is an ‘out’ journalist and high school soccer coach in Westport, Connecticut. With the encouragement of Boston publisher Sasha Alyson, Woog set out in 1993 to learn about the experiences of gay and lesbian educators and students over the length and breadth of America. Three hundred interviews are the basis for his book, School’s Out: The Impact of Gay and Lesbian Issues on America’s Schools. He found that young people are coming out more freely than ever, that in many places the issues are being talked about, and he kept hearing of the release of energy, creativity, and fulfillment when teachers and students are free of the closet. Woog covered the field — teachers, counselors, coaches, nurses, principals, and programs. He also observed the wide range in the amount of progress that has been made in various areas, but noted that the Harvey Milk School in New York City, founded by the staff of the Hetrick-Martin Institute, is the only high school in the country exclusively for gay-les-bi-transgender students. Likewise, Massachusetts is the only state with a mandated state-wide, pro-gay, anti-discrimination program for its school system. Another state, Minnesota, has a general statute that includes sexual orientation, and its Department of Education has published a 59-page report, Alone No More: Developing a School Support System for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth. Alaska and Anchorage, in contrast, have no ordinance and no program. Much needs to be done!

Kevin Jennings teaches history at Concord Academy in Concord, Massachusetts, and, as one of the nation’s first openly-gay educators, founded GLSTN, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network. He is the author of two books: One Teacher in Ten: Gay and lesbian educators tell their stories, and Becoming Visible: a reader in gay and lesbian history for high school and college students. The latter has basic information about who we are and whence we come that every gay person should be aware of. One Teacher in Ten is an anthology of poignant first-hand accounts of the rewards and the costs of coming out, or in failing to do so, and the successes and failures that educators have had.

These three books show that Alaska and Anchorage lag far behind many cities and school districts elsewhere in providing safe, sensitive, and effective education for all its children, including the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender ones. These books will open the eyes of educators who do not see that there is a problem, and they will stimulate to activity the few who can see the problem but who have not yet been aroused enough to do anything about it.

Fred Hillman is a retired physician in Anchorage.

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Many people have indicated they would like to do things for the cause but really need something to do at home. We need someone with a talent for soliciting to sell ads for NorthView, resell existing advertisers and track payments. Every such paid ad we get frees more money from the budget for community activities and projects. Time commitment — maybe ten hours a month, exclusively at home, if you wish.

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RARE-T works!

RARE-T Works!

RARE-T (Reduce AIDS Risk Effectively in Teens) is a program provided through the Anchorage School District which trains high school teens to teach their peers HIV and AIDS education. Each of the Anchorage area high schools (Dimond, Service, Bartlett, East, West, Chugiak, Polaris, and SAVE) have participants active in the program. The teens in the program are experienced speakers, able to bring an understanding of the subject and a fresh voice to their audience. The RARE-T students have effectively taught in elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, and to groups of adults. The students respond to learning from peers who can relate to their problems, and adults gain new perspectives from the trainers.

The units in the RARE-T basic text include: Basic Facts about HIV and AIDS, The Immune System, Communication Skills, Drug and Alcohol Use, Sexual Concerns and Influences, Risk Reduction and Developing a Healthy Self Esteem.

The trainers build upon the basic text in a two-day training session and weekly group meetings. Many of the schools have expanded to teach lessons on topics such as bullying and peer pressure. All of the trainers are selected through an interview process, and have to work very hard to balance presentations, classes, and other school activities. The teens participating in RARE-T are a diverse and active group, both in their schools and in the community. All RARE-T participants believe that education is the only prevention.

Melanie Allen, RARE-T Volunteer

Because I Care

For two years I have seen the horror. I have seen the people who don’t care whether they live or die until it’s too late to turn around and retrieve themselves from the self-inflicted wound. I have seen the tears of families drip to the hardened ground as a loved one passes by in a black crate, on their way to being free once again ... but I have also seen the hope.

I have been involved in RARE-T, an AIDS awareness program, during my last two years of high school. I have traveled to several places trying to promote safe sex, communications between people, staying away from high-risk activities and so on. I sit afterwards thinking ... wondering if what I just did saved lives. Do they actually care what we have to teach them? Do they follow our advice and refrain from getting involved in something that can steal the clean breath of youthfulness out of their lives? We try so hard to save the youth of our world. Many people ask why bother? What good are you going to do? Why teach a world that is unwilling to learn? It’s because I care, and so does everybody involved in this ongoing pursuit of justice for a dying world.

Ten years ago we would only hear that people had AIDS. Today we are lucky if we don’t know anyone with this disease. The number grows more outrageous every day. The only people who can stop it are us. We can fight this nightmare by the power of knowledge. We can stop this together.

There are so many people who think that AIDS is the gay disease, and they think straight people don’t need to worry about contracting it. In the future, these are the people who will be lying on their death beds because of their ignorance and disbelief. Our world is not separated by this plague; we are separated only by the prejudice that our world is drowning in.

The power of life drives us to breathe, the power of friendship helps us to share the pain and the joys of life. The thought of death makes us stronger to live. The thought of living brings us joy to live.

I have found many, if not all, positive aspects to life. I am very fortunate to have found this group of peer educators. The friends that I have made, the close relationships, ... more than anyone could ask for. Our peer groups have gone through so much in our teachings. Many people don’t realize how hard we work to spread the message of abstinence. We sacrifice some school and social events. Even though our grades may slip a bit, we work double time to get everything caught up. Our top priority is to spread the word and caution the young world. If you have never done this, you can’t imagine how hard it is to teach those who don’t understand what this disease means. We teach whenever we can to save those young lives. It is our goal.

Together we are like a kite in the clear blue sky, soaring as a speck in a large world. Even though we go unnoticed, we are making a difference.

Jason Wright is an eighteen-year-old Chugiak High School graduate. Jason has been involved with RARE-T for two years. He will attend the University of Alaska, Anchorage on a Theatre Scholarship in the Fall of 1996.

Both of these articles were taken from the Summer 1996 Four A’s Newsline, published by the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.
Obituaries

Jerry A. Brhel

Anchorage and Palmer resident Jerry A. Brhel, 39, died June 19, 1996, at the Bally-Housey Hospice in Seattle of AIDS-related complications.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday at 1535 Bannister Drive in Anchorage. Steve Bowstead will officiate. Mr. Brhel's ashes will be scattered in Alaska and Washington.

Mr. Brhel was born March 20, 1957, in Johnson City, NY. He moved to Alaska in 1969, and graduated from Palmer High School.

He worked for the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry in Palmer, Angelo's Restaurant in Anchorage, and the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. He enjoyed camping, hiking, playing with his dog, Sheeba, and spending time with family and friends.

His friends and family said, "Jerry's partner, Rob, his four sisters and his many good friends will all miss him. He was gentle and always willing to help with any project. He could turn the most grueling backpack trip into a lap-of-luxury experience. Jerry will be missed by everybody he touched, but we know he is at peace with the rhythm and flow of life."

Mr. Brhel is survived by his life partner, Rob Coughlin of Seattle; sisters, Pat Rehback and Cindy Olson of Anchorage, Cookie Somerville of Palmer and Rose Beardsley of Scottsdale, Ariz.; close friends, Robert Hathaway of Seattle, Steve Bowstead of Vanish Island, Wash., and Annie Moen of Minnesota; German shepherd, Sheeba; and many nieces, nephews and brothers-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Leona.

Robert Basler

Robert Christian Basler, 51, died peacefully July 11, 1996, at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

A scattering of ashes and gathering of friends will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Sea Cliff Terrace Condominiums, 5400 West Dimond Boulevard, No. B-8.

Mr. Basler was born April 11, 1945, in Vienna, Austria. He immigrated to America with his parents. After his childhood in Gifford, IL, he attended high schools in Rantoul, IL, St. John's Academy in Wisconsin, and in Toronto, Canada. He earned his doctorate in economics at the University of Illinois, where he later taught.

Mr. Basler made Alaska his home in 1976, while working at Susitna Lodge. He later settled in Anchorage.

He sought out challenges, which were reflected in his diverse work history, ranging from Bush work to legislative chief of staff and campaign manager in Juneau, to eventually political/economic consulting in Anchorage, friends and family members said.

"Christian was a free spirit," they said. "He approached life with an open heart and mind, embracing all life brought him. His was a curiosity encompassing a great spectrum which carried him to many levels of rich experiences. Christian's generous open spirit found its match in the wild beauty of Alaska, where he was free to be larger than life or in his native tongue, 'ein einmaliger mensch.'"

His friends, travels, love of fine foods and wines, music, and most of all, conversation and philosophy were his passions, friends and family said. He loved to dance, ski, kayak and hike Alaska's wonders.

His memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved him, they said.

Mr. Basler is survived by his life partner and love, Christopher Salerno of Anchorage; mother, Margareta Basler of Champaign, IL; father, Dr. Robert Basler of Paxton, IL; sisters, Elizabeth Gour of Sacramento, CA, Suzanne Mower of Seattle, and Ingrid Basler of Denver; and many friends in Anchorage and all over Alaska and America.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Evergreen Memorial Chapels.

Taken from various issues of the Anchorage Daily News.
Why don’t you come up and see my Netscape sometime?  

F. _k is not in the American Heritage Dictionary (AHD) on my computer. Neither is fornicate, fellatio, or cunnilingus, but sodomy is, and, dear readers of the anatomically, female variety, you will be glad to know that we do not do what we did last night. It was just a figment of your imagination.

I don’t understand it; those words are in my print copy of the AHD, which has stood in many an elementary classroom when I taught school. So just in case the communications police are monitoring my fax and e-mail transmissions, I will use the old blanks-in-the-middle code as I write. At least snail mail offers more privacy.

Even more insidious, the computerized version of AHD has an electronic hand slap; if you persist in trying to access one of these dirty words, your Mac will do a systems error trip, and the words “implemented trap” will appear in a dialogue box. Now that could be an expensive moral lesson: persist enough, and you’ll crash your computer. To whom do I write to complain?

By all means, let’s keep all the children in ignorance. That will stop them from wanting to have sex, right? Tell that to the infants who just reached the developmental stage, where they know they own their hands, and they found their disproportionately large penises and vulvas and smiled. And they can’t even read or talk, much less manipulate a keyboard.

What has this to do with Dear Love and me? Lots. For one, we both have e-mail on our home computers now, and we have begun sending love messages across the electrical impulses (from two rooms away), albeit some might be called conceits by poets of yore: “my love wiggles its butt like a cat ready to pounce” (truly awful, but it makes me smile).

For another, I finally got Netscape loaded onto my computer (Dear Love is awaiting more memory in the mail) after two classes, a personal three-hour on-site assistance visit by my instructor, phone calls to other people who have the same computer, etc. Whenever I sit down in the Bristol Bay Campus Internet lab and start to look up anything in the queer world, I have an attack of internalized homophobia and get scared and uncomfortable; however, even without looking for queer stuff, it pops up all over the place on other net searches. We are very good at linking, pun intended.

Naturally, when one gets access to information (power), one goes exploring, so Dear Love and I have been exploring the queer world on the Internet, and I’m sure we haven’t even begun to tap the sources. We have found Isle of Lesbos and CyberQueer Lounge and AngelWeb (Internet addresses at end of article). I don’t know what the big deal is about children finding sex pictures on the Internet. You have to pay for them as far as I can tell; you have to subscribe to services that put them on the Internet. It’s not like you accidentally stumble across men-on-men or women-on-women. Need I say that all the references to our beloved queer words in the AHD are derogatory? What an attitude! Grollier’s Encyclopedia isn’t like that; at worst, it’s neutral but has a decidedly liberal tone.

The Smithsonian CD-ROM! In the file “Political Movements and Resistance,” the designated five great political movements of the twentieth century were the labor movement, suffrage, the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement and the gay rights movement! In bold color on the monitor was the health contingent of the DC Pride March led by the Walker Clinic folks. I cannot tell you the thrill it gave me to see us so acknowledged.

Dear Love and I found lesbian images in Art on the Isle of Lesbos home page and saw some truly beautiful and sexy images in art from the 18th century up till 1935. Not a bad way to spend some Saturday time.

And guess what? From CyberQueer Lounge, we linked to regional areas and then to Missouri and found out all the gay-related legislative info since 1993. The Missouri legislature voted down an anti-gay marriage bill! So those of you who have been sneering at Missouri, this is me feeling smug.

For the remaining three months we are in Dillingham, we plan to surf the lesbibay world extensively because our Internet access is free (any of you at any AK State University whether staff, faculty or students can get this by taking a single-credit class). Once we move to Missouri, we’ll have to pay for an Internet provider and call long distance to Springfield, so we won’t explore so much. We need to get our address books very full by then.

I’m glad that Dear Love and I are both technologically accepting. Wouldn’t it be a mess if we weren’t? One Luddite and one techie living in the same house would be a real fun time. We both have different approaches to computer/software problems, and together, helping each other, we have one whole-techie brain. Sometimes, neither of us is very good at accepting help, so we leave each other alone until asked.

And that’s the way it’s been with all the lesbians who have ever made themselves available to me as free computer consultants. If it wasn’t for Lucy, I’d never have had a chance to remember anything I learned. I couldn’t afford a computer and she let me use her Mac whenever possible. If it wasn’t for Deb D. and Lisa J., I would have given up the first time I disappeared all the words from the screen; they never laughed at me either. They were so patient when I’d call and ask my desperate, hysterical questions when I was trying to meet deadlines.

So girls, and boys, no matter your level of experience, age or availability of computers, there is probably some wonderful lesbibay people in the community who will be happy to bring you out into the computer age. In fact, it might be a good come-on either way: “Why don’t you come up and see my Netscape sometime?” or, “I can’t figure out how to print just that one picture of that adorable guy on AngelWeb without getting all the links printed out too. Could you come show me?”

Queer Resources Directory: http://www.qrd.org/qrd/  
CyberQueer Lounge:  

© Karen Carlisle, a former, proud, technological dinosaur. Been there in Bushville.
PFLAG launches web site

by Jessica MR Greenman

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian and bisexual persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights. PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. Serving more than 56,000 members, PFLAG affiliates are located in more than 390 communities across the United States, and in 11 other countries. PFLAG officially launched its area on the World Wide Web June 7, 1996.

PFLAG has a home page, a complete overview of the organization's mission, structure and leadership. The web page includes a description of benefits of membership as both a chapter member and an at-large national member. There is information on how to join PFLAG as a chapter or at-large member. Press and Policy includes the latest press releases issued, recent press clippings, letters to the editor and op-eds published in periodicals around the country; information about PFLAG's activities around current issues and events and organizational policy statements. Project Open Mind has information about the latest updates on the most ambitious public education campaigns to date, as well as data and statistics on hate crimes and teen suicide, too often tragic results of hate speech targeted at lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans. In PFLAG Store, there information about support and education publications, as well as other PFLAG merchandise like pens, notepads, T-shirts and more.

PFLAG Executive Director Sandra Gillis said, "Our Web site is a powerful new communications tool for PFLAG. With the tremendous accessibility of the Web, PFLAG can reach more people than ever with our mission of support, education and advocacy. We can provide information to teens who may not be able to use their parents' phone to make a call. We can be a lifeline to those parents or family members of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered people who may have no initial place to turn for truthful information about their loved one and how family members and friends can create new and loving relationships with them."

PFLAG's address on the Web is: http://www.pflag.org.

From: WHITE MIKE/NEWHAV LO@mail.nhusd.k12.ca.us
Subject: RAINBOW PRIDE WEB PAGE

On Thursday, May 23, the Rainbow Pride Club at James Logan High School posted its first web page on the school's home page under "Student Groups - Rainbow Pride". The page is made up a history of the club, background on the school district's efforts concerning GLBT youth and employees, statements from students with recommendation for events and programs for the high school, and a statement from the page's creator. The page is the result of a year long Master's project, and the club would like people to visit the site, and give feedback. The page can be found at:

http://www.jlhs.nhusd.k12.ca.us
under Student Groups - Rainbow Pride

From: David Barnett <barnett@uiuc.edu>
Subject: Youth Conference in Columbia SC

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association at the University of South Carolina, is planning a conference for LGBT youth (age 13-23) this coming fall. It is titled: Reaching Out In The South: Second Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Youth, their Advisors and Counselors. It will be held at the University of South Carolina, Columbia on October 25-17, 1996.

Information about the conference at their website:
http://web.csd.sc.edu/bгла/conference.html

Please get in touch with Gaurav Shroff, President of GLAUSC, b by e-mail <USCBGLA@VMSC.EDU>, by mail at the address below, or by telephone: 803-779-9413) if you have any other questions.

Reaching Out in the South
Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Association
University of South Carolina
PO Box 80098
Columbia SC 29225
email: uscbgl@vm.sc.edu or site: http://web.csd.sc.edu/bгла

A gay in the life. by John Sieruta ©1994

I love your place!
How much is the rent?

I'm not telling you that!
I think that's really personal.

Well Geez! I could've asked you
how many men you've slept with.

$850.00 and the utilities aren't included.
1996 state marriage legislation

Real discrimination, real rights & responsibilities

Nowhere in the U.S. do gay, lesbian or bisexual couples receive the same recognition or benefits that married couples do. In fact, they face tremendous discrimination. Lesbians and gay men who have been their partner’s primary caretaker are often turned away at the hospital when there has been an accident or illness; refused “family” health coverage, taxation and inheritance rights; and even denied protection in heterosexual families, such as the recent Sharon Bottoms case in Virginia. If legally married, gay, lesbian and bisexual couples would have a greater ability to care for and protect their families, including the option to:

- file joint tax returns.
- have access to joint insurance policies for home, auto and health.
- inherit automatically in the absence of a will, including jointly-owned real and personal property through the right of survivorship.
- secure workplace and other benefits such as annuities, pension plans, Social Security, Medicare.
- obtain veterans’ discounts on medical care, education, and home loans.
- enter jointly into leases and other contracts, such as apartment and car rental agreements, and maintain renewal rights.
- raise children together including: joint adoption, joint foster care, custody, and visitation including non-biological parents.
- secure wrongful death benefits for a surviving partner and children.
- take bereavement leave when a partner or child dies.
- handle post-mortem decisions involving deceased partners, including where to be buried and how.
- receive crime victims’ recovery benefits.
- secure domestic violence protection orders in states where this is currently prohibited.
- obtain divorce protections such as community property and child support.
- establish status as next-of-kin for hospital visits and medical decisions where one partner is too ill to be competent.
- qualify to apply for permanent residency for an immigrant partner.

For additional information see: To Have and To Hold: Organizing For Our Right to Marry, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1995. ($11 inc. shipping). To order call (202) 332-6483, ext. 3327. Write to NGLTF at 2320 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Bishop Spong in Anchorage

by Fred Hillman

The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ, will be speaking in Anchorage during three days in August. Bishop Spong is widely known as an inspiring speaker and challenging thinker, one who asks hard questions and is not satisfied with easy answers. He has long been a straight advocate for gay and lesbian people and ordained a gay man as an Episcopal priest in 1989. Bishop Spong is the author of many books and articles on ethics, sexuality, theology, and many other subjects, including a book that questions the divinity of Jesus. This will be a rare opportunity to hear a nationally recognized, iconoclastic and controversial theologian, speaking on subjects that resonate in the lives of most gay and lesbian people, whether they be religious or not, church-goers or not.

Trinitarian that he is, Bishop Spong will give three lectures on three days at three locations, as follows:

The Future of the Church

Sunday, Aug. 4:
9:00 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; 3201 Turnagain St.
(4 blocks south of Northern Lights Boulevard)
11:00 a.m., Unity Church, 10821 Totem Road, at the corner of
O’Malley Road, just east of the zoo)
7:30 p.m., Awood Center, Alaska Pacific University
(“dessert” reception and speech)

Monday, Aug. 5:
7:30 p.m., Awood Center, Alaska Pacific University
Mary, Mother of Jesus: The Virgin Tradition and Its Effect on the Definition of Women.

Tuesday, Aug. 6:
7:30 p.m., Awood Center, Alaska Pacific University
Consciousness and Survival: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into the Possibility of Life Beyond Biological Death.

All presentations are free and open to the public, and will be followed by discussion.

Bishop Spong’s visit is sponsored by Alaska Pacific University, the Unity Church of Anchorage, and the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This project is supported in part by a mini-grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was initiated and organized largely through the dedicated efforts of long-time Alaskan, Dorothy Anne Zappa.
Leading gay anti-violence groups around the country have predicted that this summer will show an all time peak in violent hate crimes, according to Matt Foreman of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project (NYCAVP). He reminded the public that anti-gay violence last peaked in 1992, in conjunction with that year’s presidential election, and that the scope of anti-gay organizing in the country was “unprecedented.”

In spite of a small dip between 1992 and 1993, most cities have seen a dramatic increase in reports of violent crimes committed against gays and lesbians. Nationally, such offenses are up 7% again from last year’s tally and up over 92% since 1989. Further, the attacks are becoming more severe with one in four of the victims now being seriously injured or murdered.

Summer heat and the hate-rhetoric of a presidential campaign year are already showing big increases

Increased statistics are already being reported. While most types of violent crimes increase during the warmer summer months, this year’s increase is expected to be much higher as some candidates whip up public hysteria over gays, gay rights, and particularly, gay marriage laws. Jan Holland, a victim advocate with the National Coalition of AVPs, said cases sometimes increase two-fold in June and that this June was particularly violent.

Violence against all minorities is generally increasing world-wide

“Hate crimes are up all over the world, particularly in Western Europe. The attacks are frequently done by skin heads striking foreign workers, Jews, gays, other minorities, the elderly, and the handicapped. These skin head groups have strong and growing international links,” noted Elan Steinberg, Executive Director of the World Jewish Congress.

However, Austin legislator, Dianne Hardy-Garcia reported that hate crimes were up in Texas also, but with a larger percentage based on sexual orientation. This trend of more of the hate crimes being focused on the gay community has been documented throughout the country.

Luis Aragon, Deputy District Attorney Of The San Diego D.A.’s Office, shed some light onto why gays were targeted. Aragon, who pointed out the difficulty of monitoring and said, “It seems that in the assailant community, there is an impression that gays are easier targets (as crime victims).”

Bob Heider, a policeman who works with Aragon, concurs, and noted the irony of many of the so-called “easy” victims. The gay community organized to fight violence decades ago and the gay stereotype that gay criminals have had doesn’t match reality. News of the error may be reaching the assailant community, for in cities where police departments vigorously pursue hate crime perpetrators, hate crimes against gays have dropped. However, even in those cities the ferocity of the attacks that did occur have increased.

Reports vs. actual

“Are hate crime numbers up? Yes, but maybe just the reported number is up because the climate to report these crimes is better and public is now encouraged to report them,” Aragon, who tracks all types of hate crimes, continued, “hate crime reports are up involving all minorities. The most frequent victim groups are: blacks, Latinos, and gays. I suspect that there are also many more attacks against illegal aliens that will never be reported.”

Why rising-what triggers it.

Matt Foreman provided the following information, “The apparent connection between anti-gay/lesbian organizing and hate violence against gay men and lesbians is supported by data from other parts of the country. In 1992, right wing groups organized campaigns to pass ballot initiatives in Colorado and Oregon to prevent the extension of civil rights protection to gay men and lesbians in those states. Proponents of the measures suffused both states with egregious myths and negative stereotypes of gay and lesbian people. In both states, hate crimes against lesbians and gay men soared. During 1993, the fervor pitch abated in both states and reported incidents declined.

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James McElroy is an attorney who handles hate crime cases and successfully sued Mike Metzger of W.A.R. (White Aryan Resistance) for $12,000,000. When asked which minority group showed the biggest increase in hate crimes, McElroy responded, “(the) most significant increase is in the gay community. In my personal opinion, hate crimes are up in the USA and the world.

How to avoid violence
The police encourage people to avoid situations that lead to violence. “Be alert when you are out on the street,” one gay-friendly officer explained, “be aware of surroundings and suspicious behavior, and maintain distance from suspicious groups when in a deserted area, or get out of that area.” He suggested that everyone call in suspicious behavior such as loitering groups that are mis-matched to the area, or hate yelled from vehicles. “Often these same people will later commit a bashing, this gives us a lead to follow.” He also strongly recommended that all people attend workshops, and support or form an anti-violence project in their own community. The three cities that had a significant decrease in the number of anti-gay offenses all had active anti-violence groups.

Who does the crimes?
McElroy said “The kind of individuals most likely to commit a hate crime are kids who don’t have a lot of support system, not much strokes from family, sports, or school. They tend to be out of the military, BUT there is a strong military connection.” All ages, races, sexes, and types of situations are well represented, but most frequently, hate crimes are committed by a group of two or more white males under 30 years of age. The attacks frequently are happening at night and to lone individuals leaving gay businesses or in gay identified parts of town. These criminals hunt for victims, then watch or even talk to their victims first. They might pretend to cruise or approach the victim with funny conversation and then attack. They like to attack in quiet isolated areas, or deserted areas that usually, at other times of the day, have a lot of foot traffic.

Violence from someone you know
The New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project’s report states that much anti-gay violence occurs from people the victims already know and often already been attacked by, such as hostile neighbors. McElroy encourages people in such situations to get restraining orders. The perpetrators might ignore the restraining order, but once they do, they can be sent to jail.

What to do if attacked
If approached and attacked, most experts agree the best thing to do is to try to escape. If you can’t escape, get angry, make noise, watch for weapons, nearby other attackers, and fight back. Try not to fall to the ground, as chances are you’ll be much more seriously injured there. If you have been attacked, most experts encourage you to report the attack to the police and a community group, get counseling for yourself, and push for a civil suit. Criminal prosecution is usually difficult. McElroy explained that, “Criminal prosecution can be much more effective. Some guys wear criminal prosecution as a badge of courage, BUT civil judgment against them in some states is good for 20 years. They might be some out-of-work skin head now, but you can garnish their wages anytime in the next 20 years. They can’t bankrupt out of an intentional malicious act either.”

Steven Homer, an Albuquerque attorney alerted readers to differences in state laws. In some states the law allows that the regular damages would be dischargeable by bankruptcy but that punitive damages awarded by a judge or jury are not dischargeable for many years. He also reminded the gay community, that under certain circumstances, the victim may have up to 6 years to file an action against the criminal.

Stephen Chrysler is a nationally syndicated journalist appearing in over 20 gay publications. He has a particular interest in hate crimes, having been a victim himself in 1994 when three well-groomed young men approached him and his lover on a deserted street pretending to be politely asking for help in finding a taxi. © Stephen A. Chrysler, 1996.

Job announcement
National Coming Out Day is celebrated on October 11 each year. Identity is seeking an individual willing to Chair the local event. In years past a dance has been held and a “SpeakOut” presented when individuals share their own “coming out story.” If this is something you are willing to undertake on behalf of the Anchorage LesBiGayTrans community, please contact Ruth at 563-1324.

Helpline volunteer training
The next Helpline training is scheduled for Saturday, August 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the Identity office, located in the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Lunch will be provided. Telephone Candy at 337-2022 for more information.
The cross-dressing of Dan McGrew

by Scott McCrea

Listen boys and girls, for the story that I tell
of the great Dan McGrew, y'all probably know him well.
Big as a bear and tall as a tree,
he was a man of pride, stalwart and free.
He loved many a lady, one every other night,
he killed many a man, usually in a barroom fight.
Whiskey for breakfast and bear meat for dinner,
even the devil had to turn away this sinner.
But underneath the muscles and curly chest hair,
was a man with a fetish for women’s underwear.
Negligees, brassieres, and panties made of lace,
Dan wore them and danced all over the place.
Sometimes when ol’ Dan was feeling bold,
it’d be a frilly dress, if it wasn’t too cold.
A trot to the bar, with guys asking “Dan! What the hell!”
Fluttering his eyes, he’d croon, “Boys, the name is Danielle!”

McCrea is a columnist for Heartland, published by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, July 7, 1996.

HIV accelerates in those ‘closeted’

from Science News

A Science News article in the June 22 issue reports that a 9-year study of 80 gay men who were contacted in the earliest stages of HIV infection and assessed every 6 months showed that infection progressed most rapidly among men who said they were in the closet half of the time or more.

A related 9-year study of 222 HIV-negative gay men found that infectious diseases and cancers of all types occur more often as concealment intensifies. For some reason, an unwillingness to disclose emotional experiences appears to be linked to weakened immune responses.

This does not mean, however, that everyone would improve their health by immediately coming out of the closet. “Many closeted men would probably experience so much stress after coming out of the closet that it would be a counterproductive strategy for them,” remarked the director of the study of 80 men, Steve W. Cole, a psychologist at the University of California, Los Angeles.

—article reviewed by Joyce Bauer
The Directory

AA...

This directory is our "yellow pages" and reference guide. It's free! Write Identity or call Angie/Linda at the KK at 337-0253. The designations of (L)esbian, (G)ay and (A)llly 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: enlighten! All listings are in Anchorage unless indicated.

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

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

AIDS:
(A) Alaskan AIDS Assistance Assoc., 263-2050 (see 4A's page)
(A) Alaskans Living with HIV (ALHIV), Juneau, 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, Kake, 278-5019

Air Services:
(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-738-1765

Alternative Medicine/Health:
(A) Hope, 561-2330
(A) Gatecky, Ketki/Jaimini, 561-7327
(A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8986.

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

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

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

Art/Graphics
(L) Catworks, Catherine, 563-5492

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

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

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

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

Bars:
(G/L) The Blue Moon, 277-0441
(G/L) O'Brady's, 344-8033, 338-1080, 563-1080 (see ad)
(G/L) Palace Saloon (Fairbanks), Alaskaland (Fri & Sat ONLY)
(G/L) The Raven, 276-9672
(L/G) The Wave, 276-0690 or 561-WAVE

Bed & Breakfasts, Accommodations:
(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), 907-325-8495 (see ad)
(L) Cheney Lake B&B, Mary/Janet, 337-4391
(G) Crabtree Guest House (Fairbanks), Bill/Bobby, 907-451-6501
(A) Fairbanks Hotel (Fairbanks) Doris Lundin, 888-329-4885
(A) Gallery Bed & Breakfast (Anchorage) Leslie Evans 274-2567
(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 907-235-2265 (see ad)
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G/A) Sourdough Lodging (Seward, AK), Gordon, 907-224-8946.

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

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

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

Books:
(A) Alaskana, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)
(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Terry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

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

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

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

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

Churches:
see Spiritual

Coffee Houses:
(G) Hollywood Canteen, Rand, 562-0737
(G/L) The Socialite at The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE

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

Computer Bulletin Board:
(G) The Wilde Side, 333-4039

Computer Supplies:
(L) Frigid North, Tom, 561-4633 (see ad)

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4ASC
(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By Teq Alaska, Inc., F. Ken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-8682
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) Ekstastic RAM, Robert Iris, 522-4275
(G) gra.f/x, Lucian, 561-5856
(L) Helleck & Assoc., Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mark, 274-9472

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

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

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

Counseling:
(A) 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

Deaf Support:
(A) Interpreter Referral Line, 277-3323 voice, 277-0735 TTY
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Dental Care...

(A) Deaf Rehabilitation Serv., 277-3456 voice, 258-2232 TTY

Dental Care:

(A) Ward Hulbert, DDS, 248-0022

Drug Shows:

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

(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Drug Dependency:

(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-84 PRIDE (547-7433)

Electrical:

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

Electronics:

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

Electrolysis:

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

(L) Gentle Touch Electrolysis Clinic, Bronwyn 561-6608/277-4744

Entertainment:

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

(G) Capri Cinema, 561-0064 (see ad)

(A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9751

(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2599

Feldenkrais:

(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816

Financial, Insurance, Investments:

(L) Chris, 561-8040/388-3962 (see ad)

(G) Jon, Bank of America, 263-2637

Fishing:

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

Flightseeing:

(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-737-1765

Floors & Tile:

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

(Florists:

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

(A) Growing Concern Florist, Darin, 279-8688

Flying:

(L) McKinley Air SVC., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765

Furniture:

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

Gasoline:

(A) Courtneyn’s, Linn, 562-1227 (see ad)

General Contracting:

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

Gifts:

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

(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876

(A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8996

Glacier Landings:

(L) Mt. McKinley Air Service, Keli or LeeAnn, 800-564-1765; 907-737-1765

Greenhouses:

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

Hair Styling:

(G) Gabriel, 272-9045

(A) 36th Ave. Hair Design, Lediha, 561-8967

Health:

(G) Gatekey, Ketti/Jaimin, 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/Darbly, 561-0181

(A) The Ole Herb Shoppe, Constance, 522-4372

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

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

(A) Skin care, Shari, 345-7451

Health, naturopathic:

(A) Hope, 561-2300

Helpline:

(G/L) Anchorage, Identity Helpline, 258-4777 (see ad)

(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

Houseware:

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

Hypnotherapy:

(A) Rainbow Counseling, Maureen, 277-0582

Imperial Court:

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

Income Tax Preparation:

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

Independent Marketer:

(A) Mark, 279-5264

Insurance:

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

Internet Service Providers:

(G) ServCom Alaska, Mark Mathes, 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 (see ad)

(A) Mendel & Huntington, Kara, 279-5001 (see ad)

(L) Rhodes, Phyllis; Mediator, 346-2217

(A) Short, Sylvia, 562-4992 (see ad)

Massage:

(L) Beth (MT), Debbie (CMT), 566-0842

(G) Don, 338-8826

(G) Gabriel, 272-9045

(A) Joyce, (CMT), 562-1916 (see ad)

(L) Lesley (non-sexual), 278-3346

(A) Marion, 562-0012

(A) Vicki, 277-5222

Media:

(L) NLGJA (National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association),

Kim, Alaska chapter coordinator and board member, 277-2704

Meetings:

(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE

Mortgage Brokers:

(A) City Mortgage, Lynn (LaPerriere) Thomas, 277-0700 (see ad)

Music/Instruments:

(A) Oldtime Music Company, Marge, 561-6862 (see ad)

Native Arts/Culture:

(A) Moon Dance Arts, Rosemary (Wasilla), 373-5353

Newsletters/Newspapers:

(A) Alaska Women Speak, Mary Lec, 696-0924

(A) Anchorage Press, Nick, 561-7737 (see ad)

(L) Klondyke Contact (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, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Obstetrics & Gynecology:

(A) Jane, 563-5151
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, Arlid, 279-5861

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

Political:
(A) Alaskans Concerned About Latin America (ACALA), Ruth, 333-1190

Anchorage Women's Political Caucus, Rhonda, 274-9308

G/L Equal, Inc., 274-9226

G/L Log Cabin Republicans, (503) 642-7292

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

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

Recreation:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(G/L/B) Out in Alaska, Howie, Palmer, 746-7778
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)

(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 561-5907, 561-7907
(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(A) Bronwyn Real Estate, 907-277-4744, 800-750-4796
(L) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucile, 417-745-6798 (o); 417-993-4302 (h)
(A) Coldwell Banker, Elaine, 562-2378
(A) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663

(G) Dream Homes (Fairbanks), Jonathan, 907-451-1828 (see ad)
(A) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social/Educational:
(G) Anchorage Garden Buddies, 258-4777
(GLA) Q*Klatch (Fairbanks), Eric, 487-4051
(GLA) Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (S.E.A.G.L.A.), 907-586-4297

...Writing and Editing Assistance

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

Spiritual:
(A) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Anchor Church of Religious Science, Center for Positive Living, Rev. Nancee Sweeney, 258-0010
(A) Anchor Church Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Art, 248-3737 (see ad)
(A) Church of the Covenant (Matanuska Valley), Pastor Howard Bess, 746-1099
(A) Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church, 258-5266
(A) St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church (Kodiak), Fr. Paul, 486-5276
(A) Unity Church of Anchorage, 346-2824

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(A) Fishe by Ince (Eagle River), 907-694-6946
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(G) Roy's Bikes, Roy, 333-8221

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

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

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

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

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

Tours:
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-799-3701

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

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

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

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

Writing & Editing Assistance:
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059
(L) Kathy, 278-2840
Club notes

* 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.

**Alaskans AIDS Assistance Association (4As) Anchorage**
offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00 pm) 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 information
about meeting time and place, contact Christopher at
907-479-7348.

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

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

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

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

**EQUAL, Inc. Fairbanks**
purpose is to keep the community informed about political and
legal events which have an effect on the LeaBiGay 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-
tended sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy
907-457-3876. For more information about EQual, contact
Laura Burleson at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLEB@aurora.
alaska.edu.

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

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

**Fairbanks Radio Station**
KSUA 91.5 “Queer Beans” on 5-7 p.m. Saturdays

**Family—Anchorage**
meets every Saturday from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Arts Building,
Room 121 on the UAA campus. Social group after 7:00 pm
(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.
6:30 pm potluck, 7:30 pm 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-
8:30 pm at 845 'K' St. 279-5001.

**Identity, Inc. Anchorage**
-founded to improve self and community awareness, under-
standing, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual
identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthful
ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity
builds bridges between different segments of the Lesbian and
Gay communities as well as bridges between the Gay/Lesbian
and non-Gay/non-Lesbian communities. Potluck Social is held
on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Doors open at
6:30 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm; program at 7:30 pm. 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 258-4777.

**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 11:00 am and 7:00 pm,
and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. at 4th and Barrow. 258-4226 Church
is open Sunday through Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

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

**Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club, Anchorage**
isa social group open to anyone Gay, Lesbian, or ally. Look for
upcoming events in the Calendar, or call Erich on 277-3236.

**Northern Exposure Bowling League, Anchorage**
each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, Park Lanes 661-8744 (Bob).

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)**
of Fairbanks meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm
at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin (Noble
and 5th). Contact Nancy at 458-2238 for more information.

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)**
of Juneau meets the 1st Saturday of every month at 10:30 am at
Mendenhall Mall Library. Phone 907-463-4203.
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) of Southcentral holds meetings on the 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 canoe down the Tanana River to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the Alaska Range), went hunting and fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more info, call Eric at 455-4051 or e-mail to <fscbw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-6358 or <klatch@northstar.k12.ak.us>.

Queer Round Table (QRT)
Call to list your club’s events and hear about other club events. Barb (H) 274-4994 or (W) 564-5818.

Radical Arts for Women (RAW)
Voice mail 566-3783 info and message.

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

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

Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA)
a non-profit volunteer organization that provides a support network for lesbian and gay people in Southeast Alaska. Publishes monthly newsletter Perspective P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. 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 537-2011 for information or if you wish to perform. Closed through September.

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HelpLine
258-4777
A community service of Identity, Inc.
PO Box 200070, Anchorage AK 99520

Cyberlust

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

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

Capri Cinema, Randi Thornley: <gehl91@prodigy.com>

Carlsile, Karen: Writer, feminist, teacher, activist: <rnktec@aurora.alaska.edu>

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

Childs, Lucian: Graphic artist: <lucian@alaskana.com>

Covone, Michael R.: AIDS activist and social worker:
<mrc@alaska.net>

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

Cracium, Jean: market research, Pride Conference:
<cracium@cracium.alaska.net>

CyberQueer Lounge: Directory for exploring gay and lesbian sites:

Digital Queers, Technical philanthropic organization:
<info@dq.org> <http://www.dq.org/dq/

Chryslers, Stephen: writer/ NorthView contributor:
<chryslers@aol.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.xs4all.nl/~hein/heimdol/gayhttp1.html>

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

Into the Woods Bookshop: Connie, Fairbanks, AK, 
<wwoods@polarnet.com>

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

Kobout, Jen: <jenkobout@aol.com>

Last Frontier Men’s Chubhouse club listing:
<FMC@Mierconet.net>

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

LGNY, new NY LesBiGay newspaper, <http://www.lynx.net/~lgny>

Olson, Chris: <CMORida@aol.com>

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

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

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 Lesb & Gay Journalists Assoc:
<ksverson@pop.adn.com>

Signorele, Michelangelo: Writer The Advocate:
<angel@pipeline.com>

Thorsnesley, Randi: Capri Cinema: <filmgallery@aol.com>

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

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

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

Web Castro *Hotlinks*: Businesses in the Castro district:
<http://www.webcasro.com/hotlinks.html>

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

July

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

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

Wednesday, 24:
A 4A’s CMV Lecture at 6 pm at Mayflower Catering
Suite #13. Speaker Dr. Harrison presents “Your vision
is our vision”. Trang at 263-2055 for reservations.

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

Saturday and Sunday, 27 - 28:
A Joint campout at Hope: Mount McKinley Club and
Last Frontier Men’s Club. Call Eric at 277-3236.

Monday, 29:

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

August

Sunday to Tuesday, 4-6:
A Bishop Spong lecture. See article page 29 for details.

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

Tuesday, 13:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.

Wednesday, 14:
A AIDS-101 at 4A’s office at 1057 W Fireweed Lane
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, 21:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.

Saturday, 24:
A Community voting for Emporer and Empress at John
Thomas Center 3rd and Cordova. 10 am to 10 pm.

Tuesday, 27:
A Alaska Pride Conference Meeting 7-9 pm at AUUF.
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.
J Library and Coffee House, fourth Sunday of the month, 1-3:00 pm Mendenhall Valley

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.
A IMRU2 6 to 8 pm at 4A's 1057 W Fireweed #102.
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 Carstairs 7pm to 9pm.
A Blue Moon Follies, 10pm, Blue Moon, $3 cover.
A MCC, 4th and Barrow Street, Praise & Prayer at 7 pm.

THURSDAYS
J Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Youth Meeting (26 & under), 5:30pm, 907-463-5688.
A SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30pm, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
A Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30pm, call 4As, 263-2050.
A Alaska Pride Chorus Rehearsal, on summer hiatus.
A Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
A Country Dancing at the Wave, 8pm, taught by Patty, 561-9283.

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.
A Identity Potluck fourth of the month at AAUF.
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.
F Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon, Alaskaland.
J PFLAG First Saturday of each month, 10:30 to 12:30 in the Mendenhall Library conference room.

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

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