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Editorial
by Editor Joyce Bauer

Recently I had a chance to visit my 20-year-old daughter at her beautiful campus in Minnesota. I really enjoyed the visit except for one thing. The gay support group at her college had painted a rock in the center of the campus with various gay symbols in honor of Coming Out Week. The night before all the prospective students and their parents were to arrive, someone painted the whole rock black, covering up all the gay symbols. I guess this was done so as not to offend the sensibilities of the visiting students and parents. The prospective student day's weather was a really blustery, cold day. The following day, however, was sunny, warm, and delightful; and I was happy to see the rock once again had Gay Power and other symbols on it.

The trip was rather short (Wednesday evening to Monday evening, but I had lots of time to read "Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life" by Warren J. Blumenfeld and Diane Raymond. In fact, I finished the book on the return trip and loved every word of it. The November 4, 1996, issue of Newsweek had an interesting cover showing Melissa Etheridge and her pregnant partner, Julie Cypher, "We're having a Baby... Can Gay Families Gain Acceptance? What It's Like for the Kids." The accompanying articles, I thought, were well done.

I was happy to read in our local paper that my home state of Nevada recently elected an openly gay person to the legislature for the first time ever. And I was also delighted to hear on NPR that San Francisco officials plan to approve legislation that will require all companies doing business with the city to provide same-sex couples with health and other benefits. That's 15,000 companies!

Remember that World AIDS Day is Sunday, December 1. Please see the calendar for local events and be sure to participate.

Let's remember to be thankful for our friends and all the good things happening these days. Truly, "Gay is Good," and I wish everyone could see that.

PFLAG, Southcentral Alaska
by Sylvia L. Short, secretary

Happy Campaigning: New officers and a newly-constituted board prepared PFLAG Southcentral for a new look in 1997. For one thing, our election was easily distinguishable from the national and local fracas — no campaigning (lyric), no fighting (money-wise), no controversy (on issues). The new board took office without fanfare and held its first meeting amicably, electing its new officers and setting a formula for operations. And to start right with the members, our next meeting will be

A POTLUCK on Wed. Nov. 13, at 6:00 p.m., AUUF

Who's Who: Co-chairs are Elliott Dennis and Norman Schilitzer, Secretary is Fred Hillman, and Treasurer, Shirley Randal. Operational chairs will be: SUPPORT (the IMRU2 youth group, talking circle and telephone helpline) — Elliott; EDUCATION (continuing contact with the school board, counselors, the U of A board of regents) — Fred; ADVOCACY (monitoring legislation and prescribing action) — Sylvia; HOSPITALITY (refreshments at meetings and potluck arrangements) — Shirley; LIASON (representation and cooperation with other groups having similar concerns) — Norman. Still to be filled: LIBRARIAN (keeping our books and written materials and arranging lending policies); PROGRAM (arranging interesting programs for our meetings); PUBLICITY (NewsNotes and articles in other publications). Any volunteers?

What's What: (National front) In reviewing what's gone on before, we were enlightened and entertained with a rousing account by Dan Carter of his experience (and experiences) at the Democratic National Convention and the Human Rights Campaign Fund convention. An eye on politics is always important and helps to set directions. Dan opines that ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act) will be on the legislative fronts again, and our energies will be directed toward helping this measure. A new Congress, hopefully with more unbiased members, could make a real turnaround.

(Educational front) While the U of A regents as a group continue to bury their head in the sand, it was heartening to learn that several regents, Chancy Croft in particular, are seeking to pass a non-discrimination policy without reference to laundry lists! This could apply to all such policies, including local ordinances as well as state law and, of course, ENDA.

Take, for example, the city of Asheville, NC, where a typical laundry list (17 category) non-discrimination ordinance was introduced. But it was only sexual orientation that was used in describing the ordinance. After a long, hard fight, the whole thing was resolved by the passage of the following compromise: "There is hereby established a policy of the City of Asheville to oppose any discrimination in the hiring, promotions and disciplinary practices of the City of Asheville so as to prohibit discrimination against any person for any reason that is not related to bona fide occupational qualifications for the relevant job classification or job performance." That includes EVERYBODY, folks! To think Helms' state could be so smart!

Sylvia L. Short, Attorney at Law, is a community activist who lives in Anchorage.
What the elephant tries to forget

by Marvin Liebman

Drip. Drip. Drip. For many Republicans, water torture has taken on a whole new meaning of late. Intent on declaring the immorality of homosexuality, and on casting the GOP as a bulwark against the ever-encroaching “gay agenda,” religious conservatives and others in the party of Lincoln may well be confused and frustrated by what has become a steady stream of Republican comings out. The past few months alone have brought disclosures from Arizona congressman Jim Kolbe and GOP super-strategist Arthur Finkelstein. Who’s next? And when?

Even as the pool deepens, the revelations raise questions far beyond the lives of both men. The main one involves integrity. For while Republicans hit Bill Clinton over alleged ethical lapses, the rising tide of open homosexuality in GOP circles begs the question of whether many Republican leaders are plagued by hypocrisy.

I have known both Kolbe and Finkelstein for many years and can vouch for their conservative credentials and their homosexuality. I first met Jim Kolbe in the early 60’s when he was a crew-cut young conservative serving on the national board of Young Americans For Freedom (YAF), an organization I helped start after the 1960 GOP convention. I met Arthur in 1976, when he worked alongside me on Jim Buckley’s ill-fated campaign for reelection to the U.S. Senate in New York.

In their recent disclosures, both men acceded to their closets being breached more than throwing open the doors themselves. Jim Kolbe came out in August under some pressure from gay publications. After an illuminating profile in October’s Boston magazine, Arthur, a strategist for Senator Jesse Helms among other leading gay-rights foes, has not denied his homosexuality.

Above all, the question of hypocrisy is not one I can answer rashly and be done. Like Jim and Arthur, I lived as a closeted conservative for many years. Indeed, I lived in the closet all my life until I came out at the age of sixty-seven in 1990. Until that moment, and I reiterate “moment,” I knew little about gay politics or cared even less. As a relatively libertarian thinker, I thought that “they” certainly shouldn’t be pushed around or denied the same civil liberties and rights as any other American, but “they” really had nothing to do with me. After all, I wasn’t one of “them,” except for my secret sexual orientation.

Some in the GOP may ask, “So what if there are gay conservatives?” Jim and Arthur’s sexual orientations have nothing whatsoever to do with their talents as a legislator and political strategist, respectively. On the surface, I would agree. Anybody seeing Arthur at work on Buckley’s 1976 bid would have been impressed. His talent in using computers to poll and generate enormous quantities of direct mail that year helped Republicans begin to recover from the Watergate debacle. In 1980, he helped staunch anti-Communists sweep the fall elections, putting conservatives in control of the U.S. Senate and Ronald Reagan in the White House.

But with the waning of the Cold War, Republicans saw their party’s glue dissolving and had to find another sticky mixture to fill the fissures in their ranks. Their choice, as America and the AIDS crisis which so many of its citizens still dreaded entered the 1990’s, soon became apparent in a cascade of anti-gay campaigns. Horrified — and hoping that publicly coming out would show conservatives that “we” were an integral part of their movement — I came out in June 1990. Jim and Arthur, on the other hand, perhaps believing they could quietly dam the river then overflowing the banks of civility, labored on with no comment.

My quarrel in those days, as today, is not with individual gay people active in right-wing politics. Living in the closet, turning a deaf ear to anti-gay jokes and diatribes, even consorting with and advising anti-Gay politicians are a Faustian bargain anyone is free to make. I cannot respect it, but I can accept that it’s all around us.

My quarrel lies with those who exploit gay people’s talents, aware of the gay people working in their midst while inveighing against their “sin,” “immorality,” and the bogeyman of “special rights.”

This includes Bob Dole. During the October 16 presidential debate, his invocation of “special rights” and “lifestyle” in response to queries from the travel agent and the lesbian minister was an insult. If the threat of discrimination were not real, warning policies to outlaw it, why did Dole himself give it credence elsewhere in his answer?

In relying on the professional and volunteer help of gay people, either in the war room or the family room, Bob Dole is not alone. Many other Republicans, including Newt Gingrich and Phyllis Schlafly, have close gay relatives — and the cross of anti-gay politics to bear. Like the elephants, whose likenesses festoon their lapels, they may not actually forget this fact. They may simply keep it in its own compartment, ignoring its implications on their claims to family values and out of the light of day.

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Support for teachers
by Fred Hillman and Ruth Mathes

GLSTN [Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network]

On Sunday, November 24, there will be a meeting to form the first chapter of this national organization in Alaska. GLSTN is the only national organization of gay and straight teachers, parents and community members working to address issues of homophobia and heterosexism in K-12 public, private, and parochial schools. GLSTN works to create schools where respect for all is taught. Activities include training for students, staff and parents, developing and distributing materials for use in the classroom and beyond, technical assistance for local groups, and in the future, conferences and retreats.

This organizational meeting will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street, Anchorage, at 1:00 p.m. on November 24. One need not be a teacher, nor does one need to be gay or lesbian to take part. One can be “out” or not, active or retired — all are invited. All inquiries and attendance at the meeting will be strictly confidential.

Contact Fred Hillman at 562-7161 or Ruth Mathes at 563-1324 for additional information.

(As an example of GLSTN’s activities, please note the article “Film Urges Classroom Discussion: Creators Say Kids Should Talk About Homosexuality.”)
Queer science

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Tall in stature, gracious in manner, the sixty-something psychiatrist strolls among Boston’s medical Brahmins at a private showing of the art of Winslow Homer. The paintings bring to life another age’s ideal of masculinity — outdoor, extrovert, straightforward. Richard Pillard, M.D., personifies our own: urban, complex, searching, but still fulfilled by action and achievement.

I’m pleased to be spending an evening with the Boston University professor, who I have only met briefly before. Although he is not especially well-known to gays and lesbians outside of the Boston area, Pillard has been making important contributions to our community since the early 1970s. In 1971 he co-founded Boston’s Homophile Community Health Service, one of the first gay-run counseling services in the U.S. In the following year he came out in the press — the first unequivocal coming-out by an American psychiatrist. Later in 1972 Pillard drafted a resolution for the Northern New England District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), arguing for the deletion of homosexuality from the APA’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The resolution was adopted. Eventually, spurred on by a number of gay-friendly psychiatrists and a platoon of feisty gay activists, the resolution became the basis of the APA’s famous 1973 vote — the vote that liberated queer Americans from the tyranny of psychiatric diagnosis.

Over a Chinese dinner after the show, Pillard tells me and a couple of gay Boston University medical students a little about his personal life. Unlike some of us gay men, Pillard doesn’t recall lusting after male movie stars from the age of four. In fact, he was in a happy and sexually fulfilling heterosexual marriage until he was 33. During this time he fathered three daughters. Even after he separated, he had several other girlfriends. But one night in 1967, driving home in his Porsche, he picked up a male music student — and that was all she wrote. Pillard is now in a happy, six-year relationship with a much younger man.

Although a late bloomer in gay terms, Pillard seems to have been well-endowed with gay genes. His father was probably gay, judging from diaries that Pillard read after his death. So too are his brother and sister. One of his daughters is bisexual (she is now married to a man and expecting a baby). It’s perhaps not surprising, then, that Pillard should have embarked on a lengthy study of a possible genetic influence on sexual orientation. During the 1980s he (with the collaboration of James Weinrich and others) established that both male and female homosexuality clusters in certain families: if one person in a sibship is gay, the chances of finding others is increased by fivefold or more.

Pillard knew that this kind of clustering doesn’t by itself distinguish between nature and nurture. He therefore embarked (with Michael Bailey and others) on a study of twins. The results were striking: about half of the monozygotic (genetically identical) co-twins of gay men and women are themselves gay, whereas only about a quarter or less of the non-identical co-twins are gay. These findings suggest that the family clustering of homosexuality is caused, at least in substantial part, by genes predisposing to homosexuality, rather than by the common environment that siblings experience. Equally, however, the twin findings indicate that gay genes are not the only cause of queerness: if they were, all the identical co-twins of gay people would be gay.

Pillard is now engaged on a collaborative attempt to replicate and perhaps extend the 1993 study by Dean Hamer’s group at the National Cancer Institute, who reported that a particular region near one end of the X chromosome carries a gene influencing sexual orientation.

Since Pillard was so involved in the deletion of homosexuality from the DSM, I asked him whether he thought “gender identity disorder of childhood,” the medical moniker for gender-bendingly queer kids, should also be deleted. “I think it’s a cultural diagnosis,” he said. “If these same kids grew up in a culture that had a place for them, they would not be in conflict or distress, and no diagnosis would be relevant. That said, these children are still suffering and can benefit from sensitive treatment. And having a diagnosis,” he added with a smile, “allows the psychiatrist to get paid.”

Back in L.A., I e-mailed Pillard with some follow-up questions. He summarized his answers with the following: “I’m triply lucky: being gay, being a father, and being a member of this noble profession.”

Simon LeVay, Ph.D., is well-known for his research on the “gay brain.” He is the author of “Queer Science” (MIT Press, 1996) and the co-author (with Elisabeth Nonas) of “City of Friends.” He is also the co-founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. He can be reached at SLLeVay@aol.com
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Northwest: 3 RT coach tickets for domestic flights, excluding the West Coast. 1 RT domestic and 1 RT international to the Caribbean, Europe or Asia. Add $98 from Fairbanks. 21-day advance purchase required and may be used only by immediate family members or the purchaser. Travel must originate in Alaska and is from 1-1-97 to 12-15-97 with various blackout dates.

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Non Stop Airways: Offers what they are calling their Freedom of Destination deal. A minimum of 3 coupons must be purchased and a maximum of 100. Prices are $349 each from Seattle, $452 from Anchorage and $480 from Fairbanks. Each coupon allows you round trip travel from the valid city to most of the United States. In addition, for $65 you may add the Caribbean and for an additional $306 you can add Europe. There are some blackouts and blackout dates and some advance purchase is required.

Women's Week in Hawaii
Well-known women's tour sponsor Robin Tyler and her partner are joining another women's tour company in Hawaii December 8 through 15. The company is Remote Possibilities in Maui. The tour includes 7 nights at Strouffer's Renaissance Wailea Beach Resort. Included are 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 2 tea dances, an authentic luau, welcome reception, health club usage, private beach, dancing and all the luxury you might expect from this fine resort. Tennis, water sports and horseback riding are all available at the resort. Price is $1980 per person for the land portion.

Aspen Gay Ski Week
Rainbow Vacations is sponsoring this event January 25 through February 1. Included is 7 nights hotel in downtown Aspen, free ski shuttle to ski lift area, six-day ski lift ticket, welcome cocktail party, and tickets to the Gay Ski Week parties. Price is $980 per person.

"Where the Boys Are" Vacation
The Ft. Lauderdale "Winter Gayla" is set for February 14 through 17 in Ft. Lauderdale. Events include "Beach Party" on the beach Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, "Fantasies Party" from 10:00pm on Saturday at the Museum of Discovery, "Winter Pride Parade and Festival" all day Sunday and the "Jungle Queen" double-decker boat party on Monday. Packages include 3 nights hotel, buffet breakfast daily, tickets to all events, as well as free transportation to and from all events. Hotel costs $555 per person.

Whistler BC Ski Week
February 2 through 9
This annual event includes 7 nights hotel, 5-day ski lift, RT transfers from Vancouver, entry to all ski week events, and more. Prices start at $939 for the land portion plus air to Vancouver BC.

Australia "Madness Gras"
It's not too early to plan for one of the biggest gay events in the world... the Gay Mardi Gras in Sydney next February. There are several local gay travel agents who are offering specials for this event.

Bob DeLoach, President of Apollo Travel, BC 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 Theater, write this column, and be active in the Community.
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Have You Moved???

by Dan Carter, cochair, EQUAL

Ten days ago, EQUAL mailed its election information to our members. As in the past, many of these letters were returned due to the person moving. We make every effort to keep our files updated in order to provide members with information for their specific election district rather than a generic letter with information relative to 40-50 different election districts. For example, if you live in Muldoon it is much easier for you to make an educated decision regarding candidates to support if you receive information concerning candidates in your area than it is to receive information about your candidate as well as candidates running in Nome, Kodiak, Fairbanks and every other district.

The only way we can do this is to obtain information from you as soon as you have moved. When this information is received, your file is updated and changes are made to several items including your Alaska Senate and House Districts, your Assembly district (if you live in Anchorage) and your precinct number. Your precinct number is very important as that determines the location you cast your ballot. We include this information on your address label when mailing are sent to you. If you receive your mail at a post office, be sure to put your actual home address on the form below. We will mail to your post office box but in order to determine your district, we also need your residence address (or your precinct number if you know it).

Additionally, if you move, you must change your voter registration or you will not be counted if you vote in your new district. Voter registration may be accomplished at the Division of Elections office at Dimond Center or at any Municipal Library as well as many other places throughout the city.

If you think your vote doesn’t make much difference, ask Ann Spohnholz how important a SINGLE vote is. She won her primary race against Sharon Cisna by one vote! I am writing this article on election day so not sure how close the races are in Anchorage or across the nation at this time but there are always races similar to the Spohnholz-Cisna race and your vote is very important. Even in races that are not that close, your vote—along with other people who agree with you—could determine the winner of many races.

Please complete the form shown below and return it to EQUAL if you have not updated your information with us during the past year. A smaller form is included on this page in every issue of NorthView to make it easier to notify us of changes.

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How Did WE Do on November 5th?

Dan Carter is a local gay activist

There were numerous issues and candidates of extreme importance to the lesbian/gay/bi/transgendered community in the recent national elections.

Some of the most important results as reported on the Internet are highlighted below:

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund is an organization that provides funds/endorsements to openly gay candidates running for political office. Victory Fund candidate Ed Flanagan has made history as the first openly gay person elected to a statewide office. Consistent with their tradition of fairness and tolerance, the people of Vermont elected Ed by a 10-point margin. “Every gay man and lesbian should feel great pride in what Ed Flanagan has accomplished for us,” says Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold.

Other Victory Fund winners in 1996 were:
++Sabrina Sojourner [D] for D.C. Shadow Representative
++Diane Sands [D] for Montana State House
++David Parks [D] for Nevada State House
++Art Feltman [D] for Connecticut State House
++Larry McKeon [D] for Illinois State House
++Sheila Kuehl [D] for California State Assembly
++Carole Migden [D] for California Assembly
++Chuck Carpenter [D] for Oregon State House
++George Eighmey [D] for Oregon State House
++Ken Cheuvront [D] for Arizona State House
++Deborah Glick [D] for New York Assembly
++Mike Pisaturo [D] for Rhode Island State House
++Ed Murray for [D] Washington State House
++Leslie Katz for San Francisco Board of Supervisors
++Libby Cowan for Costa Mesa (CA) City Council
++Gary Miller for Robla (CA) School Board
++Juanita Owens for San Francisco School Board
++Paul Feinman [D] for New York Civil Court
++Sebastian Patti [D] for Cook County (IL) Court
++Eileen Rakower [D] for New York Civil Court
++San Francisco Superior Court Judge Kevin McCarthy (elected in March)
++Dane County (WI) Supervisor Scott McCormick
++Tammy Baldwin (Wisconsin State Assembly)

++Wilton Manors (FL) City Councilmember John Fiore (elected in March)
++Brooklyn (NY) School Board member Jill Harris (elected in May)
++Dade County (FL) Judge Mark King Leban (elected in September)
++Tim Van Zandt (Missouri House)
++Cynthia Wooten (Oregon House)
++Ken Yeager (San Jose College Board)
++Glen Maxey (Texas House of Representatives)

Other comments from the Internet:

Maine has elected two openly gay men and an open lesbian to the State House of Representatives. Maine’s only openly lesbian State Senator was also reelected. That means with a total population of just over a million, we have more openly g/l folks in our state legislature than California. How can this be?? (Karen Geraghty—Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance)

Some good news from Texas—Austin elected its first female Sheriff—an open lesbian. (Greg Havican)

All 63 members of the US Congress running for reelection who voted against DOMA—in other words they voted in support of same-gender marriage—were reelected. (Brendan Hadash from Vermont)

Exit polls showed 5% of the people voting across the nation self-identified themselves as gay or lesbian (probably higher as many people will not reveal this information to pollsters). Of that percent, 72% voted for Clinton, 14% voted for Dole and 9% were for Perot.

Although the returns in most Alaskan races were not as positive as the ones above, there were several races with progressive candidates in the lead. Of the five races in Anchorage targeted by EQUAL, the progressive candidate won or is leading in three of them (Independents Pat Abney and Susan Reeves were defeated by conservative Republicans while Democrats Ethan Berkowitz, Eric Croft and Ann Spohnholz are ahead of their opponents pending the count of Absentee/Questioned ballots). Overall, conservatives gained a stronger hold on the Alaska Legislature which means we work even harder next time!
Stargazer commentary

by Barbara J. Soule

Listening to your guts is a very valuable skill and can save a person a lot of mistakes and grief even in a very ordinary life. If you listen to your guts, your intuition develops. For a spiritual life, prayer and meditation are important. Praying is talking to the divine source. Meditating is listening to the same divine source. When you are trusting your intuition and meditating fairly regularly, your psychic abilities begin to develop further. Answers and information can come in a number of ways. I usually ask the question during meditation, but the answer often comes just when I am going to sleep, in a dream, just waking up, or as I am doing some mindless task — like the dishes, folding laundry, taking a shower, or caught in the middle of rush hour traffic. (Somebody up there has a twisted sense of humor.)

How the message is received comes in a variety of ways. One may, inside her head, “see” a series of pictures like still frames or a silent moving film. If what you see makes sense, great; if not, by all means ask, “What does this mean?” You may get more pictures or “a voice” tells you. Other people “see” nothing except colors and get more of a “sense” that is similar to a feeling of something opening or as if butter is melting and you are the butter. The sensation can be as intense as “Alice falling down the rabbit hole.” It’s been my experience that the powers that be are very gentle unless the situation is critical. Some people just hear “the voice” or even “voices.” The difference between a schizophrenic voice and a psychic voice is the wisdom, goodness and truth of the information. One can always reserve judgment, note the information, put it aside, but not reject it totally. The message will make sense in the future.

Eventually, you may have a “spiritual breakthrough” that scares the poop out of most people. Life will be going along in a plodding, mundane, very concrete sort of way. A person may be sitting at their desk, be in a meeting and another person comes up and says something to you or someone next to you. One sees a very solid person and beside this person is another being you can see through. This ethereal being starts talking to you about the real person. You panic and think that you have just had a psychotic or schizophrenic split. Not so, it is a dimension breakthrough, actually “a dimension

bleed through” — both terrible, because you think you’re gone “loony tunes” and wonderful, because it is a divine gift. This phenomenon is always accompanied by a feeling of utter rightness, peace and unconditional love. Once you get over the awe, ask questions about anything that you don’t understand. Even the not so divine may stop by — a soul who has just died or a ghost. If the latter “speaks” to you, it’s best not to panic. Fear “feeds” some of the less than divine beings helping them to linger. I suggest being polite and neutral. Say, “Thank you,” for any information and politely request that “it” leave you. If it won’t go, burn sage, cedar and copal, or frankincense & myrrh. Sage and frankincense neutralize energy, cedar and myrrh are positive energy, and copal and myrrh are sacred to the divine source.

Several people in this community have experienced just such a spiritual phenomenon and this could happen to anyone living a spiritual life no matter with what religion they are allied. This opening to another dimension is a progression of spiritual growth in a spiritual life connected to a divine source. Later the “powers-that-be” may interact with you in an even more startling manner. The surprises get bigger, better and more wonderful. Truth can be stranger than fiction...

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4A's Andrea Nenzel

Business spotlight

The director of 4A's (Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association) moves faster than a speeding bullet, so I was grateful for the 40-minute mid-morning window she could give me. I dug into the candy dish in Andrea Nenzel's office while she fielded a phone call with one hand and shuffled file folders with the other.

**NY:** How long has 4 A's been here?

**AN:** Since 1985, when it was a volunteer helpline service in a downtown Anchorage room owned and operated by Catholic Social Services. The following year it became a non-profit organization, establishing an 11-member board with a small budget.

**NY:** You have paid staff and volunteers, also?

**AN:** Roughly 80-100 volunteers work for 4 A's. We have 9 full-time staff members, and 10 who work various part-time shifts. We couldn't begin to function without volunteers.

**NY:** How do you get funding for such an operation as this?

**AN:** State and federal grants comprise most of our funding... grants like HOPWA and Ryan White Foundation provide finances for housing and case management, as well as for education and prevention.

**NY:** You mentioned housing... how much does 4 A's have at their disposal? (I filched another piece of candy.)

**AN:** We have 23 “units” in six separate facilities. Some are multi-unit dwellings, and some are houses. Not all are owned, though. We have bank loans like anyone else. Some of these units have resident managers, but not all require that service.

**NY:** How many clients do you presently have?

**AN:** We have about 100 clients: 20% are native, and 21% are female. That last figure has doubled in the past year... women are now considered a high-risk group. So are teens and young adults.

**NY:** Are you working closely with the Anchorage School District?

**AN:** The school district has its own grant money and does a good job training young people to carry the message to other teens. We are available to assist or to provide speakers whenever we are invited.

**NY:** What types of people are you unable to help... who are those who “fall through the cracks”?

**AN:** There are basically two groups who are beyond our reach: those who refuse to be tested for fear of having “positive” results, and those who know they are HIV+ but won't tell anyone. We cannot help someone who refuses to acknowledge a need for help.

**NY:** (I changed the direction of the interview, raiding the candy dish one last time to still my grumbling innards.) Do you enjoy working in Alaska?

**AN:** This is a return trip for me. I worked in Alaska from '71-'81. I am Canadian by birth, but I am a US citizen.

**NY:** Does your background fit the social services position you now have?

**AN:** I have been a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace since 1960, an outreach order which puts its membership in “the field.” I have also worked extensively in healthcare-related areas. Caring for dear friends with AIDS brought me to this job. Statistically, one person in four is touched somehow by AIDS. It is a global health concern.

**NY:** Does Alaska feel like home to you? (I gathered my notes and prepared to wade to my car.)

**AN:** I have another year on my three-year contract. I have much to accomplish, and would like to have the time to complete some of our present goals. Alaska is a fine place to live!
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My tropical butch has spit shiny black hair with eyes to match and dark skin the color of honey which is what she lets me call her when no one else is around. My tropical butch is all woman even though she spills her change out of her front pocket onto the dresser when she gets home from work just like my daddy did and combs her short black hair back from her forehead just so with one hand chasing the other all the way around to the back of her perfectly shaped head. And even though some stupid man says, “Yes sir?” when we pull up to his gas pump in her shiny red car, my tropical butch is all woman and don’t you forget it, especially on a Saturday night in July like tonight when it’s ninety-five degrees in the shade even though the sun went down hours ago when we were sitting on the front porch eating rice and beans and drinking pina coladas out of each other’s eyes. 

On a night like tonight, even though the air is thick as coconut milk, my tropical butch puts on her white pants, black shirt, white jacket and Panama hat and I know she wants me in a little red dress with shoes to match and earrings that bounce off my shoulders and hair that trickles all the way down my back because it’s Saturday night and my tropical butch is taking me out to a little place in the city she knows where we can salsa, mambo and meringue all night long, since my tropical butch thinks dancing way across the room from each other with our hands and feet flapping is a major waste of time.

When a slow grinding song comes on, my tropical butch holds me real tight and shrugs her shoulders so my whole arm slips up around her neck, first the right one, then the left, and then she puts a little kiss on my collarbone and slides her leg between my thighs and if I don’t cut myself on the razor sharp crease of her bright, white pants, I tell you I am halfway to heaven. Then we leave the bar and kiss in the parking lot and my tropical butch tastes salty and sweet as the Caribbean, and there’s a little breeze now blowing my hair back like leaves on a palm tree and soon we’re both wet as a rain forest so we get back in her little red car and speed down the highway with my head on my tropical butch’s shoulder and her hand on my thigh and then some.

When we get home we leave a trail of clothes all through the house: my high heels at the front door, my little red dress in the kitchen, my slip in the hall until we get to the bedroom and all I got on is my earrings. My tropical butch still looks as fresh as when we left the house of course, except for the red lipstick I left all over her face in the moonlight.

Now comes the best part. My tropical butch lays me down and takes her own sweet time exploring every inch of me like I’m her very own island that she’s been away from for far too long and ain’t it good to be back home. And after she moves over me fierce as a hurricane and gentle as an island breeze, my tropical butch lets me undress her so I can remember that she is all woman even though she bought the pants I just unzipped in the men’s department at JC Penney’s and even though the shirt I just unbuttoned would never be mistaken for a blouse, my tropical butch is all woman with a body that just won’t quit until all the stars in the night sky have disappeared and the sun’s just starting to come up over the horizon glowing a deep reddish orange like a rich ripe papaya to find me and my tropical butch sleeping all curled together like two gorgeous parrots high in the top of some palm tree where no one will ever find us.


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Lesbian couple attends prom

Senior year, Tonya just wanted to go to the prom like everyone else. In 11th grade, after dating a guy for three years, she had begun to realize that she was either gay or bisexual. At the beginning of 12th grade, she met Stacie at a local gay and lesbian youth-group meeting. By the time of the prom, they had been a couple for almost nine months. "I wanted to take her to the prom for myself, but I also wanted to do it for other people who were in the closet at our school," Tonya says. (Tonya was in high school in Tennessee.)

So Tonya, a member of the student council, decided to talk to her principal almost two months ahead of the event. "I was really scared when I walked into his office," she admits. "When I asked him about it, he didn't outright say no, but he said that the prom was a privilege and that it could be canceled if, you know, I attempted to continue with this absurd behavior."

"When he said that to me," she continues, "I got angry because it wasn't fair. I just said, 'Fine. I'm sure you'll be hearing from my lawyer.'" He did, and Tonya and Stacie spent the next six weeks waiting for the school's decision.

"We have a really good lawyer in our community who works with gay and lesbian issues — we saw her name in the paper, and she said she would help us," explains Tonya. "She was interested in us going on Oprah and stuff like that, but we were like, N-o-o-o!" Tonya sighs with exasperation. "We just wanted to go to the prom, you know?"

In the end, the school granted Tonya and Stacie permission to go. The prom, held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, included a traditional grand march, where you go up on a stage and they announce you as a couple in front of everyone — parents, students and faculty, Tonya explains. When it was Tonya and Stacie's turn to walk down the platform together in their prom dresses, Tonya thought she might pass out. "But we made it, and we received the most astounding round of applause. I don't think I have ever felt so proud of myself and so glad that I had stood up for what I believed in. Now attending Middle Tennessee State University, Tonya hopes to organize a second chance prom in Nashville this year for gay and lesbian couples who didn't go to their high school proms." © Seventeen.

This article was among those appearing in the November 1996 issue of Seventeen magazine on young lesbians. This article was sent to us by Jesse NR Greenman. You may contact Ms. Greenman at: jessna@uclink4.berkeley.edu

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Life is not always a Disney movie

by Rodney C. Wilson

I am a gay man who spent most of a recent weekend observing the recruitment of my eight-year-old niece Clarissa and her five-year-old twin sister, Katie and Kyle, into a particular lifestyle. It was not my lifestyle, but that of the majority.

A few times each year my only sibling’s three children spend a night or a weekend with me. A tradition has developed that I keep the kids on New Year’s Eve so that my sister Lisa can go out and kick up her heels; and, as a high school teacher with a block of time in the summer, I keep them one weekend in July or August.

We have a ton of fun together, seeing the latest Disney flick, going to the library, attending church (they get a little bored there), eating at McDonald’s, visiting sculpture parks, watching Amy Grant videos or “The Wizard of Oz” over and over and over. This past weekend, even though December was a few months away, they opted to rent “How The Grinch Stole Christmas.” I conceded to their ill-timed plan (and dreaded seeing the Grinch for the hundredth time in my life). We act silly together, dance together, exercise together. I look forward to their company, and — to be totally honest — their departure, when my life returns to calm.

When I’m with my kids, as I call them, I become more attuned to what influences them. I avoid movies with any type of sexual content or those with violence or foul language (a difficult quest these days). We do not watch violent cartoons or play with toy guns or pretend we’re cowboys and Indians. I read Bible stories to them before bedtime and we say a brief prayer: God bless mommy and daddy... I want the time we are together to be wholesome and memorable.

I also notice when they’re with me the way in which the culture promotes them with ideas, opinions, and prejudices. And I see how they are “recruited” into heterosexism.

Everywhere we look, the recruitment process is in full throttle. Watch a music video (even the wholesome ones like Amy Grant’s) and the screen oozes with heterosexuality: “You could be so good for me, baby”; “It’s a classic case of boy meets girl.”

Watch a “kid’s” movie and one sees it again. Our most recent trip to the theater introduced us to the love of Pocahontas (an underage child according to the historical record!) and Captain John Smith. They embraced, held hands, kissed, exchanged love glances. Meanwhile, Chief Powhatan was intent upon “giving” Pocahontas to the best-looking hunks in the village. When we saw “Aladdin” it was the same thing: Aladdin and Jasmine flying all over the world as lost lovers. And Ariel (“The Little Mermaid”) — as in “Pocahontas” against the prejudices of her overbearing Merman Father — was struck with the good-looks of Prince Eric.

Well before kindergarten, American children have been indoctrinated into heterosexism, i.e., the belief that the only viable option for life is “one man and one woman.”

Personally I agree with the “one” part, but I strongly oppose the “signs” outside marriage license bureaus that read “Heterosexuals Only,” and I find such signs as repugnant as those of our past that read “Whites Only.”

My kids know that I am gay; in my family we have discussed openly since I came out to my parents in 1991. Until this past weekend, however, they did not know what being gay meant. For example, when I faced publicized difficulties as a result of my coming out to my high school students — an action that could have resulted in a non-renewal of contract in my suburban St. Louis district — Kyle (then 4) asked my sister, “Is Uncle Rod gay?” Lisa answered him directly: “Yes. Do you know what that means?” “It means you get fired,” he responded.

This weekend, in the face of rampant heterosexism, I told them what being gay really means. It happened this way. My nieces (Clarissa and Katie) were playing in my bedroom. Kyle and I were in the living room. Out of thin air, he started talking about getting married. Then he asked me, “Do you want to get married?” I responded with an enthusiastic “Yes.” He then said, “Oh, boy, then we’ll come up and see Uncle Rod sitting on the couch with a girl.” “I won’t marry a girl, Kyle,” I told him. “I’ll marry a boy.” “You can’t marry a boy,” he assured me. “Oh, yes. See Kyle: most boys marry girls and most girls marry boys. But some boys marry boys and some girls marry girls. I will marry a boy.”

Immediately, Kyle left the room to tell the news to my nieces. I overheard him say, with some disbelief, “Uncle Rod’s going to marry a boy.” I walked into the room and gave the same explanation to the girls. They said very little, but Kyle had a few more comments to make: “I wouldn’t want to be Uncle Rod and marry a boy; girls are prettier than boys.” Again, I responded, “Well Kyle you want to marry a girl and that’s good. But I want to marry a boy.”

Kyle’s twin sister, Katie, always the peacemaker, retorted, “Uncle Rod will marry a handsome boy, won’t you Uncle Rod?” To that I said simply, “I hope so, Katie.”

Kyle’s questioning continued: “When you get married will he wear a dress?” “No,” I assured him, “when we get married we will both wear a tux.” “You won’t be able to have kids because it’s two boys” followed. I explained that I didn’t want children anyway and that was okay.

After a few minutes, it was over. The three kids understood that instead of marrying Pocahontas, I would marry Captain John Smith; instead of Ariel, Prince Eric. They understood and they did not care. In spite of all the brainwashing toward heterosexism, and the marginalization of gay people, my beloved kids understood and accepted that life is not always a Disney movie.

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AWHL (Alaska Women’s Hockey League) Schedule

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Cliff diving for the uninformed

Random observations on sex and the single gal

by Jen Kohout

I love to canoe. Love the sensation of gliding across the top of the water. Skirting along the forest edge, where blue green water laps against the exposed roots of spruce trees tilted precariously over the waves. I enjoy sitting in the stern of the boat, digging my paddle deep into the water and feeling the canoe carve through the water, angled in whatever direction I desire. That is, when the wind isn’t blowing too hard. Or the current isn’t sweeping me sideways.

It’s a recurring struggle — my desire to steer in the face of external forces that overrule my best efforts to stay on course. After floating down more than one river sideways, I have generally discovered that there are any number of ways to get downstream. And I spend a lot of energy trying to do things according to my pre-determined strategy when fate has other plans. Resigning myself to the winds and currents, however, is about as easy as cliff diving.

Or dating for that matter. In my limited observation, jumping off the side of a towering cliff and leaning forward to kiss someone for the first time are synonymous. The sensation of falling; the deafening sound of my heart pounding; the desperate hope that I still remember how to swim. It all came back to me this summer.

By the time last April rolled around, I’d had it. Done. Done. Done. No more dating. Period. Exclamation point. I’d spent the past six months buffering a painful breakup with a painful rebound and my heart was ready for a sabbatical. So to celebrate my thirty-second year on the planet, I vowed to stay gainfully uninvolved for awhile — a couple decades, perhaps. I embarked on a mission to ensure that I stayed that way. I told all my friends, thereby ensuring that any deviation from my game plan would result in public humiliation. I told my housemate who enthusiastically assumed the role of chap-erone. I even told my mother to give the decision a sense of formality.

Not that it was all that hard to remain on the “straight and narrow,” so to speak. It wasn’t as if eager single women were beating down my doors. There were a couple inquiries. Luckily my heart (or more accurately, my hormones) cooperated at first. That was until I spent an electric Saturday evening dancing the night away with a woman I knew from the gym. Her intent gaze during music breaks made my chest ache — along with a couple other spots. The electricity filled the weight room the next week as I strained pecs and lats trying to impress her with my bench press technique. That was until I learned that she had recently purchased a home with her life partner. Funny, she’d neglected to mention that she had a partner. I took a couple 10 pound plates off the bar and stopped acting like Charles Atlas. I’d rather date Anita Bryant.

Generally, however, I skipped along quite happily. Satisfied with my celibate single status, looking forward to staying that way for awhile. I should have known better. Next thing I know, I’m flying back to Alaska for a job interview and a couple weeks vacation. I show up at the airport with hiking boots on and backpack loaded with polypropylene and fleece. Looking forward to two weeks of unadulterated hiking, biking, and backpacking. So much for that game plan. As it turned out, I failed to take into account the fact that in mid-June, the evening sky is a beautiful royal blue.

I thought her dog was cute. That should have been my first clue. I don’t even like dogs. If I’d paid attention, I also would have noticed that it was taking me an interminably long time to find the door handle in her truck whenever she gave me a ride home. How hard can it be to let oneself out of a Toyota anyway? Then there was the fact that I thought it was charming that she got us both lost on a hike outside of Eagle River. Not one to underestimate the Alaska wilds, normally the prospect of spending the evening outside without a tent or Thermarest would have caused me to march sullenly along as I mentally reviewed my wilderness survival skills and vowed to never, never leave my compass home again. Completely ignoring the fact that I have no idea how to read a compass anyway. On this particular occasion, however, just thinking about the prospect of huddling close in an effort to conserve body heat was elevating my body temperature.

On some level, however, I wasn’t completely oblivious to the turn of events. I stopped bragging to friends about my record-setting celibacy effort. I even mentioned to my housemate that I was feeling “a little distracted” by someone. I decided, however, to avoid mentioning my status change to my mother. Because mom rarely ventured out into the mysterious realm of lesbian lifestyles unguided, it seemed like a safe bet that she wouldn’t ask anyway.

Of course, the telltale sign that my “no dating” rule had run splt into the “fate has other plans” concept was that I lost my appetite. I suspect my churning stomach was a symptom of two things. The first, borderline infatuation. The second, outright panic at the prospect of risking my heart to whims of love and relationship again. In any event, the whole thing was interfering with my legendary appetite. An undeniable indication that I was no longer safely parked on the shore.

Time to cinch up the lifejacket and enjoy the ride.

Jen Kohout is happy to be back and even happier to have lots of new material.
Imperial Court

To the Good People of All Alaska,

Holiday greetings to all of you from Emperor Jerry and me. It is hard to believe but we are already four months into the reign. So far we have represented Alaska at five out-of-state coronations in an effort to ensure a huge turnout in September for our twenty-fifth (silver) anniversary.

Here at home we are also quite busy. A special thank you to all who attended the Investitures/ICP Ball. Please continue your support. Starting December 1, please look for our boxes in the bars. These boxes are there to collect canned goods and toys for those less fortunate during the holiday season. Also on December 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Raven, there will be a Christmas auction. It will be held by Peggy Murphy and “Big John” to give a special Christmas present to all the children in the local hospitals with “Big John”, dressed as Santa, delivering the personally for Christmas Eve! These two people work tirelessly for our community, so please show up and bid like you mean it!

On December 21 will be the “Tour Duh Lights”. A bus will leave The Raven on 12/21 and will take us around the city to see spectacular Christmas light displays; then back to The Raven. We’ll provide the time when those plans are finalized.

But the biggest event for the Imperial Court in December is the annual Christmas Ball. This year it will be December 15 at surprise — The Elks Club — our favorite place. Through some cool people at The Elks, we once again will have access to the function room that has been unavailable to us for a year. This ball, historically, is the turning point in a reign. If you want Salmon Ella to have a merry Christmas, please, please come to this event. We will attempt to outdo the party that Jasmine and I had there two years ago!

In closing, I would like to stress something to you: the difference between a good event and a bad one is whether or not you show up. Good attendance means that we have more money to support our local charities and that is what the Court is all about. So, please support by showing up; you get to see me wear a dress! (Oh, well, show up anyway.)

If you are unaware of our parties, please call me at 275-0046 and say your name and your phone number and “put me on your party list.” You will be called personally by the Empress and informed several days before each party of time and location.

That’s all from the Palace for now. Remember, Mummy loves you.

Her Most Imperial Majesty
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Video news

Both the videos below would make outstanding gifts for the school board member, administrator, or teachers in your life! Give a gift that changes (and saves) lives.

“TEACHING RESPECT FOR ALL” — GLSTN VIDEO

This 50 minute video shows Kevin Jennings’ Homophobia 101 presentation. The video is an excellent resource to explain why it is necessary to deal with homophobia in schools. It would be a great video to include on your shopping list.

Copies of “Teaching Respect for All” and its accompanying training manual are $59.95 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling and may be ordered with either MasterCard or Visa by calling 212-727-0135 or by sending a check to GLSTN at 122 West 26th Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10001.

“It’S ELEMENTARY” — THE VIDEO

It well deserves the awards it won as Best Documentary at both the 1996 San Francisco & Chicago International Lesbian and Gay Film Festivals. A video of the film may now be ordered and shipping will begin on November 15.

This is definitely a video that you will want to put on your shopping list. It is worthwhile viewing for everyone, and especially pertinent for elementary and middle school teachers.

The cost is $99 plus tax and shipping. It may be ordered by phone with a Visa or MasterCard at: 415-641-4616 Monday thru Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. PST. Or by mail, send a check ($99 + 8.25% in CA + $4 shipping per video + $3 handling per order. That is $114.17 in CA, $106 elsewhere) to Women’s Educational Media, 2180 Byrant Street, Suite 203, San Francisco, CA 94110.

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“Teen Voices” is an alternative magazine that promises NOT to “carry articles about hair products, make-up, or how to get that special boy.” Instead, Linda Christensen reports, the magazine focuses on “real issues in teen lives,” from “ways to stop racism” to “growing up lesbian.”

“Teen Voices” is one of several educational media resources — books, publications, video — which are reviewed in the latest edition of “Rethinking Schools” (Fall 1996), a non-profit, independent newspaper advocating the reform of elementary and secondary public schools,” with an emphasis on “issues of equity and social justice.”

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I'm afraid, Sister, that we are going to ask you to return to the traditional habit.
The post Coming Out Day blues

by Lee Lynch

Rats! I forgot to come out to somebody on National Coming Out Day this year. As my mother always says with a big sigh when we pass a crowd entering a church, "Look at all those good people." Thanks to all you good people who did a brave thing.

At the same time, I think I'm in good company of another sort. Accuse me of stereotyping if you'd like, but I know some lesbians and gay men in the senior citizen category who would rather un-retire than come out to a straight bridge partner, a meal-site volunteer, a next-door neighbor. I know an old butch who gets her hair perm-specifically so no one will guess. I know a handsome old fella who very publicly dotes on his rose bushes, but fears being seen at a human rights meeting.

Not that one has to be old to be cautious. I know activist teachers, for example, and teachers who truly believe their sexuality has no place in the classroom. And that's partly for fear of losing job and pension. As long as no one at school knows that Mel goes home to Charley or Doris spends weekends with Mary Ellen, when these teachers walk into their classrooms they simply cease being gay. If they were out, they'd be too self-conscious for comfort. Mel would bend over a six year old to guide the boy's hands through a series of numbers and jump at the thought of what the vice principal would think. Doris, out, would wear skirts to coach field hockey so she wouldn't look too masculine.

A headline in the 10/24/96 "New York Times" reads, "Discrimination May Impair Blacks' Health." In part, the article says that "higher blood pressure may be attributable to suppressed or internalized responses to racial discrimination." Surprise! Swallow any rage or humiliation lately?

Lee Lynch and Akia Woods are editors of Off The Rag, Lesbians Writing On Menopause, due out this fall from New Victoria Publishers. Lee is the author of ten other books. "The Amazon Trail" appears in a dozen papers across the country. © Lee Lynch, 1996

The article found that the health of working class blacks was more likely to be affected because they less often feel able to defend themselves against racism — or are not as aware of it. I think of young Jenny, soldering circuit boards, silent while the women at her table talk about some man who left his wife and kids for another man. "He ought to be put in jail." "No, shot." "They ought to shoot all the queers." Meanwhile Jenny's dreaming of having a few brews and shooting darts at pool this weekend — trying to come up with something to say to that brown-eyed girl who watched her last Saturday. She hears her coworkers. Daydreams get her through.

I think of non-white dykes and gay men. How do they take it? Life's hard enough without the self-righteous double-damning perfectly good human beings. What would happen if the same study were run adding the gay factor? If a subject was monitored before, during and after coming out to a bank teller or a childhood friend? That would make a little more medical history.

Or I think of me. Like the black professionals referred to in the "Times" article, I'm coming from a more educated, more secure place than Jenny. I write my rage, I march through my frustration. But not always.

On October 9, I'd just met with a small business owner in connection with my job. His big pickup truck was parked next to my car. He stopped, looked at my Clinton/Gore bumper sticker, smiled in a patronizing way, and asked, "What're you, a Democrat?"

"Somebody's got to be," I joked back.

Still perfectly pleasant, he replied, "We got to get that faggot and her husband out of the White House."

Two days before National Coming Out Day, did I leap from my car and accost him? Did I quietly suggest that was a homophobic thing to say? Did I insist he be more respectful of our President? Did I timidly confess, "Some of my best friends are faggots?" Did I growl, "Watch out who you're talking to, asshole. I'm a bull-dagger with P.M.S. and I know karate?"

Although I believe that if we all jumped out of our closets at once we would change the world, I now remove my bumper-stickers before such meetings so I don't alienate people who can help my clients. And that's okay.

So I hope there aren't a lot of gays beating themselves up or getting sick because they didn't tell anyone but their parakeets this year. And scared themselves doing that. We're all good people doing the best we can.
Men and other perils of dating

My queer life

I am not good at dating.

Mind you, this isn’t just some sudden gloomy thought brought on by an annoying dry spell between thrilling romantic encounters. This is based on the indisputable fact that over the last seven years I have had approximately three dates.

I just never know how it’s all supposed to work. My parents, from all accounts virgins on their wedding night, had exactly one date. Even my forebears are no help — my grandmother became pregnant, and I swear I am not making this up, while living in a convent. With such meager experience to draw on, it’s a wonder I haven’t ended up palling around a trailer in a muumuu while my ex-con boyfriend bellows for another Hostess Snowball and a can of Genessee Creme Ale so he can thoroughly enjoy the breathtaking thrill of “Cops.”

Let us also not forget that I am of the generation reared on the magic of Disney. Countless viewings of “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty” as a child left me with the firm impression that all I’d have to do to attain romantic fulfillment was lounge around pining and eventually some handsome man with perfect teeth would happen by and be struck by my lonely beauty. We would then repair to some fabulous castle, accompanied by the chirps and trills of cartoon birds, and spend the rest of our lives being deliciously happy in a generally cheerful, if not sexually explicit, kind of way.

Imagine my horror, then, when I found out the whole affair actually involved the wanting exchange of phone numbers and trying to fall asleep with my hero’s slumbering head making my arm numb. I have a difficult time accepting that Snow White was forced to endure Prince Charming’s suggestions that water sports might be interesting. Picture her going through his drawers while he’s out hunting to see what other princesses he’s been slipping it to ruins the whole dream utterly.

Walt’s lies aside, I am willing to accept some of the blame for this problem of not yet being partnered. My friends Grace says it’s because I’m not serious enough. Maybe she’s right. With the exception of supermodels and Playboy bunnies, who inevitably list humor as the most desirable quality in the man of their dreams, most people seem to rank it far beneath being steadily employed and perfect abs. The thought that Naomi Campbell would find me utterly entralling has its appeal, but on the whole I’d rather have George Clooney banging on my bedroom door.

Nor am I wired for this casual dating thing the carefree queens of the 90s are into. I don’t like being around strangers enough to date someone if I don’t think that joint checking and rooms filled with IKEA furnishings aren’t a definite possibility. I don’t need to sit through foreign films or endless hockey games just so we can get to know one another. I am quite secure in my dysfunction, and do not need to pretend that my life has meaning outside of watching Bruce Willis movies on tape. I have an entire owner’s manual already typed up. I simply hand it over on the first date and tell him to call with any questions.

The problem, ultimately, is that dating involves men, and men are hard to find these days. Oh, sure, there are scads of annoying fellows doused in Obsession for Men just lying about for the taking. But the really good ones, the ones who like big dogs and don’t care what Madonna is up to today, are far near extinct. When I do find one that might be interesting, his wife always comes along to spoil it.

It also does not help that I am the least social human being on this planet, making the normal avenues of meeting people closed to me. I do not go to parties. I do not attend readings and literary functions, usually wonderful places for writer types to meet men, at least men who can read. Unfortunately, these types of men have never appealed to me, as they are frequently disposed to having ideas about things, which they want to discuss at length. Bars are also not an option, if only because I do not see well in dim light and easily become confused by the noise and smoke common to such places. And forget meeting men through friends. My friends do not know anyone I would ever want to go out with. In fact, I don’t even want to go anywhere with them, so why would I trust their judgment.

It’s not that I’m particularly fussy. In fact, I don’t ask for much. But what I do ask for is hard to find these days — a man who is independent, questions the state of the world, and looks very nice in boxers. Unfortunately, these men are almost always either already married to Kim Basinger, or they’re career criminals. As my friend Dan cruelly pointed out recently, “Your problem is that your ideal man is the Unabomber.” Sad, but true.

Still, even the romantic, I refuse to stop believing that somewhere out there is a man I can, if not love madly, at least tolerate. So here’s the plan: I am having an essay contest, and the grand prize is me. Anyone interested is free to submit. All you have to do is tell me in 750 words or less how you are going to make me wildly excited forever. Essays will be judged on originality, penmanship, and ability to amuse me. Presents are also a nice touch, especially cash. The winner will be notified by my arrival on his doorstep.

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A profile on Rodney Wilson, part two

by Carmen D. McDonell special to NorthView

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"This one's for me, because I'm gay." With these words, Michael Delaney, a gay history teacher on ABC-TV's All My Children (AMC), came out to his students and to millions of viewers.

Rodney Wilson, a St. Louis, MO history teacher, has been featured in stories in the national press and on Dateline NBC for coming out to his students in exactly the same way.

Last December, Pine Valley High's favorite history teacher showed his students a poster from the U.S. Holocaust Museum, indicated a pink triangle, and identified himself as a member of a group targeted by Nazi hate crimes.

In 1994, Wilson visited the Holocaust Museum. He returned to his classroom at Mehlville High School in St. Louis County with a poster showing yellow Stars of David and other patches from the Nazi regime. During a history lecture, he explained the meaning of each of the patches to his students, indicated the pink triangle, and said, "If I had been in Europe during World War II, I could have been forced to wear this and could have been murdered, because I am gay."

The similarity between Wilson's experience and Delaney's coming out is no coincidence. "We were familiar with Rodney Wilson's case," says Lorraine Broderick, AMC's head writer. The writers consulted articles on Wilson, as well as materials from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teacher's Network (GLSTN).

Broderick and the others were impressed by what they read. Says Broderick, "Rodney, along with other gay teachers, really inspired us. What they have been able to accomplish, given their obstacles, gave us so much to think about when we were developing this story. It was gratifying to be able to write about things that had actually happened to real people."

AMC was rewarded for its efforts. The soap received an award from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for the storyline and the show's recent Emmy win for Outstanding Writing was due to this story. The episode in which Delaney revealed his sexual orientation to his class was submitted to the blue-ribbon panel for Emmy consideration. The fan mail has also been favorable. "Whenever you do a controversial story like this, you expect mail from both sides of the fence and you get it, but the audience response to Michael has been overwhelmingly positive," says Broderick. When Delaney came out in his classroom, one student got up and left, apparently upset. Delaney then went through public humiliation, a firing, harassment, and most tragically, the loss of a sister by a bul-
Film urges classroom discussion about homosexuality

by Teresa Bolduc, Monitor staff

Children are never too young to start learning about homosexuality and how to respect people who are different from them.

That was one of the main messages the California filmmakers brought to Concord yesterday in the premiere of their documentary, “It’s Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School.” About 100 people, mostly educators, attended the film’s opening at the Concord City Auditorium. “When we said we were coming to New Hampshire, everyone on the West Coast applauded. It’s a real statement,” said co-producer Helen Cohen, drawing many laughs from the crowd.

The documentary, expected to be nominated for an Oscar, takes viewers into six classrooms around the country where teachers and students, grades one through eight, openly discuss gay and lesbian issues. Although the film mainly focuses on larger urban areas like New York City, it includes three references to New Hampshire.

The film opens with U. S. Sen. Bob Smith giving a speech before the Senate about withholding federal funding from school districts that discuss homosexuality in the classroom. In the film, a very angry Smith is shown waving his hands around and yelling, “We must protect the taxpayers by keeping this trash out of our schools. And that’s what it is. It’s trash.”

The filmmakers immediately contrast Smith’s comments with those by young students, who react to homosexuality with comments like, “What’s the big whoop?” or “They’re gay. Well, so what.”

“It’s Elementary” also includes a quick shot of a newspaper article about the New Ipswich teacher fired (she was later reinstated) for assigning books about gays in her classroom. It also includes footage from a heated Merrimack School Board meeting during which residents debated a policy that would have banned the teaching or discussion of homosexual issues in the classroom.

Ken Coleman, the Merrimack School Board chairman who fought the policy, was one of the guest speakers at the film premiere. He told the audience that in order to prevent violence and discrimination against gays and lesbians, New Hampshire must give its teachers more leeway in the classroom so that they can properly address homosexual issues with their students. “What we need to do in New Hampshire is to talk about these issues, for all our children’s sake,” Coleman said.

“I can tell you, in conservative Merrimack, New Hampshire, we have children with two mothers or two fathers.”

The makers of the film stressed that they’re not trying to teach children about sex, or encourage them to become gays or lesbians. Instead, their goal is to teach children to respect people who are different from them, eliminate negative stereotypes of homosexuals and prevent future violence and suicides among gay people, especially teenagers.

According to statistics released at yesterday’s premiere, 30 percent of all teen suicides involve gay and lesbian youth; every 5 hours and 48 minutes, a gay or lesbian teenager kills himself or herself in America; 97 percent of students report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from their peers; and 53 percent of students report hearing homophobic comments made by school staff.

In “It’s Elementary,” several issues about gays and lesbians are discussed. In one scene, a girl reads a Mother’s Day essay she wrote to her two lesbian mothers. Other scenes include a debate among third-graders on whether gay people should be allowed to marry; a fourth-grade class in New York talks about what to do when they hear the words “gay” or “lesbian.” Responses included the words love, pervert, marriage and peep shows. Perhaps one of the most humorous parts of the film is an elementary school girl’s surprise reaction to learning that musicians Elton John and Melissa Etheridge are homosexual. The girl just sits there with her mouth open.

“The children made the power of it,” said Concord resident Carol Moore, a state representative and psychotherapist who attended the premiere. “I just think everybody needs to see it.” Moore, a Democrat, said she believes that gay issues should be more openly discussed in New Hampshire’s classrooms. She said that while addressing homosexuality issues in the schools will create some controversy in many communities, she believes that people here are “pretty progressive and could be open to such ideas.” Further, she believes that if children are taught at a young age not to hate or discriminate, then they won’t do so as adults. “We should support what children already know instinctively. They know that people should be treated justly and fairly,” Moore said.

Several of the teachers who attended the premiere said they would like to have more freedom in their classroom to talk to kids about issues facing gays and lesbians. Many of them, however, spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of losing their jobs or causing trouble in their school district.

This wasn’t the case, however, for Gigi Klipa, a 37-year-old lesbian who teaches health at Souhegan High School in Amherst. She said she and her partner are raising two children. She said being open about her lifestyle has made her job easier. Plus, she said, she’s also fortunate to work in a district that three years ago developed a health curriculum that included the discussion of gay and lesbian issues. “We’re not talking about sex. We’re talking about relationships,” Klipa said. “I think Souhegan High School really has taken a stance. It’s not a stance on sex. It’s a stance about decency toward every human being.”

The premiere was presented by the New Hampshire chapter of The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network. The state group, which formed a year ago, aims to end anti-gay violence and discrimination through education. “The place where most gay and lesbian people are attacked are in our schools,” said Randal Kottwitz, co-chairman of the New Hampshire chapter. “Well, GLSTN is the only organization that has stepped up to the front lines and said, ‘This will not do.’”

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Two moms

by Megan McGuire

When I was growing up, the words “fag” and “queer” and “dyke” were everywhere, even though we lived in a relatively tolerant community, Cambridge, MA. I even used them myself to put down someone I didn’t like. If you were a fag or a dyke, you were an outcast. All that changed when I was 12. My mother had a friend, Barb, who started spending the night, though she lived minutes away. One night when Barb wasn’t there, I asked my mother, “Are you gay?” I can only remember the “yes” — and the crying. All I could think was that she couldn’t be gay. It wasn’t fair. She was one of “those” people.

The years after my mother came out to me were very difficult for me and my brother. We had just moved from Washington, D.C. We had to start over, and at the same time we had to lie about our mom. In high school I wanted to be liked, so I laughed at the jokes about gays. I had yet to figure out how to make a friend I could trust with my secret. I wasn’t ready to talk about my family because I wasn’t ready to deal with it myself.

High school was the hardest. I was into all kinds of clubs, but I was afraid everything I had gained socially would disappear if anyone ever found out that while they went home after volleyball practice to their Brady Bunch dinners with Mom and Dad, I went home to two moms. My brother and I would never allow Mom and Barb to walk together or sit next to each other in a restaurant. We wouldn’t have people spend the night; if we did have friends over, we would hide the gay literature and family pictures. When a friend asked about the pink triangle on our car, my brother told him it was a used car and we hadn’t had time to take the sticker off. We lived like this for three years, until we moved to a house with a basement apartment. We told our friends Barb lived there. It was really a guest room.

Ironically, our home life then was really the same as a straight family’s. We had family meetings, fights, trips and dinners. My brother and I came to accept Barb as a parent. There were things she could never have with us the way our mother did. But she helped support us while my mother got her Ph.D. in public health. And she pushed my brother and me to succeed in school, just like a mom.

With the help of a really great counselor and a friend who had a “it’s not a big deal and I knew anyway” attitude, I started to become more comfortable with my two-mom family. The spring of my junior year, a local newspaper interviewed me for an article on gay families. I was relieved, but also afraid. The day the article appeared was incredibly tense. I felt like everyone was looking at me and talking about me. One kid said to my brother, “I saw the article, you fag.” My brother told him to get lost. Some people avoided me, but most kids were curious about my family. People asked if I was gay. I chose not to answer; as teenagers, most of us can’t explain the feelings in our minds and bodies.

Last year, in my final year of high school, I decided to speak at our school’s National Coming Out Day. Sitting up front were my best friend, my mother, my brother and my counselor, Al. That day was the best. I no longer had to laugh at the jokes or keep a secret. I hoped I was making a path for others like me: a kid with a gay parent, scared and feeling alone. After my speech, I lost some friends and people made remarks that hurt. But that only made me stronger. The hardest thing to deal with is other people’s ignorance, not the family part. That’s just like any other family.

McGuire, 18, is a freshman at Mills College in Oakland, CA.

This story was featured in the November 4, 1996 issue of © Newsweek magazine, along with six inside stories on the subject of gay families. Please take a moment to send a letter to the editor of Newsweek about the subject, no matter how brief, because you know that bigots and homophobes are sending in their critical letters as you read this!

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Interior AIDS Association
This year’s Interior AIDS Association’s Halloween party was a blast. We'd like to thank everyone who helped make it a success. A lot of credit goes to our DJs, Phil and Bernie, who kept the dance floor hopping even though they were both feeling a little under the weather. Thanks to all the creative folks who came in costume. You were great! I'd also like to thank our Duchess Rochelle Delight, Christopher, Laura, Lori K, Mark, Terry, Mike, Abigail, Chris, Darlene and everyone else who helped out.

Before coming to work for the Interior AIDS Association, I naively assumed that I already knew most of the gay men who were HIV positive. I’ve had a number of friends and acquaintances who have revealed their status to me over the years and I believed that safe sex had become a matter of practice for most of us. It didn’t occur to me that I would in some way become a “confessor” figure to people that had kept their status a secret. Within two weeks of coming to work, three friends I’d known for years came out to me about being HIV positive. At first I was depressed, then angry. How could they have let this happen to them after years of being bombarded with messages about safe sex. I began to ask myself who was to blame. Were my friends just reckless or is AIDS education not working?

Recently there have been numerous articles concerning gay men and how low self-esteem is important in determining how susceptible we are to participating in risky behavior. While people engage in risky behavior for many reasons, no single factor or set of factors can explain it in all people. Certain our childhood environment and experiences as adolescents play a key role in how our adult personality develops. Self-esteem is a prime component of who we are as adults and plays a key role in how we handle the stress of being gay. In response to stress, people with low self-esteem may feel drained and empty. Stressors include conflicts, losses or disappointments that involve other people; being rejected, slighted, ridiculed, or criticized; experiencing self image problems or physical changes; or just having a bad day at work.

Researchers have found that HIV-negative gay men who were less accepting of their gay identity were more likely to engage in high-risk sexual behavior (attributed in part to the possibility that these men were less likely to be involved in a stable relationship). Interpersonal relationships in which empathic responses are sought tend to be marked by manipulation, since people with fragile self-esteem must exert control in order to bolster their self-esteem. Some people need others to shower them with praise in order to bolster their self-esteem. If they need frequent support, they may manipulate others by putting themselves down or by creating frequent crises in their lives.

A recent research paper stated: “Gay men who are well integrated into the lesbian/gay community and its culture benefit from the support it offers. Gay men who have fragile self-esteem are more likely to be ineffective in obtaining support that promotes safer sex. The support they obtain is more likely to be associated with sexual contact that serves to alleviate self-esteem injuries. These men are also more likely to be susceptible to the negative effects of social support wherein they experience social contact and feelings of connectedness from people who negate the threat of risky sexual behaviors and HIV transmission. Under these circumstances, sexual contact may mitigate the distress of fragmentation and provide some support and comfort reducing loneliness and promoting some feelings of intimacy but it is also more likely to be unsafe.” One researcher said that men who have weak ties to the gay community have the most to lose by changing their sex life since an active sex life may be their only tie to the community. Social support is essential to daily functioning across the spectrum of social membership within communities.

I honestly believed my own friends were a part of the Fairbanks community but after sitting down and talking with them I realized how little support we truly give one another. One of them had always boasted about how active his sex life was and I always passed it off as male bravado. I assumed he was practicing safe sex. The fact was that he didn’t use condoms if his partner objected or said he was negative. It was so important for him to feel wanted and be a “part of something” that he was willing to risk everything, including his own life. He said he wasn’t really sorry he was positive because now he didn’t feel so alone. He finally feels that he belongs now that he is HIV positive.

We are in serious trouble, individually and as a community, if one of our strongest bonds is having a life threatening disease. Surely we have more to offer one another and our community as a whole. It takes more than lip-service... we must make a conscious effort to demonstrate our respect, support and concern for each other every single day.

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60’s Flashback

by Candy Bonham

When I think about the 60’s, I think of the music, Janis Joplin, Jimmi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and the Doors, Jefferson Airplane. I was young, not even a teenager until the end of the 60’s, but I had an older sister and I listened to her records (when she wasn’t around). And though I listened to and enjoyed rock and roll, my favorite music then, and now, is folk music. Folk music appeals to all ages. There are folk festivals all over the country, including Anchorage. Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, and the Kingston Trio are artists I have kept up with; truthfully, Janis Ian wasn’t one of them. I was quite young when “Society’s Child” came out. In fact, it was my sister’s record. That was the last I heard of Janis Ian until a couple of years ago when I subscribed to The Advocate and discovered her as a writer and an out lesbian.

My partner, Barbara, had never heard her music; it was a tough sell to get her to the concert. She finally went because Libby Roderick was opening. If you missed this concert, you missed a wonderful performance. Libby was, of course, better than ever. She has a new CD coming out next year and has promised to come back to Anchorage and perform. Then came Janis Ian. It was a pleasant surprise to rediscover this performer — short in stature even in her Converse tennis shoes. When she came out and started playing and singing, you forgot about everything but the music. She wowed the audience with her guitar playing. When she sang powerful songs like “Tattoo” about a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp, the audience fell into a hush. She told funny stories about living in the South, which for those who have not been there, is a completely different world. After the show, Janis stuck around and signed autographs and talked to people. I’m glad we went.

If you missed the concert, her latest CD "Revenge" is delightful with songs like “Ready For The War”, “Take No Prisoners,” and “When Angels Cry”.

Check out Whistling Swan productions. I know Dar Williams is one of the shows scheduled (Saturday, February 8th.) Dar performed with Joan Baez and was featured on Joan Baez’s latest album “Ring Them Bells”. Holly Near will be here Saturday, May 3rd. You can get tickets and find out about other shows at Metro Music & Books on Benson Boulevard.

Candy Bonham is the Identity Helpline coordinator, co-producer of the Alaska Women’s Coffeehouse and a community activist.

ASETS board openings

Union news and other special occasions

ASETS, Inc.’s, Board of Directors has openings for four new board members — an accountant, a lawyer and two non-specific positions. ASETS, Inc., is a non-profit organization that supports, finds and develops jobs for physically and mentally handicapped people in local businesses. ASETS has a non-discriminatory sexual orientation clause for its own employees.

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OWLS

by Barbara J. Soule

A call from the media

How would we, as a lesbigay community in Anchorage, like to be portrayed in the eyes of our hetero fellow citizens? What stories need to be told? What myths / lies need to be dispelled? This question has been posed by a local TV station reporter who wants to do a story. Would you be willing to help guide such a production to reflect an accurate picture of our community?

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November 2, 1976 (20 years ago this month): Elaine Noble and Allan Spear are re-elected as the nation's only two openly gay state legislators.

In November 1974 Elaine Noble was elected a state representative in Massachusetts, and one month later Minnesota state senator Allan Spear revealed his homosexuality in a newspaper interview. Noble and Spear were the first openly lesbian and gay state legislators.

Noble ran as a Democrat for a seat in the Massachusetts House representing Boston's Fenway district. She narrowly won the primary and defeated her Republican opponent with nearly 60 percent of the vote.

In office, she found herself torn between her goals as a legislator representing a mostly straight, elderly and poor district and the demands of the gay and lesbian community that she be focus on “their” issues. On more than one occasion, Noble was accused of “selling out” and acting against the best interests of gays and lesbians.

On the other hand, Noble did try (albeit unsuccessfully) to pass a statewide job-protection bill for gays and lesbians and certainly helped break down barriers and stereotypes among legislators in Massachusetts and nationwide. After she served two terms, the district lines were redrawn, and she found herself in the same district as her ally, then-closeted gay legislator Barney Frank.

Rather than face off against Frank in a primary, Noble ran for the United States Senate in 1978, but she lost the primary to future presidential contender Paul Tsongas.

In part inspired by Noble's November 1974 election, Spear indicated he was gay in an interview to the Minneapolis Star-Tribune soon after his re-election to a second term as a state senator. This announcement was not met with universal acceptance. One state senator indicated during a committee meeting that he thought the state should appropriate money to help Spear get his homosexuality “cured.” Nonetheless, many of Spear's fellow senators were supportive, although most expected him to lose his 1976 bid for re-election. Spear's Republican opponent in that race spent so much time denying that homosexuality was an issue in the race that it became clear it was. Spear won with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

In the years that followed, Spear made a name for himself fighting for strict drunk-driving laws and expanded child care services. He also pushed for a gay rights bill, which met strong opposition from religious conservatives but was ultimately passed in 1993. By that time, Spear had risen through the ranks of Minnesota's senate to become that body's president, a position he still holds in 1996.

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Yukio Mishima was one of Japan’s most popular twentieth century novelists, whose writings include some of the first modern Japanese explorations of gay identity and gay subculture. His disturbing suicide in 1970 drew attention to his unusual philosophy, which combined right-wing nationalism with the veneration of the male body and a fascination with violence.

Two of Mishima’s novels dealt directly with gay issues: “Confessions of a Mask” (1949), which is considered Japan’s first coming out novel; and “Forbidden Colors” (1951), which had Tokyo’s gay subculture as its setting.

During the 1960s, Mishima continued to write and to develop the philosophy that ultimately led to his violent death. He believed that the emperor was central to Japanese society, and indeed that no two people could love each other without first loving the emperor. He also believed that to live with honor meant to be prepared for war, to be unafraid of violence and to be intensely loyal to one’s colleagues.

In his writing, Mishima frequently praised the Japanese samurai who ended their own lives by performing seppuku (also known as hara-kiri), a ritual form of suicide in which the warrior takes a short knife and disembowels himself, after which a fellow warrior cuts of his head. It became clear to many who read his works (which by the late 1960s were among the most celebrated of any Japanese writings) that Mishima hoped to end his own life someday in such a fashion. Seppuku was clearly erotic for Mishima, who once called it (just months before his death) “the ultimate masturbation.”

However, Mishima felt that ritual suicide was not honorable unless one’s body was in peak physical condition. Though he was skinny as a young man, he started a strict regimen of bodybuilding at age 30, which he continued through his death at age 45, by which time he was extremely muscled.

But Mishima is probably best remembered for the last day of his life. On November 25, 1970, along with some of his right-wing nationalist followers, he stormed a Japanese military headquarters (the army was then called the “Japan Self-Defense Force”) and demanded to speak to the troops outside. When they assembled, he exhorted them to rise up and overthrow Japan’s postwar pacifist regime and replace it with a government that once again emphasized military might. When the troops laughed at and heckled Mishima he returned to an office inside, where he shouted his undying loyalty to the emperor and proceeded to cut open his abdomen with his sword. His protégé (widely believed to be his lover), Masakatsu Morita, then cut off Mishima’s head and disemboweled himself.

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(A) Island Watch, Eileen (Homer), 907-235-2205 (see ad)
(L) Northern Comfort, Reeda, 278-2106
(G/A) Sauerdough Lodging (Seward, AK), Gordon, 907-224-8849

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

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

Books:
(A) Alaskana, Gene, 561-1340 (see ad)

...Drag Shows

(A) Cyrano's Books, Sandy/Jerry, 274-2599
(A) Into The Woods Bookshop (Fairbanks), Connie, 907-479-7701

Carpet & Linoleum Installation:
(A) Big Bob's, Mark, 561-2121
(A) Don, 349-1056

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
(A) Quiverbean Coffee Co., Scott & Becky, call or fax 278-28821
(G/L/B) The Sotolic Tidg at The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE

College and Boarding School Selections:
(A) Tom Crook, 277-7004

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

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

Computer Consultants, Graphic Design, & Desktop Publishing:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4443
(L) Angie, 337-0253 (see ad)
(G) By-Teq Alaska, Inc., F. Ken, 248-2422
(L) CDA Services, Waltraud, 276-8662
(A) Computer Magik, Phil, 274-3528
(G) Ekstic RAM, Robert, 522-4275
(G) graf/x, Lucian, 561-8565
(L) Helleck & Associates, Terry, 276-3869
(G) Mad Dog Graphx, Michael Ardaiz, 276-5062 (w)
(G) Mark, 274-9472
(G) PC Possibilities, 248-6277

Computer Training:
(A) Alaskan Support Consortium, Walter Erskine, 522-4443
(G) Ekstic RAM, Robert, 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, Malcolm, 274-3518

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

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

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

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

Disk Jockeys:
(A) Lake Webb, 373-2689 (h), 279-3300 (w)

Drag Shows:
(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE (see ad)
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Drug Dependency:
(G/L/B) Pride Institute (Minnesota), 800-54 PRIDE (547-7433)

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

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

Electrolysis:
(A) Anchorage Skin Care Clinic, Barbara, 277-4247
(L) Gentle Touch Electrolysis Clinic, Bronwyn 561-6068/277-4744

Entertainment:
(G) Art Services North, Darli, 561-2115
(G) Capri Cinema, 561-3064 (see ad)
(A) Mascarella Music, Diane, 277-9751
(A) Syzygy/Music Magic, Linda, 274-2959

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

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

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

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

Furniture:
(A) Design Craft, David, 279-6638 (see ad)

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

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

Gifts:
(A) Design Craft, David, 272-4438 (see ad)
(A) Love of Alaska, Talyne, 243-0876
(A) The Cutting Edge (Seward, AK), Connie, 907-224-8996

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

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

Health:
(A) Gatekey, Kleti/Jaimini, 561-7327
(L) Health Advocacy - Medical/Legal Research, Linda, 337-0253
(A) Home Health Care, 261-3173
(L) Movement Options, Shari, 272-0816
(A) Nature's Own Way, Roberto/Debbie, 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, 561-2330

Helpline:
(G/L) Gay & Lesbian National Hotline, 1-888-843-4564
(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

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

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

Imperial Court:
(G) Imperial Court of All Alaska, Bob, 338-3237

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 Mathies, 274-9472

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

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

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

Media:
(L) NLGIJA (National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association),
Kim, Alaska chapter coordinator and board member, 277-2704

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

Mortgage Brokers:
(G) City Mortgage, Lynn (LaPerriere) Thomas, 277-0700 (see ad)

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

Native Arts/Culture:
(A) Moon Dancer Arts, Rosemary (Wasilla), 373-5535

Newsletters/Newspapers:
(A) Alaska Women Speak, Mary Lee, 696-0924
(A) Anchorage Press, Nick, 561-7737 (see ad)
(L) Klondyke Kontakt (Alaska Women's Cultural Center), 277-9763
(GLA) NorthView (Identity), 258-4777
(GL) Perspective (SEAGLA (Juneau)), 586-4297

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

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

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

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

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

Photography:
(G) Photos by Frank, Frank, 337-3899 (see ad)

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

Printing, Electronic Graphics:
(A) Alaska Micro Associates, Rebecca, 337-0460
(A) Mad dog Graphx, Michael, 276-5062
(A) SOS Printing, Val, 562-1678
(A) Timeframe, 562-3822 (see ad)

Recreation:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 688-2226
(L) McKinley Air Svc., Lee Ann & Keli, 800-564-1765
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 786-3707, 800-779-3701
(G/L) The Wave, Vicki, 274-0690 or 561-WAVE (see ad)

Real Estate:
(G) Apollo Real Estate, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Bronwyn Real Estate, 907-277-4744
(L) Century 21 (Missouri), Lucille, 417-745-6798 (o), 417-998-4302 (h)
(A) Coldwell Banker, Elaine, 562-2378
(L) Dynamic Properties, Jill, 261-7663
(L) Waltraud Barron, 274-2634

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

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

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

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

Rooming Houses:
(A) Regina’s, 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, 907-733-1765
(L) Puffin Family Charters, Leslie, 278-3346 (see ad)

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

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

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

Sports:
(L) Alaska Women of the Wilderness, Rachel, 658-2226
(A) Flies by Ilene (Eagle River), 907-694-6946
(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

...Writing and Editing Assistance

Support Groups:
(G) Ability Design Associates, Doran, 562-9575
(G) I.M.R.U.2 (Youth Group), 566-6678
(A) PFLAG Anchorage, Sylvia 562-4992, Fred 562-7161
(A) PFLAG Fairbanks, Mary Jo, 907-435-8895
(A) PFLAG Juneau, 907-463-4203

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

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

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

Travel:
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Bob, 561-0661 (see ad)
(G) Apollo Travel Agency, Cheressas, 561-0661 (see ad)
(L) Equinox Wilderness Expeditions, Karen, voice mail: 274-9087
(G) Triangle Tours, Greg, 907-786-3707, 800-779-3701
(G) World Express Travel, Greg, 786-3701

Tutoring:
(A) James, Biology, 248-6412
(L) Carolyn Lancaster, M.Ed., School Survival Skills, 274-0646
(A) Kathleen L. McDonough, School Survival Skills, 274-5059

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

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

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

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Call the Anchorage Daily News Newsline (277-1500) and enter 5400 for topics and speakers.

3201 Turnagain Street, 248-3737
Informative message: 248-0715
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.

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) Anchorage
offers HIV testing Wednesday afternoons (2:00-4:00pm) at
their offices, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste. 102. Friday at noon
is a luncheon for People With HIV and AIDS. We are always
looking for groups willing to donate and provide these meals.
If you are interested in helping with the luncheons, volunteer-
ing with the 4As, or need information, please call the 4As at
263-2605.

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

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

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

Bruin Brotherhood of Alaska
Levi/Leather/Bear 1441 East 12 #2 99501. Contact Dan at
258-2629 or 276-6947. Meets 3rd Sat at 7 pm.

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 in-
formation, call 274-9226.

EQUAL, Inc. Fairbanks
purpose is to keep the community informed about political and
legal issues which have an effect on the Lesbians 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-
ceived sexual orientation. To be on the phone tree, call Andy
at 907-457-3876. For more information about EQUAL, con-
tact Laura Burke at 907-479-7348 or e-mail FSLB@aurora-
ra.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 11:00pm till the wee hours of the morning (it's a straight
tourist bar at all other times.) The DJ will be spinning
Country, Disco, Top 40 and Oldies for your dancing pleasures.
Info: Phil 451-6501

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

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

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

Feminist Sing-a-Long (women only), Anchorage
third Saturday of every month, 1741 Westview Circle, call Carol
and Fran at 338-0871. Non-singers are more than welcome.
6:30pm potluck, 7:30pm singing (from the KK—Thanks!)

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

Gay/Lesbian Book Club
At Barnes & Noble on 3rd Wed. from 7 to 9 p.m. 200 East
Northern Lights Blvd. Kim Meck, Community Relations
Coordinator for B & N and Howard Hess, local author of
Pastor, I Am Gay, co-host this discussion group.

Identity, Inc. Anchorage
founded to improve self and community awareness, understand-
ance, 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 between the Gay/Lesbian
and non-Gay/lesbian communities. Potluck Social is held
on the 4th Friday of every month at the Anchorage Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. Doors open
at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:00pm; program at 7:30pm. See the
Calendar for this month's program.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (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
Empress Salmon Ella at pager 275-0046. Or write P.O. Box
104023, Anchorage 99510-4023.

I.M.R.U. 2
Anchorage gay youth group meets Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30
p.m. at 4As, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 102. 566-IMRU.

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

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)
Anchorage holds Sunday services at 11:00am and 7:00pm,
and Wednesday at 7:00p.m. at 4th and Barrow. 258-4226
Church is open Sunday through Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm.

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

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

Northern Exposure Bowling League, Anchorage
each Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm, Park Lanes, 561-8744 (Bob).

Over 50's
A lesbian book and support group which meets 2nd and 4th
Mondays 7 to 9 p.m. Videos and books will be a part of this posi-
tive energy discussion group. For location, call Rose Beth (387-
6779) or Lorraine (276-3337).

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
of Fairbanks meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm
at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin (Noble &
5th). Contact Nancy at 45PFLAG for more information.
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) of Juneau meets the 1st Saturday of every month at 10:30am at Mendenhall Mall Library. Phone 907-463-4203.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) of Southcentral holds meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. For information call Sylvia at 907-562-4992 or Fred at 562-7161.

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

Q*K Outdoors, Fairbanks
an offshoot of Q*Klatch and a member of IGLOO (International Gay Lesbian Outdoor Organization), is an informal, volunteer group of GLBs interested in enjoying the Great Outdoors. Last summer, we canoed down the Tanana River to Nenana, camped out at Tangle Lakes (just south of the Alaska Range), went halibut fishing in Valdez, did some day hikes and played at picnics. For more info, call Eric at 455-4051 or e-mail to <ebsw@aurora.alaska.edu> or Kathy at 455-6358 or <khatkid@northstar.k12.ak.us>

Queer Round Table (QRT)
Call to list your club’s events and hear about other club events. Barb (H): 274-4964 or (W) 564-8518.

Radical Arms for Women (RAW)
Voice mail 566-1073 info and message.

Shanti of Juneau
offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. Offices: 222 Seward, Suite 200; mail: P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 1-800-478-1478 (AIDS (2437).

SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous) Anchorage
12-step meeting, Tues., Thurs., Sat. Check calendar for times and locations. 566-1183

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. Suggested donation $3. Call Barbara or Candi at 337-2011 for information or if you wish to perform.

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HelpLine
258-4777
A community service of Identity, Inc.

Cyberlust

Burleson, Laura: Gay Rights activist, Chair of Equal of Fairbanks, and in the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association: <lsb@aurora.alaska.edu>
Capri Cinema, Rand Thornsway: <echb91a@prodigy.com>
Carlisle, Karen: Writer, feminist, teacher, activist: <kcarlisle@aurora.alaska.edu>
Carter, Dan: Gay activist, Dandelion, Equal: <alaska@newaol.com>
Childs, Lucian: Graphic artist <lucian@alaskana.com> <http://www.alaskana.com/gfx/>
Covone, Michael R., AIDS activist and social worker: mrc@alaska.net
Crabtree, Phil, Crabtree B&B, Fairbanks, AK, <spac@aurora.alaska.edu>
Crui, John: market research, Pride Conference: <cruij@cruij.alaska.net>
Digital Queers, Technical philanthropic organization: <swaltonDQ@amodo.com> <http://www.dq.org/dq/>
Freedman, F. Kenneth: Gay/Lesbian activist, <ken@servcom.com>
Gay & Lesbian National Hotline: http://www.glgh.org
GLAAD: Gay and the media <http://www.glaad.org>
Hein’s Ultimate Gay List: A launching pad to gay web sites <http://www.xs4all.nl/~heincv/heidoc/gayhpt.html>
Hillman, Fred: <casfh1.1@uaa.alaska.edu>
HRC: Send a message to your congressman <http://www.hrcusa.org>
Into The Woods Bookshop: Connie, Fairbanks, AK, <woods@polarcom.net>
Iris, Robert: Computer training and production, <robaris@alaska.net> or <http://alaska.net/~robaris> and <http://www.alaska.net/~robaris>
Kohout, Jen: <jenkout@aol.com>
Last Frontier Men’s Club: see club listing <FMCo@Micronet.net>
Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center: <lyric.talkline.info@sig.net>
LGNY, new NY Lgbt Gay newspaper, <http://www.lfl.net/~lgny/>
Olson, Chris: <cmofrida@aol.com>
Out North: <outnorth@artswire.org>
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays: Bob Banaszak <pflagntl@aol.com>
Phoenix gay community: <http://www.comecout.com>
Pinney, Pete: UID instructor and owner of Alta’s B & B; <pfillpp@aurora.alaska.edu>
Rachal, Tom: <TomAndAli@alaska.net>
SEAGLA Web page: http://puffin.ptialaska.net/-seagla
Scot's Gay Magazine: Gay Scotland: <http://www.scotsgay.co.uk>
Severson, Kim: Entertainment editor Anchorage Daily News, board of Native Lesbian & Gay Journalists Assn: <kseverson@apd.adn.com>
Thomson, Randi: Capri Cinema: <filmgally@aol.com>
Triangle Tours, Lesbian/Gay travel services: triangle@servcom.com
Walton, Eric: Q*Klatch, Q*K Outdoors, PFLAG, EQUAL etc.: <ebsw@aurora.alaska.edu>
Wave, The: Lesbian/Gay bar & coffee house: <wave@alaska.net>
Wockner, Rex: San Diego-based journalist, LesBiGay info (Internet): twockner@inetcom.com>
Youth web site: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/B_Hartman3>
Calendar

November

Thursday, 14 - Tuesday, 19:
A We are Patriots with Dark Faces, Out North, 7 pm.

Sunday, 17:
J Phone line meeting 3 pm, 586-GAYS for info.

Tuesday, 19:
A Women's Community Cooperative, 7 pm at UUF.

Wednesday, 20:
A Barnes & Noble Book Club 7 - 8 p.m. 3rd Wed.
A Free HIV testing at Fairview Rec. Center 4 - 7 pm.

Friday, 22:
A Identity Potluck held at AUUF at 6:30 p.m. Susan

Saturday, 23:
A Free HIV testing at the Wave 9 pm - 1 am.

Sunday, 24:
A Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers' Network (GLSTN) at
1 pm at AUUF. Call 562-7161 or 563-1324.

Tuesday, 26:
A Identity Board Meeting at UUF 7 - 9 p.m. 4th Tue.
A Over 50's 7 - 9 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tue.
A Free HIV testing at Transit Center 6-8 pm.

Thursday, 28:
A Thanksgiving dinner for women at 2 pm at ran and
Carol's. Turykey provided; sing-a-long afterwards. Call
333-0871 for what to bring and directions to their hourse.

December

Sunday, 1:
A Lecture/Discussion with Michael Covone,
Prevention/Education coordinator for Four A's at
Barnes & Noble 4-5 pm.
A World AIDS Day activities: Anchorage Museum,
Community Service of Remembrance and Hope,
7:30 pm. Free admission; Dr. Sprott will give
HIV/AIDS update; Int'l Women's Peace Choir, AIDS
Memorial Quilt dedication and Mark Begich,
Assembley person.
A Statewide moment of silence to honor and remember
people who have died of AIDS.

Saturday, 7:
A Two-Step for Women at Pioneer School House, 7:30
pm. 1st Sat.

Wednesday, 11:
A PFLAG at AUUF, Turnagain & 32nd. 7 to 9 pm.
2nd Wed.

Tuesday, 17:
A Women's Community Cooperative, UUF, 7 pm. 3rd
Tue.

Wednesday, 18:
A Barnes and Noble book club 7 - 8 pm. 3rd Wed.

Friday, 27:
A Identity Potluck held at AUUF at 6:30 pm. XMas car-
ols and horse drawn wagon; dress warmly and bring
blankets. 4th Fri.

Tuesday, 31:
A Yes, women, there will be New Year's Eve Dance.
Watch for details next month.
J New Year's Eve Dance at VFW Hall.

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

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HelpLine
258-4777
A community service of Identity, Inc.
PO Box 200070, Anchorage AK 99520
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.
A Over 50's. Lesbian book club. 2nd and 4th from 7 - 9 p.m. See Club Notes.

TUESDAYS
A Righteous Babes Radio Show, 7pm, KRUA-FM 88.1.
A SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8pm, Church of Religious Science, 7th & A, 566-1133.

WEDNESDAYS
A Free HIV TEST at 4A's, 2pm - 4pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050.
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, 9pm-10pm.
A La Cage aux Wave (drag show), 10pm, The Wave, S3 cover.
A Dyke Night at Sears Carrs 7pm to 9pm.
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 Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
A Country Dancing at the Wave, 8pm, taught by Patty, 561-9283.
A Women's Forum 7 - 9 p.m. at the Wave's Sociatic Tide. For info: 338-9184.

FRIDAYS
A Lunch, 4A's, 12noon-1pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited - HIV, volunteers and friends.
A Live and Let Live, AA Meeting, 7pm, 637 A St. (non-smoking), (1st Friday, tradition/step study).
A Midnight Sons, Gay Men's AA Meeting, 7:30pm-9pm, 1231 W. 27th Ave.
F Dancing in Fairbanks!, 11pm-3am, Palace Saloon, Alaskaland.
J Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Youth meeting (26 and under) 5:30 pm. Call 463-4396.

SATURDAYS
A SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
A The Family (UAA), 6pm (excluding school holidays).
A 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, call 566-IMRU.
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.
O'Brady's features the largest selection of beers and gourmet burgers in the Last Frontier, including the Prime Rib Burger made from fresh, hand cut prime rib. Try our new menu. Full service bar and full dinner menu at our Tudor location.