Anchorage GLBQ & Allied Youth Troupe
Delivers Knockout (and Sold Out!) Performance to Standing O

by Fred Hillman

Recently I saw one of the most inspiring and exciting performances that I have yet seen on an Anchorage stage. The performers were not a professional troupe, nor did they perform on a conventional stage. Rather, they were a group of ten young people who created and then performed after only eight rehearsals a series of skits around emotionally intense topics.

Despite not knowing each other they succeeded in an integrated and smooth choreography, often with 4-6 persons on stage at once.

Despite lack of previous training in ballet, drama, singing, or stagecraft, they put on a performance with the poise and confidence of professional entertainers.

Despite their youth, ages 14-23 (the ten players included two 14-year-olds, and two 16-year-olds), they depicted controversial and emotion-fraught life situations with a high level of maturity.

Most of the skits concerned the issues and problems of gay and questioning youth—the confusion of a teenager first becoming aware of his or her erotic interest in the same sex, the anguish of feeling stigmatized, the emotional cost of hiding and feeling isolated, the physical dangers of harassment at school, the courage required to tell one’s parents, and the strength that comes from establishing a sense of self-worth despite the disapproval of family, peers and teachers. The final scene was a moving tribute to Matthew Shepard, the gay man left to die on a Wyoming fence. The teenagers expressed all of these ‘heavy’ sentiments sensitively and forcefully in mime, dance, poetry, and spoken word.

How did this remarkable event happen? Gene Dugan and Jay Brause of Out North Theater persuaded one of the troupe of XSight (here to do a ballet interpretation of Euripides’ “The Bacchae”) to train a volunteer group of teenagers to create and perform something for public performance.

Peter Carpenter undertook the challenge. He says that only in Chicago and a couple of other places has a similar event been undertaken. Peter is an accomplished director, but in this case he was more like a magician; however, without Gene Dugan and Jay Brause of Out North Theater, this event would not have happened. I happen to have been long-acquainted with the youngest three of the group as they grew up, and I would never have predicted that any one of them was capable of doing what I saw done.

I learned several things that evening: the underestimated potential of adolescents to think and act like adults; how effective ballet and mime can be in conveying a social message; how intense for young people gay & lesbian issues can be; what unique and vital work Out North Theater is doing in this city; there is more support and less apathy around gay issues than I have assumed.

Gene and Jay, who created and run Out North Theater, often have been ill-treated by the Anchorage School District Board, by the Municipal Assembly, by the press and even sometimes by the gay community.

They are doing artistic, avant garde, cutting edge, innovative, pioneering and daring work, usually at personal sacrifice, in order to make this city a socially and culturally healthier place for all of us to live in. They deserve our full support.

Dr. Hillman is a retired physician in Anchorage and a member of GLSEN & PFLAG.

The Rainbow Borealis is pleased to announce a new column
by Dr. Chuck King, Media Contender 2001
Mending for Kids
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Dear Editor,

I want to publicly thank everyone who participated in the singing telegrams fundraiser for Identity, Inc.

Without the help of great people like these, we could never have pulled it off. I want to especially thank Chris and Jack of Stonewall’d for letting Stonewall’d be the contact point, Jeff and Mad Myrna’s for the donation of the helium and distribution of flyers, and Kippy and Karl with a K for volunteering to perform the singing telegrams.

We raised $75 for Identity and we had some fun. I hope that everyone had a great time, and look forward to doing this fundraiser next year.

Tim Brobst

Dear Editor,

Please say a special thanks to Tim Godfrey for sponsoring Jack Dalton’s performance at last month’s Identity Pot luck. It was a special treat for all.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pearson

A pleasure, Chris: Thank you Tim Godfrey! Everyone enjoyed the evening so much. RB and Identity’s board

E-mail from Candace Bonham and Barbara Soule

This message was composed from a couple of messages sent in to AGB and excerpts from an Advocate article.

Stop Dr. Laura! The Advocate’s February 15 cover story calls Dr. Laura “The Dangerous New Voice of Homophobia.” To wit some quotes:

"How many letters have I read on the air from gay men who acknowledge that a huge portion of the male homosexual populace is predatory on young boys?"

"If you are gay or lesbian, its a biological error...
Gay men and Lesbians are “deviants” and “mistakes”.

"Dr. Laura" is a radio talk show on which Laura Schleissinger provides advice on relations, marriage and other issues. Schleissinger is also a syndicated columnist in 50 newspapers - and Paramount is backing her on an hour-long Monday through Friday TV talk show due out this fall. She does reach a wide audience and the TV show will expand that.


But Dr. Laura calls gays “biological mistakes,” and gets a TV show from Paramount. Enough is enough. Paramount pulled a show in 1998 that offended African Americans (“The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer,”) but Paramount is apparently fine with Dr. Laura’s equating homosexuality with incest and pedophilia. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Americans deserve equal respect, not a double standard.

We still have time to stop this TV show, but we need everyone’s help. E-mail Paramount now and demand that the Dr. Laura be dropped. Paramount’s email address is television@pde.paramount.com

Contact your friends and urge them to do the same.
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As my final year on the Board of Directors for Identity, Inc. draws to a close, here are some of my observations.

I have been on the Board since the 80's. Over the years I have had the joy of working with many productive and wonderful people from Identity. However, I have observed that it has grown more difficult each year to find people to volunteer to do some of the things that keep a non-profit alive and well. Here are some of the volunteer opportunities that I believe need to be accomplished at this time:

1) Person(s) to get new advertisers for the Rainbow Borealis, keep the current ones happy, and arrange for camera-ready copy or electronic files to get to the editor;

2) Individuals to write Borealis articles, editorials, columns, poems, recipes, or whatever else may interest them and send them electronically to the editor by the 15th of each month; the address is: borealis@postmark.net.

3) Person(s) to help stuff, staple and mail the Rainbow Borealis each month;

4) Someone to organize who will set up the potlucks and to notify each person(s) when their month comes up;

5) Person(s) to help Chris Pearson find and arrange programs for the potlucks;

6) Someone to maintain a list of persons who are willing to chair the potlucks;

7) Someone to keep track of the potluck supplies and purchase them when needed (Identity will reimburse that person);

8) A committee for Pride on the Parkstrip (I extend my personal thanks to Barbara and Candy for their many years of putting this event together);

9) A committee for the National Coming Out Day, which Tim Brobst is chairing;

10) People to help Candy and her team with the HelpLine when asked or, better yet, to volunteer their services on the line;

11) Committees for any other activities that Identity members decide they want.

Thank you for all the help you have given me over the past decade. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to grow and learn many different things about myself and others as a member of your board of directors. Identity is a membership organization and as such it takes all of us to have ownership in its activities. The Board is willing and able to help you implement the services you want provided. Don't leave it all up to them. You are the "heart and soul" of Identity.

A closing thought: Perhaps it is time for Identity, as I have known it, to change. I believe the membership needs to decide whether or not Identity is really serving the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community in Anchorage. Organizations need causes to stay viable. What is Identity's cause? What would you like it to be? Only you, the membership can answer these questions.

I really appreciate the opportunity I've had to work with you. Thanks and good luck in whatever direction you all choose to go.

I'll be around,

[Signature]

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Thank You So Much!

Identity Inc. wishes to thank everyone in the GLBT/Allied community who contributed generously during January and February through Alaska Community Share, donating $976.21 to our organization.
meet the identity, inc. board members

Tim Brobst Tells All... About Tim Brobst

by Tim Brobst

Tim got elected to membership on Identity Inc.’s Board of Directors after agreeing to attend the November 1999 meeting in place of a friend. Not sure of how the Board would take him and not being very active in the community as a whole, Tim was very skeptical that he could offer Identity anything of value.

From that modest -- and I must say humble -- beginning, Tim has begun to blossom within Identity and the community. He now volunteers on the Identity HelpLine, answering phones and compiling reams of data tracking sheets. He organized the singing telegrams and balloon bouquets for the Valentine’s Day Fundraiser, and he will chair the NCOD (National Coming Out Day) extravaganza planned for October. Tim is also a member of the Family at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Tim grew up here in Anchorage, graduating from Dimond High School in 1990. He attended the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and Fairbanks to major in Business. He is close to his parents, who live in Anchorage and Indiana, helping run the family auction company business.

“I love auctions, it’s like Christmas every time we hold one. We sell boxes with who-knows-what in them! You can get great deals on just about anything,” says Tim.

Tim also works full time for Jean Craciun at Craciun Research Group.

He says, “It’s a great place to work. I can be ‘out’ without worry of repercussion. Jean is a great person to work for. The atmosphere is friendly and the knowledge about Anchorage that you gain is like having your finger on the pulse of this community.”

Hobbies that Tim enjoys include shopping, hiking, fishing, camping (in his RV), spending time with friends, and helping others. Most of the time you will find Tim running late for a meeting or on the computer surfing the net.

When asked what he would like to do in the future, Tim responded, “I would like to own my own RV rental business, working in the summer and taking the winter off in a warm place.”

“Everyone has times in their lives when they are up or down, but whenever I feel down, I try to remember that no...
Beware the dreaded HOMO GERM!

by Talmadge Bailey

Seems a couple of scientists named Cochran and Ewald have advanced the idea that homosexuality arises from a germ. If you have major problems with the idea of germs causing determining sexual orientation, you are not alone.

Cochran and Ewald's article presenting the idea of germs being responsible for homosexuality has not been peer-reviewed as of this writing. That fact alone makes the idea less than a theory in the scientific sense. Science calls such explanations hypotheses. I am fairly confident that under the harsh scrutiny of peer-review, the hypothesis of germs causing homosexuality will end – at least among real scientists. However, I can also foresee that the far right would love nothing so much as to once again have homosexuality classified as a disease!

Therefore, when the right wing seizes the opportunity to link talk about homosexuality as a disease, we need to be prepared.

One major objection to the germ hypothesis is that infectious diseases are normally distributed in a very uneven way. Outbreaks occur in groups across time and place. Homosexuality on the other hand appears to be a rather evenly distributed phenomenon. Gays and lesbians appear as a constant proportion of the population across time and geography.

Supporters of the germ hypothesis may counter with the idea that maybe the germ is ubiquitous and that only some people are affected. Why would only some people be affected? The only logical answer is a genetically based susceptibility to the germ!

Suddenly we find ourselves back very near where we were before Cochran and Ewald tried to add germs into the equation. The whole scientific issue always boils down to this: why do genes that would seem to automatically limit their own reproduction persist in the population?


Chuck King Fights Back from AIDS to Compete in Iditarod 2001

by Judith Lyon Four A's

Anchorage, Alaska, February 18, 2000 - Chuck King, 39, a former pulmonary trauma surgeon now living with AIDS, has logged more than 2,000 miles with his sled dog team in his first year of racing. Although his plans for entering this year's Iditarod were cut short when poor trail conditions caused him to withdraw from his final qualifying race, King is determined to beat the odds of his illness by competing in the Iditarod in 2001.

In February, King's chance at competing in this year's Iditarod was just within his reach when he placed first in the Willow/Mat-Su Valley 300-mile Sled Dog Race, the first of two qualifying races. "For an amateur to just finish the race is a great achievement. For a rookie with a life-threatening illness to place first is truly amazing," said Ray Redington, King's sled dog trainer and veteran Iditarod racer.

Heavy snow storms and poor trail conditions made the race particularly challenging, and added an additional 40 miles to the course. Fifteen mushers completed the first 200-mile leg of the race and three, including King, went on to finish the last 140 miles. The strength and endurance of his sled dogs, and King's determination, carried his team to the finish line. "I'm living proof," said King, "that people with AIDS can realize their dreams."

King followed his first win with his second and final qualifier for the Iditarod, the Nushagak 200-mile sled dog race in Dillingham on the coast of Alaska. King was able to complete more than 100 miles of the race before poor trail conditions forced him to withdraw less than 100 miles from qualifying for this year's Iditarod. Despite this defeat, King feels ready to take on the next challenge. Intense physical training, an effective new drug regimen and an indomitable spirit have prepared him for the qualifiers and will take him to the greatest challenge of his life, the Iditarod in 2001.

"By running the Iditarod, King will send a message of inspiration to everyone with AIDS," says Andrea Nenzel, executive director of the Four A's. "King will show that there is more to living with AIDS than just concentrating on survival. People need to know that they can live a full life in spite of this disease."

For more information on how to support King or check the progress of his training, call the Four A's at 907/263-2046 or visit the Chuck King web site at www.mushingforaids.com. You can also send an email request to development@alaskanaids.org.

Beginning in April's Rainbow Borealis: a new monthly column by Chuck King, "Mushing for AIDS" Follow Chuck throughout the upcoming training year. Watch for it!

Upcoming Events at the Four A's:

- AIDS 101 Training: call for days and times @ 263-2050
- Free HIV Testing: call for days and times @ 263-2050
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Retirement, 401(k)s and IRAs: Make Your Own Tax Break
from Kathleen Madden

First, the good news: Americans are living longer than ever before.

Now, the not-so-good news: If you're like many people, you may not realize how many years you'll be spending in retirement - and how much it may cost. With many retirements now lasting 20 to 25 years, you could actually spend up to one-quarter of your life in retirement! Of course, these longer retirements require greater financial resources. That means you have to play a more active role in saving for your later years.

Make saving less taxing

What's one of the best ways to meet this financial challenge? The answer is simple: Maximize your contributions to accounts specifically designed for retirement savings, such as 401(k)s and IRAs. They both offer the advantage of tax deferral, which allows your investments to grow for years free of taxes.* Here's a closer look:

401(k)s. In addition to tax deferral on the interest earned, 401(k) plans offer another benefit: Contributions are subtracted from your current taxable income. Because less of your income is being taxed, you'll pay less in current taxes. Factor in employer matching of your contributions (if applicable), and you have a tax-favored combination that's hard to beat.

savings. Like 401(k)s, contributions to a Traditional IRA grow tax-deferred.* Depending on your income and whether you're covered by a company retirement plan, your contributions to a Traditional IRA may also be wholly or partially deductible. If you are eligible to fund a Roth IRA, and meet certain requirements, withdrawals are tax-free. Note: Contributions to a Roth IRA are non-deductible.

You can contribute a total of $2,000 each year to IRAs. And recent tax law changes have made Traditional IRAs even more attractive: Deductibility limits are higher, and penalty-free withdrawals can generally be made for certain expenses, such as purchasing a first home or paying for your child's college expenses.

IRAs are Important

Experts agree, your 401(k) plan should be your first choice when savings for retirement. But that doesn't necessarily mean that IRAs are not right for you. Like dressing on a salad or icing on a cake, an IRA can make a great addition to your retirement savings mix.

*Ordinary income taxes are due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals made before the age of 59-1/2 are generally subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty. See your tax advisor for exceptions. Source: Waddell & Reed's FYF publication Vol. 13, #1, Your Finances, Your Future.

The Stranger

I sit in an empty coffee shop,
Drinking a cup drop by drop,

Early in the morning,
And without warning,

A stranger walks through the door.
I am alone no more.

He sits at a table in the corner
Pondering what he would like to order,

With the menu in front of him.
A cloud makes the sun dim.

He looks up at me,
Contemplating who I could be,

I smile at the curious face,
Welcoming him to this place,

Then it hits me,
That this stranger I see,
Is nothing but a shadow of me.

Ray DeGuilio
classic cooking

by Al Kaneta

Chicken Cordon Bleu

3 whole chicken breasts
3 oz. cooked smoked ham
3 oz. swiss cheese
6 tbl flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
4 eggs
2 tbl water
1 1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
2 tbl melted unsalted butter
2 tbl fresh lemon juice
Peanut oil for frying

Flatten chicken breasts to 1/4". Place ham in 6 equal stacks. Wrap each stack with cheese slices. Place in breast pocket; wrap meat around. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Combine flour, salt, pepper. Beat egg and water. Coat breasts with flour, dip in egg, coat with bread crumbs. Refrigerate.

Cook chicken in single layer in hot oil for 10 minutes until golden, turn once. Transfer to baking dish. Bake in 325-degree oven for 10 minutes. Melt butter; stir in lemon juice, spoon butter mixture over chicken before serving.
Great Deals on the Internet (Or Are They So Great?)

by Tim Brobst

Auctions have hit the web, and hit it big-time. An online auction can be a great place to find a deal on that hard to find, one of a kind or just plain crazy item. However, you have to be careful about where you go, what information you give out, and what you are actually buying.

There are many auction sites on the web, but the gem of all of them is probably www.ebay.com. eBay always has a large variety of items, the site has a great search engine, and it's user friendly.

When you first get to eBay you need to register. Registration is free. All you need is an e-mail address, and though eBay itself does not send out junk e-mail (aka "spam" on the Internet,) other, less-scrupulous people can and do use your posted e-mail address to send unwanted correspondence. eBay offers an optional "shades" feature, which will disguise your e-mail address to other people, thus allowing for some anonymity. I highly encourage people to use "shades" and to come up with a web identity other than their own name and home e-mail address. Many people choose to set up a free e-mail account at www.yahoo.com, www.hotmail.com or any of the many other free e-mail account sites and then register that address with eBay.

Search by categories, or use the search engine to find specific items. I haven't found a category for GLBT or gay/lesbian/bi/trans, though I really think that they need one. I normally use the search engine to find pride items. On the search engine type in "gay pride." This will bring up a host of auctions with gay pride memorabilia. You can purchase flags, jewelry, and anything else you can think of that is being offered at that time.

Be sure that what you are bidding on is what you really want. I once was the high bidder on some computer software. When I received the disks, it turned out that the programs were pirated software. Not only is it illegal, but also technical support is not available for pirated software. I suggest that if you have any questions about items, e-mail those questions to the seller before you bid. This is a feature that is standard on eBay and I urge you to use it. Remember at an auction items are sold "as is, where is," without guarantees of any type. Just be sure that the item you are buying is what you think it is.

Another piece of good advice: be careful about giving out your credit card over the Internet. True, most sites that are probably trying to do legitimate business, but there are some bad people out there in Cyberspace who will get and use your credit card number to wreak havoc. Instead, I strongly suggest using the escrow service at eBay. This way you know the item is on its way and you are not out the money spent if you don't get it. Read the feedback of others who have done business with the seller to predict whether it is a person who will honor the auction agreement, even if the price the item sold for is a steal.

There may be great deals on the internet, and the price you paid for an item is way under the going rate, but when dealing with on-line anything remember that shipping plays a part in the price. The brand new television that you bought for a buck at an on-line auction may well cost more for shipping than what the item is sold for right here in Anchorage.

If you love to surf and have been to some wonderful sites e-mail me at <brobst@ yahoo.com> with the sites and maybe I will write about them in future issues. Thanks and see you on the web.

The FAMILY

All members of the GIBLTQ* community are welcome to attend. You do not have to be a UAA student - many of us are not!

The FAMILY meets on Fridays at 7 pm at the UAA Campus Center Room 105.

Call Karl 275-5900 or Victoria 275-8763 for more information or check out our socials, events, projects and local links page http://cwolf.uaa.alaska.edu/~abfam/

*GIBLTQ = Gay, Intersexual, Bi, Lesbian, Trans, Questioning
I was in the process of coming out. I had (and still have) a non-supportive family, and so figured that this would be one road I would have to travel alone. I do not remember how I felt when I walked into the café to meet him, or what the day or the weather were like. I just remember that later, when I came out of the café; I was filled with gratitude. And even though I did not yet have the full sense of "family," I knew I was not alone.

A few months after that meeting, I walked into the PRIDE Conference at the University of Alaska at Anchorage Campus Center. I was in awe – both of the decorations and the people. I listened intently, chose my workshops, and wandered around the conference with an excited anticipation that overrode the anxiety of having some one from the greater UAA community know that I was gay. For the first time I was with a large group of people who were gay and proud. I could see it in the way you walked, talked, and interacted. Yes, I mean to say you.

I was motivated and inspired by seeing you do what you did. Whether you were a participant or an organizer, if you talked to me even once, even for just five minutes, you touched me.

No one ever formally "mentored" me, though I might have wished someone had. Instead, I learned by sitting in on meetings here and there and listening to and learning from the dynamite people who came and went in my life. I am grateful for their presence. And I learned some important things.

I learned that if I did not stand up in a meeting once in a while, there would be nothing for me to stand for. That the loneliness and despair I felt when coming out would be felt by generations to come. That gay youth are at the highest risk of all youth for suicide, homelessness, drug addiction and being abused emotionally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

So I stopped watching and started doing. I put up 500 flyers and re-started the FAMILY at UAA. That was a little over three years ago.

I have been blessed and constantly re-energized by the young people that come to The FAMILY. If you attended the Out North gay youth production of "Altered Perceptions" or saw "Growing Up Gay" on channel 11 you know what I mean.

These people crave information, community, and inspiration. They crave knowledge, empowerment, and life skills. How will they find it if we do not teach them and mentor them? And by teaching them, we learn and are touched, and reaffirmed. We are replenished with the very same values and inspiration that we have given. Life has a way of coming back full circle.

I am feeling on top of the world in this moment. I feel inspired, hopeful and empowered. That is because I have just come from having coffee with a young man who is searching for who he is. He is just coming out. And for the umpteenth time, I look up to the sky and I think of that not so long ago that I met Fred Hillman in that café. And I think, once again, "Thank you, Fred." And thank you to all of the people who have stood up, sat on a committee, pulled together a PRIDE conference, a potluck, a newsletter, or a meeting and who have, by so doing, become my family. My FAMILY.

Volunteer Opportunities

With The FAMILY

Can you open your home to out-of-town GILBQT folks who would like to attend Celebration of Change and the dance the follows but do not have the funds for a B&B or hotel? Help us be creative and support our out of town GILBQT brothers and sisters.

Youth Leadership Conference needs YOU! Can you spend a day with some GLBT youth who are improving their leadership skills and learning how to organize and mobilize for our community? We need folks to lead workshops, cook, clean, and help us organize! Food, magazine, and monetary donations are also welcomed. A workshop series is scheduled as early as March and we hope to have a full-fledged state wide retreat in the summer -- UAA, UAF & UAS now all have active clubs!

If you are interested in helping with either project, call or e-mail Victoria at <aksv@hotmail.com> or 275-9763.
Members of the gay community, I recommend the local MCC church to you. If they can treat me, an unbeliever, so pleasantly, you may be pleased as well.

My grandparents, George and Bertha Wilbers, had a farm in St. Matthew's, Kentucky. Helen, my mother, the oldest of their six children, grew up on that farm and went back to live on the farm with me as a baby when my Dad joined the Navy during World War II. I loved the farm and usually spent at least part, if not all, of my summer vacations there.

Recently it occurred to me what I really loved about being at the farm. My grandfather, George Herman Wilbers, was originally from Bavaria in Germany. Germans are thought of as emotionally distant people, but the Bavarians are an exception. They are larger than life, warm, earthy, hearty, open, loving people.

Grandfather hugged and kissed us all good-bye when he went out to milk the cows in the morning and opened his arms for a hug and kiss when he came in for noon lunch. We got hugged when we got up in the morning and hugged, kissed and tucked into bed at night. I remember my hand being held when walking with family members, being carried or riding piggy back.

Everyone touched each other. My grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other assorted relatives actually liked each other. We were family. Better than that, we loved one another and treated each other well.

What brought on this reminiscing about the past? I was thinking about the way that I have been treated by the local Lamb of God, Metropolitan Community Church. My partner, Candy, is an MCC member and I go to church with her sometimes because it pleases her. I've been very upfront about being a pagan having a relationship with a Goddess rather than Jesus Christ, but I have been heartily welcomed and lovingly treated.

Members of the gay community I recommend the local MCC church to you. If they can treat me, an unbeliever, so pleasantly, you may be pleased as well. When I grew up, my mother was a Catholic and my father was Protestant. That provided an exposure to a variety of church services, different types of preaching and ritual. The service at the local MCC is a pleasant, not too long and a combination of styles.
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**Celebration of Change 2000**

It's that time again! Celebration of Change (CoC) 2000 is April 8 at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium, with doors opening at 6:30 for the two-hour show, and a dance following.

Celebration of Change is Alaska’s annual all womyn-produced, performed and presented show that celebrates womyn's talents, lives and experiences.

We come together once a year to celebrate the changes in our lives and reconnect with one another in song, dance, poetry, prose and performance art of any kind. There will be about 10 different acts - some gals with guitars, some dance, some comedy and a lot of wimmin! There will be sign language interpretation. And you'll definitely want one of the kickass T-shirts.

CoC is sponsored by Radical Arts for Women (RAW) and The FAMILY. RAW is a not-for-profit organization that funds and supports lesbian/feminist art. The FAMILY is the University of Alaska Anchorage GLBT student group. Organizers are looking throughout Alaska for artists. Anyone interested in performing should e-mail Gail in Anchorage at 569-2579 or e-mail crostrain98@hotmail.com. Tickets are $8 for students (only available at University of Alaska campuses), $12 if pre-purchased or $15 at the door.

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**Wanted to rent** 2 responsible women with four-legged, well-behaved children (one cat, one dog) looking for a 2-bedroom apartment or home to rent. Please call 275-8763.

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**Wanted** men & women in all parts of our community to get on stage and be a part of the first ever Community-wide event that will showcase amateur talent in our GLBTQ community. We're calling it "Unity in Our Community." So let's have some unity! We need men and women who would like to join forces to plan and organize this event. We need men & women who would like to get up on stage and sing, dance, share poetry, prose, comedy, skits, etc. The women we know from Celebration of Change. Talented men, we know you are out there. And please note: Unity in Our Community will not replace Celebration of Change, the annual (and largest) gathering of lesbians that happens each spring. Unity in Our Community will happen in October but only if we have the many hands needed to create this exciting and fun-filled event.

To sign up or ask for more info

e-mail victoriainalaska@hotmail.com or call 275-8763.

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Let our very capable staff assist you with that special event!

Your Anchor in Anchorage
A Little Bit of Her Story: Celebration of Change

By Lisa Ben

The sun is more alive now, the ice is slowly melting, and I hear whispers carried by the spring winds. Celebration of Change is in the air. Could it be that the largest gathering of Alaskan womyn, THE event in the Lesbian community, is happening again already? Why, it seems just yesterday I was enjoying the incredible musical talent of grrrls with guitars. Laughing at that comedienne who exposed Tinky Winky and his Tele-Tubby Friends. Tappin' my toes to the sounds of the dulcimer, mandolin, and banjo ensemble. And that's not to mention that flutist who had my heart a-fluttering'... Wowzzaa, and that neon body paint act....!

Oh dear, where was I? Oh, yes... It is time for CoC again. This year they again have a powerhouse of an organizing team. The show will last 2.5 hours total because they also have a time policewoman this year. She is pretty fierce too. (Don't you just love a woman in uniform?!) And this year there will be sign language interpretation and -- T-shirts! T-shirts with a groovy design! And there's a 2-hour smoke- and alcohol-free dance to follow, with a diva of a D.J. named Leigh.

Yes, the CoC womyn are organized and mobilized, and have created an evening that will rock your world. Special attention has been given to reach out to womyn across Alaska. Remember phone trees? Well, they went back to the roots of grassroots organizing and have been so effective in locating womyn in every part of Alaska. Ok, so e-mail helped a little too. Point being, there are going to be a lot of womyn there and this will be an event not to miss. The last 2 years have SOLD OUT!

CoC is an important part of our community herstory. It has seen... ah... changes. CoC started with monies from The Imperial Court Athena award and the very first CoC happened in the "old Village Bar." Back in or around 1982, CA, one of the foremothers of Celebration wrote a song that inspired the idea and shaped the ideals that formed CoC, ideals of unity, common bonds, belonging and celebrating the changes in our lives. We inspire one another. And in the year 2000, this 20-something dyke is very thankful to the womyn who had the vision in the early 80's to gift our community with such a blessed event.

And maybe I can see Ellen or Will and Grace on TV because GIBLTOQ life is more mainstream, now. And nothing beats being with some of the people (maybe you?) who made that possible. Nothing beats being. Being present. Being with people. I know I for one yearn for the connection and magic I have felt at past years' CoC's. And that kind of magic happens one moment and one person at a time. When we gather we celebrate not only our lives, but the lives of womyn who have come before us, and the ones yet to be. Hope to see you there.

*Lisa Ben* is the name that appeared in the first-ever Lesbian journal. *Lisa Ben* said quickly a few times will sound a little like "Lesbian." The author uses this pen name in who stood up, waged a revolution or two, and made it possible for her to easily use her real name: Victoria Shaver.
Los Angeles LA Times just tryin’ to keep those (homophobic) customers satisfied...

L.A. paper with gay editorial writer takes anti-gay stance

The Los Angeles Daily News is the first major paper to come out in favor of Proposition 22, which states same-sex marriages won’t be recognized in California. The gay-hostile editorial made its way into the paper even though the Daily News’ lone editorial writer is gay, reports L.A. Weekly’s Sara Catania. The gay staffer tried to get a no-on-22 sidebar into the paper, but failed. One newsie says the Daily News is thinking of circulation with its position. “They’re trying to hold on to die-hard readers.”

Quoted from: Jim Romanski’s Media News (http://www.poynter.org/medianews/)

Guess what? (and remember, you read it in the Borealis,) there is strength in numbers! No kidding. (Methodist Investigation Committee decides NOT to “try” 67 of its ministers on charges of “disobedience” for co-celebrating same-sex union for lesbian couple...)

California: A United Methodist Committee on Investigation may have set an example for the entire nation in dealing with issues of gay rights and religion, according to the Rev. Paul Beeman, President of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The committee, in California, decided that 67 clergy will not be tried on charges of disobedience for co-celebrating a same-sex union for a lesbian couple last year. The blessing of the union was contrary to the United Methodist Judicial Council’s ruling which confirmed the church’s prohibition forbidding clergy from conducting such services. Earlier, Jimmy Creech of Omaha, and Greg Dell of Chicago, were found guilty of performing same-gender holy union ceremonies and were stripped of their ordinations. Rev. Creech will be a featured speaker at PFLAG’s National Conference to be held in Washington, D.C., April 28 through April 30, 2000.

According to Beeman, himself an ordained United Methodist clergyman and the parent of lesbian, gay and straight children, the committee’s investigation plowed new ground, ethically, politically and theologically. “The inescapable conclusion is that the committee investigated not only the actions of the accused clergy, but also the stance of the United Methodist Church. It was the stance of the denomination which was found wanting.”

“What the committee did can be a model for the rest of society,” Beeman declared, noting the widespread difficulty the entire nation has dealing with issues of human rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons “As Americans, we need to examine our total life together in freedom and equality, as the committee did by insisting on a methodology consistent with their common faith, rather than focusing narrowly on a specific and fairly new church law.”

Source: PFLAG Press Release

Washington DC: April 30 March preparations continue despite resignation...

Preparations for the Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30, 2000, are moving right along. While the march has its critics and is reeling from the loss of one of its primary organizers, efforts continue to ensure a successful event that respects and reflects the diversity of the GLBT movement.

For latest information on the March on Washington for Equality, visit the official website at www.mmow.org or write to MMOW2000@aol.com.
Sources: PFLAG News and MMOW

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The Reynoldsville mayor reportedly quipped, "First the gays — what next, the Klan?"

**OUTside**

**Wall Street Journal** figures it out: sometimes a cigar is just...good bidness!

Gfn.com is set to become the first gay-oriented company to advertise in many major U.S. business, news and entertainment publications. The $6 million campaign for its Gay Financial Network Internet Web site began in mid-February in The Wall Street Journal, with ads following soon afterward in Entertainment Weekly, Newsweek, Business Week, People and other magazines. The ads promote gfn.com as a gay-friendly financial news and information site to Internet users, advertisers and investors - and take a gentle swipe at homophobia in the business world.

**State of Virginia House of Delegates commits crime against intelligence, passes “crimes against nature” bill…**

A bill which reduces sodomy from a felony to a misdemeanor narrowly passed the Virginia House of Delegates 50-49 on February 15. The bill passed without debate, as the House labored to meet the deadline for sending bills to the Senate. Virginia’s “crimes against nature” law applies to acts between consenting adults regardless of the genders of the parties involved and irrespective of whether the acts are committed in public or in private.

The bill would reduce charges of sodomy from a class-6 felony, which has penalties of up to five years in jail and a $2,500 fine, to a class-4 misdemeanor, which has a maximum penalty of $250. Because sodomy is a felony, those convicted would lose their professional licenses and their right to vote.

**Our question:** which of those legislators is going to creepy crawl around and enforce this one? Creep, creep, creep, peep, peep, peep: CITIZEN’S ARREST!

**Would you care to buy a restaurant in Reynoldsville, PA?** (Alternatively, would you like to poke your eyes out with a sharp stick? )

Eddie and George were life partners who decided to move back to the area, investing their life savings in a friendly restaurant called the Royal Cafe. The couple was open about being gay, though they didn’t go out of their way to inform customers. This didn’t seem to cause a problem, and business was pretty good.

Then in August, Eddie reprimanded a boy who was aggressively riding his bike on the sidewalk, nearly knocking over an elderly restaurant customer. The bike brat called Eddie a faggot, and his mother came to the restaurant screaming homophobic spew at Eddie, while the restaurant was full of customers.

Rumors started circulating (one assumes from the hysterical homophobe), though that caused only a temporary decline in business.

Then Eddie and George decided to host a PFLAG potluck on a Sunday in October (?) when they were closed for business. Eddie and George wanted it publicized, and it was placed in four local papers. That did it. On the day of the potluck, two men identifying themselves as Liquor Control Board agents came to the potluck saying that they’d received a complaint about alcohol being sold. Of course, liquor was not being sold, and the men looked rather surprised to see the crowd of Middle American, middle-aged, fully-clothed people quietly chatting. Naturally, the mellow atmosphere was soured a bit, but for the restaurant owners, the worst was yet to come.

The publicity had kicked up a rumor storm in Reynoldsville. The mayor reportedly quipped “First the gays — what next, the Klan?” The Royal Cafe’s customers stayed away in droves even though it’s the only real restaurant in town. The Thanksgiving potluck that Eddie and George had looked forward to hosting had to be moved.

The couple is looking to sell the business as quickly as possible. “I just want to sell, so we can get out of this hateful place,” said Eddie. Legal action is being considered.

**Source:** PFLAG News

**Deb Spilko**

**Source:** http://www.eriegaynews.com/

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I watched as the incense streamed skyward, and I took in its aromatic bittersweet scent. I wondered if, on this New Year’s Eve, this “holy smoke” might represent a blend of all my hopes, dreams, successes and pathetic failures, ascending up to the altar of God in a resounding but humble offering of thanks and praise. At that moment, I had the inextricable feeling that God knew exactly who I was; a gay Catholic male striving to worship and find communion within the context of a diverse community of faith.

My thoughts drifted back to what was going on around the Table as the bishop intoned the last words of the preface, “...He has come to lift up all things to himself, to restore unity to creation, and to lead humankind from exile into your heavenly kingdom. With all the angels of heaven we sing our joyful hymn of praise!”

As the organ swelled into the introduction of the Sanctus, the Cathedral bells began to peel. It was midnight, the dawning of the year 2000, the Great Year of Jubilee, and true, many Catholics don’t want me around because of my sexual orientation. That’s just too bad, they’re going to have to learn what every successful family already knows, part of living peacefully means accepting differences. I’m here to stay....

the people of St. Ann Cathedral stood in unity with all creation and sang, “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.” As I sang, I gazed around in gratitude for this community and their willingness to embrace the diversity that I brought to this Table. As I looked around, I saw many people who knew me completely, even better than I knew myself. A feeling of comfort and solace swept over me.

The point of the above story is not to sell you on religion. And it certainly is not meant to justify the corrupt, and yes evil, church structures that have brought oppression and antagonism to the homosexual community for well over one thousand years. It is simply meant to illustrate just a few of the reasons why I remain within the Catholic faith tradition. In fact, being Catholic is not something that I feel that I can choose; it is part of my core being. I could no more reject it, than I could strip away the part of me that is gay.

True, many Catholics don’t want me around because of my sexual orientation. That’s just too bad, they’re going to have to learn what every successful family already knows, part of living peacefully means accepting differences. I’m here to stay because I love ritual and I love music. And most importantly, I love the church (note the small “c”), the body of Christ, whom God has called out of darkness into the marvelous light.

One of the ministries in which I serve is that of cantor, a leader of sung prayer. A major duty of most cantors is that of psalmist at liturgy. The psalm is generally sung antiphonally and a dialogue develops between the psalmist and the assembly. I would genuinely miss this ministry were I to spurn my Catholic heritage. Singing the psalms isn’t merely about preparing a piece of music to sing at church. It’s a lifestyle, a lifestyle that is permanently wedded to my soul. Any good psalmist needs to have experienced both the utter delight and the wrenching anguish that life has to offer in order to communicate our passionate need for God and to connect our lives with those who have gone before us. It’s about proclaiming in the midst of the assembly the cries and stories of our ancestors, in the forms of praise and lament. The ministry of psalmist has given me a stronger sense of what it means to be a gay Catholic. For example, Psalm 139 has had a deep impact on how I view myself with regard to my faith and sexuality. This psalm is a lament that tells us what gave King David the ability to endure the struggles in his life. It also reveals the resources which can help us, especially those of us within the GLBT community, with our struggle to find love, acceptance and God. Here is the text:

O Lord you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I stand,
you perceive my thoughts from afar,
You discern my going out and my lying down,
you are familiar with all my ways
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know it completely, O Lord
You hem me in behind, and before,
you have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens you are there,
if I make my bed in the depths you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

For you created my inmost being,
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made,
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you.

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when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 
your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me were written in your book, 
before one of them came to be.

It doesn’t matter how many times I read the final stanza, 
I still am filled with awe whenever I review it. The Catholic Church feels compelled to condemn me for wanting nothing more than to love another man. How could living out my sexual orientation make me “intrinsically disordered or evil” when God “knit me together in my mother’s womb”? I believe with all my heart that God knew me before I was born. Even more importantly, God dreamed and formed me. Therefore, I cannot help but celebrate who I am, even my gayness.

In reflecting on my experience as a queer Catholic I have come to the bold and profound conclusion that I am wonderfully, fearfully made. God has led me on a rocky journey from initially cursing my sexual orientation to viewing my gayness as a gift. This wonderful gift has led me to the epiphany that orientation and faith are not mutually exclusive. Don’t think for a moment that you or anyone else is lacking in worth or dignity in the eyes of God, or that God does not care for you, for we are all wonderfully, fearfully made.

**Notice of Identity, Inc. Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Identity, Inc. will be held in conjunction with the Fourth Friday Potluck Dinner, 7:00 p.m., April 28, 2000 at the Anchorage Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to fill seats on the Board of Directors. If you, or anyone you know is interested in serving in this capacity, please telephone Bill at 696-3990 or Ron at 522-0360.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Only current Identity, Inc. members may vote. If you are not a member, you may join and vote that evening.

Steve Kendall, Secretary, Identity, Inc. Board of Directors

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community events calendar

2000
March
Friday, 24
(A) Identity Potluck, 6:30 pm Anchorage Unitarian Universal Fellowship. (See display ad p. 23)
(B) Community-wide Potluck, 6:30 pm, The Pub, UAA Campus Center (see display ad p. 23)

April
Saturday, 8
(A) Celebration of Change, Wendy Williamson Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAYS
(A) Metropolitan Community Church Services, 2pm Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembrooke
(F) PFLAG, third Sunday, 4-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4448 Pike’s Landing Road
(A) Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information
(A) GLSEN, first Sunday, 1 pm, AUUF
(A) The FAMILY, vegan potluck, second Sunday. Call 338-2380.

MONDAYS
(A) Gay Bar, Anchorage, noon, Second Monday, 845 K St., 279-5001
(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, AUUF, 3201 Turnagain Street
(A) Over 50’s Social Group, 2nd and 4th from 7-9 pm. Inquire 337-6779
(A) Lesbian Social Group, reviews films & books. 1st, 3rd & 5th. Inquire 337-6779.

TUESDAYS
(A) Righteous Babes Radio Show, 7pm, KRUA-FM 88.1

(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous) 8pm, 566-1133
(A) PFLAG, 3rd Tuesday, 7-9 pm, AUUF
(A) The Family, 2:30 pm, first Tuesday, UAA Campus Center room 105
(F) GLSEN, 5 pm, FEA on S. Cushman, every 3rd Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS
(A) Free HIV test at 4 A’s, 2-4 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln. Ste. 102 Lori 263-2050
(A) IMRUA 5:30-7:30 pm, 1st & 3rd at Q Café, 566-4678 (566-IMRUA)
(J) Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
(J) “Women’s Prerogative,” KTOO-FM, Wednesdays, 9 pm-10 pm.
(F) Dames on the Dial, KSUA-FM 91.5, 10 pm – midnight.

THURSDAYS
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
(A) Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 pm, call 4As, 263-2050.
(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, AUUF, 3201 Turnagain.

FRIDAYS
(A) Lunch, 4As, noon-1 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited – HIV, volunteers and friends.
(A) Midnight Suns Gay AA Meeting, 7:30 pm-9 pm, 3020 Minnesota (Z-Plaza) & Benson.
(A) THE FAMILY, 7 pm, Campus Center Room 105.
(A) Identity Fourth Potluck Friday, 6:30 pm, AUUF.
(F) Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30-5:30 pm, IAA offices. 710 3rd Avenue.
(F) Outlooks, KSUA-FM 91.5, 5:30 pm – 7 pm.
(F) Socializing and Dancing at Club G, mixed crowd, 9
pm – 3:30 am, 150 Farmer’s Loop.

(F) Arctic Bears meet first Friday, call 479-8680 for information.

(J) Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30-7:30 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marsha at 789-6167 for info.

SATURDAYS
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.

(A) G/L Two-Step, first Saturday, 7:30-11 pm, Pioneer School. Donations accepted.

(J) PFLAG First Saturday of each month, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Mendenhall Library conference room.

(A) Women’s Coffeehouse, 2nd Saturday, 751-7234 for information.

(F) Socializing and Dancing at Club G, mixed crowd, 9 pm – 3:30 am, 150 Farmer’s Loop.

Fourth Friday Potluck
March 24

Join Identity, Inc. at our celebrated Fourth Friday Potluck and Social. Bring your choice of soup, salad, entree, appetizers, hors d’oeuvres, fruit, bread, dessert, chips, dip, pizza, deviled eggs – be creative! Identity provides the coffee, tea, and punch. Admission is free, but we cheerfully accept donations. The Food Fairie also cheerfully accepts donations for the 4A’s Food Bank; so why not bring a couple of cans or boxes of food with you?

- **Date:** Friday, March 24
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m. socialize, 7:00 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. announcements and program
- **Place:** Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 3201 Turnagain Street

Program: “Cents & Sanity: Making informed decisions about your money.” All savers, spenders and procrastinators are invited! Topics to include: What is a financial plan? What kinds of investments should I have in my portfolio? How can I get off the couch of procrastination? To Roth or not to Roth? Do you and your partner “click” when it comes to money?

Our speaker will be Kathleen Madden, a financial advisor with Waddell & Reed. Kathleen says that her personal mission is to help people make wise decisions about their financial lives, whether it be saving for a home, retirement, risk management or for that “rainy day.” A firm believer in paying yourself first, Kathleen will inspire and motivate you to take your finances to the next level.

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**Community-wide Potluck**

6:30 pm Saturday, March 25. Please bring a dish to share while you enjoy an hour long show featuring many of The FAMILY members.

Karl w/ a K, Kippy Lanz, Kristie Hooper, Victoria Shaver and others will sing, dance and delight you with passionate poetry readings and snazzy stories.

The occasion: Celebration of The FAMILY’s first youth ‘community building’ weekend. Please join us.
The Pub, UAA Campus Center
(That’s the building where the bookstore is.)

Call Karl 275-5900 for more information.

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