Since 1994, the GLBTQ communities have sanctioned October as Gay and Lesbian History Month. This year, the Anchorage community has planned a slate of activities that reflect both the dynamic history of gays and lesbians and the continuing need for activism to advance the rights of the GLBTQ community. The theme for the month in Anchorage is “Turning Diversity into Community.”

It all began in January of 1994 when Rodney Wilson, a high school teacher in Missouri, became dismayed about the lack of gay and lesbian historical figures and events in textbooks. He decided to organize a group of teachers and community leaders to address the lack of gay and lesbian history. Out of this beginning sprang a nationwide network and the endorsement by the GLBTQ community and several state’s municipalities of October as Gay and Lesbian History Month. October was chosen to commemorate the first two marches on Washington and to encompass National Coming Out Day, which is October 11 of every year.

Activities scheduled for the month include: Unity in the Community, on October 7, which is a celebration of our communities diversity through performance; National Coming Out Day, on October 11, which the Family, the UAA GLBTQ social and cultural group, will spotlight with a two-week display in the campus Center at UAA and an information table during October 9-11; the Alaska Pride Conference 2000, sponsored by Identity, the Pride Foundation, and the Family, a three-day conference, October 13-15, featuring numerous workshops, a potluck social, and keynote presenters Dr. Paul Siegal and John Leonard; a Family-sponsored dance at UAA on October 14; and a symposium on safe schools on October 28 which will feature a lecture by Kevin Jennings, co-founder of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN).
Rainbow Borealis Adds New Staff

Starting this month, the Rainbow Borealis (formerly "The Northview") will be adding a new core group of staff members and volunteers. The paper continues to seek volunteers to write articles, columns, reviews, and stories, and to help with layout, editing, and distribution.

We hope to serve the community by focusing more on community news, increasing circulation and ad revenue, and continue helping to serve as a community-wide resource.

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Identity Inc., The Family, the Pride Foundation, and 4-A's are co-sponsors of this year's Alaska Pride Conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Turning Diversity Into Community." The event will be held October 13-15 at the UAA Campus Center. Events include a potluck social on Friday night, workshops, a dance on Saturday night, and presentations by keynote speakers Dr. Paul Siegel and John Leonard. The conference schedule and a registration form are located on pages 4-5 of this issue.

Topics that will be discussed by this year's presenters and keynote speakers include GLBT law and civil rights, community building, GLBT health and wellness promotion, GLBT minorities and health issues, GLBT history, GLBT families and adoption, and forums for communication between different segments of GLBT society, as well as a host of other topical, informative, and fun issues that relate to the GLBT communities.

The conference will also include a daily stretch and meditation segment, entertainment from a cross-section of the community, a vendor's area for the distribution of materials and the sale of products, and the chance for interaction with a diverse number of people within the community.

For more information about the Alaska Pride Conference 2000, please call 727-4407 or email: akpride2000@yahoo.com.


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Keynote Addresses

Express Yourself: Free Speech Law and the GLBT Community
Dr. Paul Siegel
Saturday October 14, 2000 1:00-2:30
This keynote address will highlight how free speech and self-expression has affected the history of the GLBT movement and will explore a wide range of issues pertaining to how the queer community openly expresses itself: organizing and activism, right-to-assemble, marriage, adoption, and free speech.
Dr. Siegel, an expert on case law affecting the GLBT communities, has authored several books on GLBT law and civil rights and has addressed these issues in forums across America. He is currently on faculty at Gallaudet University.

Unified for a Healthy Community
John Leonard - Executive Director of Gay City
Sunday, October 15, 2000 1:00-2:00
This workshop will focus on community building through “do-able” activities and cultural change for positive health, sexuality, community and support. This workshop will also include breakout groups that will discuss applications for the Alaska community.
John Leonard is the founder and Executive Director of the Seattle-based Gay City Health Project—a model for programs around the world that address GLBT health promotion, community building, and individual empowerment.

Workshops at a Glance

- Brother to Brother, A Model For Community Organization
- How to talk to your doctor, & other GLBT health issues
- Workplace Issues for GLBT's
- Our Childrens' Voices: Children of Gay Families
- Internalized Homophobia
- Financial Planning
- Parenting Peer Support Group
- Lavender Correctness: Hate Speech on campus
- Selling Out: Social Marketing for GLBT Health
- Rationally Gay
- Stages of a Relationship
- Long Term Relationships (panel)
- Fruit Bowl: The Spectrum of GLBT Sexual & Gender Expressions
- Queer Law: Adoption, Custody, and more.
- Self-defense
- Building a Healthy Community; The Next Step (roundtable)
- Speakers Bureau Training
## Schedule at a Glance

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## Conference Registration

For pre-registration by mail please include this completed form with check or money order payable to Identity, Inc. Scholarships are available. Please call 727-4407 or email: identity@alaska.net for more information.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________

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Mail to:
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Anchorage, AK 99520-0070

Registration fees do include lunch.
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Late Registration (postmarked after 10/8/00): [ ] $25.00

Yes, I would like to donate an additional $________, to be used for conference scholarships.

Registration will be available up to the last day of the conference. We do ask that you register as early as possible.

Please copy this form as needed.

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Unity in Our Community

On Saturday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m., The Family will sponsor a community-wide performance event, entitled “Unity in Our Community.” The purpose for the event is to “offer all people within our community a place to come together in celebration,” says Victoria Shaver, associate coordinator for the event. “Celebration of Change (a similar entertainment forum for the Lesbian community) is such a success each year that we hoped to duplicate it among the entire GLBT community.”

This event will feature entertainment from all segments of the GLBT community. Scheduled entertainment includes song, comedy, drag, skits, and more. The event will be emceed by Trang Duong and Darl Schaff.

Also included in the event will be a special thirty-minute screening of Out North’s Millennium Video. The video was created, in part, by GLBTQ and allied youth and examines diversity in families, especially from the perspective of the GLBT community and their families.

Tickets for the event are $8.00 for students and seniors and $10.00 in advance if purchased at Stonewall’d. All tickets at the door are $15.00. Scholarship tickets are available. The event will be held in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium on the UAA campus. For more information about this event call 275-8763 or email akpride2000@yahoo.com.

GLSEN Founder to Speak in Anchorage

Kevin Jennings, the principal founder for the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Alliance (GLSEN), will be speaking in Anchorage on Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. The title of his speech is “Education for All-Why We Need to Address GLBT Issues in our Schools.” In his speech, Jennings will explore how to address harassment based on perceived sexual orientation and will discuss the problems educators, parents, and society face when the issues of GLBTQ youth are not adequately addressed.

The lecture is at the UAA campus in Room 101 of the Business Education Building and admission is free. Educators, legislators, and parents are especially encouraged to attend. The event is sponsored by UAA’s The Family and is co-sponsored by GSLEN-Alaska, PFLAG-Anchorage, Identity, Inc., and the Coalition for Safe Schools-Anchorage. For more information about this event call 275-8763 or email akpride2000@yahoo.com.

National Coming Out Day is October 11, 2000

October 11 is National Coming Out Day and The Family at UAA plans to offer information and a resource guide to those in the Anchorage community who are struggling with issues of sexual identity. “This is an especially tough moment in one’s life,” states Pete Gregson, the Outreach Chairperson for the Family. “We want to provide any resource and support we can to those who are struggling with coming out.” The group plans to host a two-week display on campus and to have an information table in the Campus Center October 9-11. For more information on National Coming Out Day or to confidentially discuss any issues surrounding coming out call the Identity helpline at 258-4777 or 1-888-901-9876.

Diversity Dance to celebrate GLBT History Month

The Family at UAA will host a dance on Saturday, October 13, to coincide with the Alaska Pride Conference 2000 and National Coming Out Week. The dance will be held at the Campus Center Pub from 7:00 to 11:00. All UAA students and Anchorage community members are invited to attend the alcohol-free and smoke-free event. Tickets are available at the door and will cost $3.00 for students and $5.00 for the general public. For more information about this event contact 275-8763 or email akpride2000@yahoo.com.
Are You Still With What’s His Name?
By J. Lightfoot

When asked to consider writing an article about the challenges of gay male relationships, the first thing that came to mind was SEX. As someone who has always treasured the concept of sexual monogamy in an adult relationship, I can see it as a real challenge now that I have been dating in the gay community. Of the committed relationships around me, I can count on one hand the number of men that are truly having sex with only their partner. Many partners have agreed to “open” sexual expression and exploration in their unions, allowing each other to play safely outside the home. They may even engage in after-play, as they share the intimate details afterward as a form of honesty in the relationship. Some will play with fresh new bodies as a couple, even if it’s only when they’re not in “their own backyard.” Too often there is the illusion of monogamy in gay relationships, when in fact secret man-sex liaisons are happening all around us.

And have you ever noticed how same-sex relationships are often treated as temporary, especially by non-gay friends, family, and coworkers? Though we would hear the same question while dating in high school or college, it’s often “Are you still seeing ______?” How many years does a relationship need to flourish before it’s considered “serious”?

Men who enjoy showing their adoration for their mate through hand-holding, hugging, kissing, or other means may find it challenging to do so in most public places. Women, whether lesbian or not, have had comparably easy acceptance of public displays of affection towards each other. Slumping back into stealth mode in public and passing for straight is common among gay men, sometimes causing feelings of second-class status or shame. How joyful it can be to openly express your feelings about your man by holding his hand while you walk down the streets of Palm Springs or Provincetown or Key West!

There is often a challenging situation within relationships as partners sort out their roles, as compared to the traditional male roles they were taught or as they were growing up (and perhaps played out in those unsuccessful straight relationships?). Egos often clash as male partners decide who has the more powerful role? Can a relationship exist without a dominant partner? Are cooking, cleaning, and shopping chores delegated to one, or shared equally? Within the GLBT community there can even be discomfort as friends playfully refer to one or the other in a partnership as the husband or wife?

And what about the everyday social scene for gay men in Anchorage? In Seattle there’s Capitol Hill. In New York it might be Greenwich Village and the Chelsea district, or the Castro in San Francisco. Here we have tiny pockets as gathering places: the café downtown, club monthly events, the bars in 4th and 5th, and maybe even the men’s room at the mall or the sauna at the university? Our challenge to feel like more of a united community seems to lie in the creation of a vibrant community center. We need to have and support a place where we can say, “This is our place”, “Teens are safe and welcome here”, and “I’ll see you at the Community Center!”

Their Majesties Thank you
To Identity and the community of all of Alaska,

We Dennis and Silva, the Denali Winter Lion Emperor XXVII and the Aurora Snowbird Songstress Empress XXVII would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your love and support during our reign. It has been an honor and privilege to have served a community that has received us both with love and open arms.

It is our hope that the XVIIIth reign will continue to carry on the tradition of serving the community at large for the good of all. It is also our hope that the new monarchs, the Denali Emperor XXVIII Kent and the Aurora Empress XXVIII Eve, have a wonderful reign with much success and love in their efforts to support their community through charity, we pray that all people come together and work towards peace, love and unity.

There are so many to thank it would not serve the newsletter to try and get everyone listed, so once again a hearty thank you those that have come together for us! We have made our reign a success! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In my native language quiana!

In peace and love
h.i.m. Emperor XXVII Dennis
h.i.m. Empress XXVIII Silva Stone

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Kent and Eve crowned as the new Emperor and Empress

In a lavish and grand Coronation evening, Emperor Dennis and Empress Silva passed the torch of the Imperial Court of All Alaska to the new reigning monarchs, Emperor XXVIII, Kent, and Empress XXVIII, Eve. The new royal couple has recently announced the details of their reign.

Kent will serve as the Unicorn Emperor, His Most Imperial Majesty Denali Emperor XXVIII and Eve will serve as the Arctic Emerald Empress, Her Most Imperial Majesty Aurora Empress XXVIII. Theirs will be the Jewelled Reign of Family and Fantasy and their colors are purple and gold. They have also announced that the theme of their Coronation will be “Fulfilling Your Fantasies in King Solomon’s Mines.”

The new Monarchs will travel to Hawaii in early October to perform their first walk as the Emperor and Empress of All Alaska. Shortly after, they will perform the vestitutes for their Court. Both of the new monarchs say they plan to have the best reign in the history of the Alaskan Imperial Court. For more information on the Imperial Court of All Alaska, please call 230-7049 or email cleanco@alaska.net.

IMRU2 Starts New Year

The support group for GLBTQ youth will start this year on Oct 18, 2000. They took the summer off to find some new facilitators, to re-energize the veterans, to look closer at how the group is run, and to chat with youth about what they want.

IMRU2 is a weekly support group for GLBT and questioning youth, age 13-18. It provides a confidential, safe, and fun environment for our youth to chat, laugh, and to share feelings and thoughts about what it’s like to be young and part of a sexual minority (or wondering if). The group is planning some new activities this year and are looking forward to having pizza provided by their sponsoring organization, PFLAG, (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

The group plans on meeting at the Q Café on 36th and Arctic from 5:30-7:00 every Wednesday. If you are 13-18 years old and want to join, you can call 566-IMRU and leave a message (they will call back) or show up at the Q Café. IMRU2 is here for GLBT youth want them to enjoy coming. They are open to members ideas and hope all GLBTQ youth will check them out. The group asks that everyone spread the word at school and among their friends.

If you are an adult and interested in becoming a facilitator please leave a message on the IMRU2 message machine @566-IMRU. Jessica will call you back. If you’d like to make financial donations to IMRU2 for pizza, supplies, room fees, etc please contact them the same way.

Volunteers Sought for Street Patrol

The Alaska Native Women Sexual Assault Committee are seeking volunteers for their Meet & Greet program. This program was developed to alert predators that a group of concerned citizens is watching out for the safety of Alaska Native women (and men) in the downtown area targeting 4th Avenue. Volunteers are needed to pair up with plain-clothes officers for the week of AFN - October 16th through Saturday night, October 21st between the hours of 9:00 PM and 2:00 AM. This is a rewarding volunteer experience and a fun time. The “kick-off” for the Meet & Greet will be at 6:00 p.m. October 16th at a Candlelight Vigil, in Town Square, to remember and honor the women that were recently murdered. To volunteer, contact Andrew Hickman at STAR, 276-7279.
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I was recently asked if I would consider writing an article about JR Lamar. I gave it some long hard thought and decided the time does seem right, on the heels of a very powerful and emotional remembrance of JR at this year’s Coronation. As I watched images of JR on the screen that evening, so many memories came flooding back. However, I also realized enough time had passed and changes taken place that many of those watching didn’t know JR and may not have the vivid memories that those images were creating for some of us in the room. Now would be a good time to remind and inform the community what a special person he was.

For those who have moved here since JR’s passing, let me say a bit about who he was. JR moved to Anchorage with his family when he was a child and loved living here. He was a very visible part and powerful presence in the gay community in Anchorage until his death in 1992. He was involved with the Imperial Court, including serving as Emperor in 1990. He was well known for his great performances and flamboyant and sometimes quite skimpy costumes. While watching him on the screen the other night, I was filled with memories of our house full of feathers, glitter, sequins, rhinestones and glue guns. However, he felt strongly that as Emperor he needed to do more than perform. He had many events to raise funds for 4A’s and other charities in town.

Those who knew him were amazed at his capacity to care about everyone. He was so non-judgmental and quick to make friends. Even though he didn’t have much materially, he had so much else to give. I used to joke that our house was the Gay Hostel of Anchorage. There was a constant stream of people who needed some help, and at JR’s insistence, ended up staying at our house.

He was always so strong and proud. He never complained about the unfair road life had dealt to him. I was amazed that he was able to keep a positive attitude through the loss of the ability to walk, the weight loss (he was down to 98 pounds when he died), the constant pain, and the ordeal of multiple stays in the hospital: spinal taps, incontinence, stomach tubes, endless drugs and side affects. The only time I remember him getting upset was one morning when I found him in the bathroom crying. I asked what was wrong. He said, “I don’t have a butt anymore. My butt’s all gone.” Any of you that saw his performances would know the significance of that loss! Other than that, he just took it all in stride.

He even accepted me and my many flaws.

He was the one dying, but he also was the one that made it possible for those who loved him to deal with it. People who were scared to visit him during his last few months missed a great opportunity to witness and learn a bit on dying with dignity. When people came by they ended up not talking about JR’s illness, but what problems and concerns they had going on in their lives. JR was a wealth of good advice. His nurses and caregivers immediately fell in love with him. Even his usually very stoic Doctor broke down when he said there was nothing else we could do for him.

There is so much more I could write about him, but I will concentrate on his last couple of days here.

I told part of this story at his memorial and subsequently have occasionally told it to friends. Everyone always comments on how inspirational it is. Even though it was an incredibly sad event, I hope the story tells much about what type of person JR was. I hope it shows how in his last days he continued to exhibit the strength and dignity that he had shown in his life.

JR died at the end of February in 1992 after several months of gradual declined. He had been in and out of the hospital since September of 1991. We had decided, no more. He stopped all medical treatment and we stepped up a hospital bed in our bedroom to wait for the inevitable.

In those last months, there was a constant stream of people coming to visit him. He had so many friends. The visitors were especially abundant on his last day. He drifted in and out of consciousness all day. There was one time when he woke up and saw all the people in the room. He asked me, “Are we having a party?” I said, “No.” He replied, “Well we should get everyone a beer”. I said, “We don’t have any beer”. His response was that I should go get some. He asked if anyone wanted a beer. Everyone said no, it was OK. He said, “Well, I want a beer”. Again I said we didn’t have any, but he insisted. I went to the kitchen and filled a glass with apple juice, assuming he’d be unconscionable by the time I returned or at least wouldn’t be able to tell the difference. However, he took one sip and looked at me and said, “This isn’t beer!”. He left it at that, but needed to let me know I wasn’t pulling one over on him.

The visitors came and left throughout the day and night. JR hung on. About 3:00 am, someone said, “I think he’s...
waiting to be alone with Steve. I think we should all leave.” And everyone did. After a bit, I laid down on our bed and immediately fell asleep. I woke up with a bolt about an hour later. I thought, what have I done? I fell asleep and JR died by himself. I ran over to the bed and was relieved to see that he was still alive. However, he had wet himself. While I was changing his clothes and bedding he woke up.

I sat down next to him. He said he wanted to talk to Steve. I said, “This is Steve”. He said, “No, I want the real Steve”. I told him I was the real Steve. When he was convinced, he told me how much he loved me. I told him I knew. Then he said he was getting ready to go. I said, “Yes I know that”. He then said, “They are all there waiting. You should see them. It’s a great place. Everyone is happy and it doesn’t matter if you’re black or white” (I think he stole that line from a Michael Jackson song that was popular at the time). He said he was going to go. I told him that was all right. Then he said he wanted me to come with him. I told him I couldn’t. He asked if I was sure. I said yes, but I’d be coming later and he accepted that.

He then asked me to get him a cup of coffee. I said, “You don’t drink coffee”. He said, “Well then get one for yourself”. I think he sensed my fear. I didn’t know what was going to happen and was pretty scared. I really think he was trying to get me out of the room, so I wouldn’t have to see him die. He still was thinking of others before himself, even at this time. Then he just closed his eyes and stopped breathing. He peacefully went away with the usual JR style and dignity. Someone recently told me that people who have lived complete lives leave with the greatest peace and those who have wasted their lives are the ones who leave with the most torment and struggle. It was clear into which category JR fell.

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**Editor’s Note:** Identity is currently forming committees to work towards reestablishing the Anchorage GLBT Community Center. To volunteer or for more information about what you can do to help make the Community Center a reality, please call 258-4777 or email identity@alaska.net

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Help Vermont Legislators Who Voted for Civil Unions

Hi everyone,

In hopes of speeding up donations to the Vermont pro-civil unions PAC, below I’ve copied their contact information.

I hope many of us can give generously to do what we can to help the brave Vermonters who must now withstand the backlash against the Civil Unions law which passed earlier this year!

Vermonters for Civil Unions, Inc.
A Vermont Political Action Committee
P.O.Box 1574, Montpelier, VT 05601
email: info@vtcivilunionpac.org

Thanks!

Sara, Juneau AK. -
THE VIAL
by Teresa M.

I hold the small vial up to the light. The solution is slightly amber, translucent, innocuous looking. THIS is the medication that will change our lives? Spur the facial hair that will deny us access to events in the lesbian community? Hurl us into a heterosexual existence? Maybe, I decide, we’re assigning a little too much power to this 10 ml vial of testosterone.

My partner is a female-to-male transsexual. I’m lesbian. We’ve been together two years. When we met, Danny (who went by his birth name at the time) explained he wasn’t a “typical lesbian.” Later he explained he wasn’t lesbian at all. By this time, I had begun to care about him very much, so I decided to stick around to see who he was now that I knew who he wasn’t. It was a good decision.

A few months into our relationship, he came out to me, something lesbian couples don’t normally have to do (at least not with each other!). He explained he had been transsexual all his life, although he didn’t have the words to express this until recent years. We have since explored transition options together and he has included me in every step of this complex process.

Yet when Danny first mentioned testosterone therapy, I cringed. Probably made a small joke. No thanks, none for me. He said he wanted to explore surgical options and then see how he felt before making a decision about the big T. But as the other steps of his relatively smooth transition began to fall into place, he kept coming back to the topic. And I kept steering us away.

Then Danny finally met someone like himself, a gentle man who years before had taken the same journey. After a two-hour lunch with this new friend, my partner arrived home with a huge smile. I asked how it went and his first words were, “I gotta have the voice.” He said he had the name of a local physician who manages hormone therapy for transsexuals. He made an appointment, took copies of his coveted letters from two counselors saying he was a healthy candidate for gender reassignment, and had the necessary lab work done.

Then the day arrived. After a second consultation to review lab results, the doctor gave Danny a small slip of paper on which he wrote the words “testosterone cypionate.” Then a nurse gave him his first injection while I watched. I’m not comfortable with needles, but I didn’t blink or turn away. I wanted to fully commit this moment and this image to memory.

Few of our friends would understand the significance of this day and all the work Danny did to receive his first injection. The agony and joy of coming out to himself and to others. Finding a counselor who understands transsexualism and a physician willing to assist with treatment options such as hormones. Explaining what all this means to our lesbian friends and hoping they won’t reject us. And all the while, reassuring his lesbian partner that testosterone therapy will not turn this mild Dr. Jekyll into a maniacal Mr. Hyde.

The next morning was Saturday. Danny slept in while I puttered about the house. I opened the medicine cabinet and stared for a few minutes at the tiny, almost helpless-looking vial. One dose down, nine more to go, then another vial. And another. For the rest of his life, I presume. I smiled.

I sat down at my computer to tell our friends how our weekend began. I titled the message, “Danny has a sore butt.”
WASHINGTON, D.C.- RECENTLY, THE HCPA HATE
Crimes Legislation passed the House by a vote of
232-192. The bill was attached to a Department
of Defense funding bill. The Hate Crimes Pre-
vention Act had already passed in the Senate, but
even though it has now passed in both houses,
will probably never make it to the President’s desk
for a signature. The Republican House leader-
ship has promised that HCPA is dead for the year and
that the bill would be dropped from the defense
bill in committee.

WASHINGTON D.C.- IN A STINGING DEFEAT
that proponents claimed came about because
of Republicans upset over the passage of Hate
Crimes legislation, the House of Represen-
atives overwhelmingly defeated a proposal to strip
the Boy Scouts of America of the Congressional Char-
ter they had held since 1916. Only twelve mem-
bers voted to revoke the charter.

VERMONT- IN THE FIRST STATE TO ALLOW
legally gay unions, State Auditor Ed Flanagan
became the first openly gay man to be a major
party candidate for the US Senate. Flanagan, the
Democratic candidate, goes on to face the Repub-
lican incumbent on November 7. However, at
least six incumbents in the Vermont legislature
were defeated because of their votes to enact the
Civil Unions statute.

AMSTERDAM- THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT
has recently passed a bill which allows homo-
sexual couples to marry and adopt children. Holl-
and becomes the first country in the world to treat
all citizens the same, regardless of sexual orien-
tation. Seventy-six percent of Dutch citizens con-
sider homosexuality acceptable.

Love, Security & Betrayal - Part I
by Mark Schubauer

I remember, with no real certainty, that we loved each
other in the beginning. Eventually we were more attached
to the security of a relationship than to each other. That
went on for too long. I lacked the courage to end it so we
grew indifferent. Intimacy was only a memory. We were
compatible as friends I suppose but living a lie takes its toll.
So I finally called him up and suggested we call it quits.
We'd been doing the long distance thing for many months
and the situation seemed absurd. My suggestion led Leon
to blackmail. He told me he seen what had happened in
the rest stop just outside of Colorado Springs. I was so
ashamed that I stayed with him for another year and a half.
Mind you, we were living thousands of miles apart. None-
theless, we continued to pretend that we were partners,
significant others. In retrospect, I think he just wanted to
see how long I could take his punishments. The coup de
grace was the trip from Dawson City to Fairbanks. Four
of us were travelling together. Leon stopped talking to me
the night before we were to return home. He spoke not a
single word during our 14-hour trip the next day. When we
stopped for dinner in Tok, he ordered by pointing at the
menu. I respected his ability to stay silent even as I felt his
anger wrap around me and engulf me.

Two months later I called him. He had returned to
Phoenix by then but he was about to move north. Box
by box, he was mailing his worldly possessions to me in
Alaska. I told him that it was over. He agreed and I’ve
never heard from him again. That was the hardest part. To
be utterly cut off from this man seemed unnecessarily final.
I had, after all, joined up with his one-man gypsy band
for years. My mother predicted this outcome. “He’s very
nice,” she said, “but it’ll end when you stop following him
around.” Mother knew best.

Once we had broken things off, he simply ignored the
cards I sent and never returned my phone calls. I persisted
in phoning and writing for nearly two years. Then I just
gave up trying. When we were still together and having
an argument, he was fond of commenting on the fact that
we met in a men’s room. Then he would tell me how he felt
my eye piercing his soul as I strained to look through the
tiny peephole between the two stalls. This was not a con-
ventional love story. On that fateful first encounter, after
we both got off, we exchanged phone numbers and so it
began. I’m not sure when we fell in love but it probably
wasn’t in the john, although we did take turns giving and
receiving. In those first moments, it was all raw lust and
hunger for connection. I was feeling that same lust when I
betrayed him in Colorado Springs, some 8 years later. My behavior was scandalously cruel but how could
I predict he would witness and then hold his tongue for
years. His withholding had the twin virtues of discipline
and consistency.

TO BE CONTINUED...
Millennium Video

On October 7, 2000 join Out North as they premiere "Millennium Video," a new half-hour video created by GLBTQ and allied youth. The experimental video looks at diversity in families, and is presented in recognition of National Arts in Humanities Month, Pride History Month, and the White House Millennium Commission celebration as part of "Artists and Communities: America Creates for the Millennium." The video will premiere as part of Unity in the Community, a celebration of diversity that will take place at Wendy Williamson Auditorium on the UAA campus. For more details call 275-8763 or email akpride2000@yahoo.com.

Randy Roberts Performs at Mad Myrna's

To celebrate their second anniversary, Mad Myrna's will be presenting famous female illusionist Randy Roberts in performance on October 13, 14, and 15. Showtimes are at 9 PM on Friday and Saturday and 8 PM on Sunday. Tickets for each show are $10.00 and will be available at the door. There will also be a free buffet before each show. For more information call 276-9762.

Two-Step Returns

The Saturday Two Step returns, October 21. Lessons begin at 7:30 PM and dancing starts at 8:00. The entire community is invited to attend and to join in the fun. The dance will be held at the Of Pioneer Schoolhouse at 3rd and Eagle. Other announced dates for Saturday Two Step are November 18, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 7. For more information please call Katie Hickey at 278-9174.

Kim Acuna

Performs all original music for the lunchtime crowd at the UAA Pub/Campus Center. Friday, October 13, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Halloween Fun

On October 28, UAA will be hosting a family Haunted Halloween Fun Night at the UAA Campus Center from 5 PM to 10 PM. The event is a carnival-style night and will include games, contests, a haunted house, and lots of prizes. It is a safe and fun way for families to enjoy Halloween.

On October 29 Mad Myrna's will be hosting their annual Halloween Party. The festivities will include giveaways and a costume contest with cash prizes. The costume contest judging will begin at 11:00 PM.

Art Exhibit

"Artsworks," by Terry Huskett, a series of paintings on cooper and aluminum, will exhibit at the Frame Workshop Gallery, 701 W. 36th Avenue Suite 7, from November 3-30. The opening will be Friday, November 3 from 5PM to 8PM. Call 563-8553 for more information.

Commonbond

November 18, 2000 7:30pm
UAA Arts Building
Tickets at Metro's and Stonewalled starting in middle October website www.commonbondmusic.com
A unique blend of folk-rock, pop, and blues-swing: sung from the heart, played with passion.

Queer as Folk

Billed as a gay "Sex and the City," only racier and steamier, "Queer as Folk" will debut this fall on Showtime. The show is modeled after an English television show of the same name. Showtime is hoping the gay-themed show will attract more viewers to its network.
IDENTITY, INC.'S
FOURTH FRIDAY POTLUCK
October 27, 2000
“Anchorage GLBT History;
Stories From the Past”
A guided discussion

As usual, Food Faries can bring canned food and non
perishable items to be donated to the 4A's. The pot-
luck is at the Unitarian Universalist Church, doors
open at 6:30, potluck starts at 7 pm, and the presenta-
tion is 7:30-8:30 pm. All are welcome.
Call 258-4777 or e-mail identity@alaska.net

This community paper needs you!
Writers, illustrators, cartoons, poems,
short stories, news & events of local
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Submit!
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Identity@alaska.net
258-4777 (leave a message)
P.O. Box 20070
Anchorage, AK 99520

Classic Cooking
with Al Kaneta

*Al Kaneta is a misplaced Hawaiian who loves Alaska, retire-
ment, travel and cooking...not necessarily in that order.

APRICOT & CHERRY BREAD PUDDING
1 pound sweet cherries, pitted
1/2 pound dried apricots, sliced
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
8 slices crusty country bread, about 2/3-inch thick
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/4 cup drained plain yogurt sweetened with 1 table-
spoon powdered sugar

In a heavy bottomed saucepan, place the cherries,
apricots, and sugar, and let stand for 30 minutes.
Then add 1 cup water and bring to a boil. Reduce
the heat and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from the
heat and add the lemon juice and set aside to cool
slightly.

Preheat the broiler to high. Brush the bread slices,
on one side with the melted butter. Place buttered
side up, in the serving dish, slightly overlapping, in
one layer.
Set under the broiler to lightly toast the bread. Ladle
the cooled cherry juices over the bread. Scatter the
cherries and apricots on top and bring to a boil
on top of the stove. Cover with foil and cook on
medium for 5 minutes. Serve with a dollop of the
sweetened yogurt.

Yield: 4 to 6 servingsApricot And Cherry Bread
Pudding

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AGB is a monthly potluck for gay and bisexual men. For more information please contact A_G_B_@yahoo.com or 272-5608.

AKPRIDE is working to build a community center in Anchorage. If you are interested in doing the work to make the community center happen, or donating funds, contact us c/o Identity, Inc. - 258-4777 or identity@alaska.net

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)
A locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersexual people in all aspects of personal and public life. P.O. Box 240751, Anchorage, Alaska, 99524 (907)566-ACR1 AlaskansForCivilRights@yahoo.com

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's)
Mission is to be a key collaborator within the state of Alaska in the provision of supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of HIV infection and stigma. They have many services that cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste 102 263-2050. Statewide: 1-800-475-AIDS

Alaska Gay/Lesbian Association (UAF student organization) - c/o Student Activities Box 4/wood Center/University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. (907) 474-1136 <fbagl@uaf.edu>. Web site <http://www.uaf.edu/agla>.

Alcoholics Anonymous; Gay, Joyous, & Free
Open AA meeting Mondays and Thursdays 7pm - 8pm @ Universal Unitarian Church at 3201 Turnagain St.

Arctic Bears First Friday of every month. Fairbanks 479-8680

Anchorage Women's Political Caucus
Open to all women, meets 7pm at Elmer's Restaurant, New Seward and Fireweed, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Aquarian Foundation: Services Wednesday 8pm and Sunday 11am, 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 349-9955

Breakeven Productions: Has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. Vickie Shaw a comic from Texas will be performing September 30. For all those who missed the Commonbond concert last March... Mark your calendars for November 18. Both shows will be at UAA's Arts Bldg. Rm 150. For more information about these events or Breakeven productions, call 277-5630 or akpups@alaska.net

Bruin Brotherhood of Alaska - A Levi, Leather, Bear club. 1441 E. 12th #2, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Contact Dan at 258-2629 or 276-6947, meets the third Saturday at 7pm.

Celebration of Change
A performance of women artists for women. If you would like to perform or volunteer, please call Victoria or Trang at 275-8763 for more information.

Committee for Equality
Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803 or e-mail bsara@gci.net

EQUAL, Inc. - Keeps the community informed about political and legal events which have an effect on the GLBT community, and to promote equal rights for all Alaskan citizens, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation. EQUAL is not a political action committee and does not endorse candidates. In Anchorage call Dan Carter at 274-9226 or e-mail at AlaskaDan@aol.com In Fairbanks call Laura Burleson at 479-7348

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

The Family (UAA Student Club)
The Family hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various other social, political, and awareness activities. You DO NOT have to be a UAA student to attend and many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. 258-4777 or e-mail <uua_the_family@yahoo.com>
clubs, groups, organizations

**Feminist Sing-a-Long (women only)**
Third Saturday of every month, call Carol and Fran at 333-0871 or <bestinterests@gci.net>. Non-singers and children are more than welcome. Potluck starts at 6:30pm and singing at 7:30pm.

**Frontrunners**
Anchorage Front Runners/Walkers: Meets Tues. 6:30pm and Sat. 10am at Westchester Lagoon (far west parking lot) for a fun run/walk/rollerblade and xcounry skiing in the winter. All levels welcome. Call Peter @ 337-3682, visit www.fronrunners.org, or just show up!

**Gay and Lesbian HelpLine**
Sponsored by Identity, Inc., this information and referral line is answered daily from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The HelpLine is staffed by volunteers who provide information and referrals to businesses, professionals, and service providers that are supportive of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. If you would like to be a part of this service and/or if you need information, please call 258-4777 or toll free (in Alaska, outside Anchorage) 1-800-901-9876.

**GLSEN Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network**
Anchorage: Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. For meeting times or more information call Fred, 562-7161 or <fhillman@alaska.net>. Fairbanks: Meets third Tuesday, 5pm, FEA offices on Cushman.

**Identity, Inc.**
Founded to improve self-awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthy ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity sponsors a statewide Helpline, the Rainbow Borealis, Pride on the Parkstrip, NCOD and other events. Potluck social is held on the 4th Friday of each month at the AUIP, 3201 Turnagain. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, and program at 7:30pm. Call 258-4777 for more information, or visit the Identity web page at www.alaska.net/identity.

**Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)**
A social group that contributes to our community by being active in many causes. P.O. Box 104032, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-4032. Current Monarchs: Emperor XXVII Dennis at Myrra's or call Empress Silva Stone (907) 245-0302. Coronation activities begin August 26 with voting. Contact Rand at 223-3699 <randthornsley@aol.com> for more info on Coronation.

**IMR2**
Anchorage gay youth group for ages 12-18. 566-4678 (IMR2). Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm at the Q Cafe

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Office 907/266-5000
Fax 907/266-7670
Email jillh@realtors.net

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

**Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)**
A predominately gay/lesbian/bi/trans Christian Church. Sunday services at 2:00pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke (just east of 24th Ave. & Boniface Pkwy) 258-5266 or email LOGMCC@alo.com mailto:LOGMCC@alo.com

**The Last Frontier Men's Club**
Alaska's oldest social club for the Levi/leather/bear community. Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month for a brief business meeting & potluck social at 5pm in the upstairs area of Mad Myrra's (530 E. 5th Avenue) at 9pm on the 1st Friday of each month for our First Friday Fetish Night social at The Raven. In addition, we hold monthly movie and dinner nights on various dates throughout the month along with several campouts throughout the summer which are open to the entire community. Check website for updated list of events at www.tflmc.com/calendar.htm. Eastachester Station Post Office Box 202054 Anchorage, Alaska 99520-2054 (907) 337-6593 web: http://www.tflmc.com e-mail: info@tflmc.com

**Mt McKinley (Non-Ascent) Club**
A social group open to anyone gay, lesbian, or ally.

**Northern Exposure Bowling League**
Bowlers of all genders meet Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm, Park Lanes, Anchorage. Please call to confirm time and venue. 561-8744 milt@alaska.net

**OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) & Travel 50** Two groups for women over 50. <rosebethlevno@hotmail.com>, or 888-2662.
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907-456-2040
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**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; Mall P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, Alaska 99802-2655. 465-3565, 1-800-478-AIDS (2437)

**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 566-GAYS

**S.T.O.P AIDS PROJECT** – Center for Drug Problems
Provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4pm. Anchorage. 278-5019

**Support Group, Soldotna**: a group of people with HIV or AIDS or families or friends. Call Jan at 262-2589

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**Two-Stepping** (See page 14) - All ages & genders welcome. Smoke and alcohol free two-stepping held once a month from 7:30pm to 11:00pm at the Pioneer Schoolhouse at 3rd & Eagle. Contact Katie for more info at 278-9174 or email kcreative@chugach.net.

**Women’s Music Fest** - happens the weekend of July 4th. Contact Dena Ivy at <ivey@mosquito.net>, (907)456-2471 or (907)322-7950 or PO Box 80164 Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

**Women’s Ultimate Frisbee** gathers Sunday mornings 10:30 am on the west end of the parkstrip. Interested frisbee-throwers should contact Jen or Karen at 278-5179 for more info or e-mail <Jenkout@aol.com>.

**AGB of Alaska**
A gay men’s organization holding monthly potlucks and occasional other events. For more information about AGB and how to receive invitations, contact:
A_G_B_3@yahoo.com
272-5608

**Out North Contemporary Art House**
Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs and more. 1325 Primrose Anchorage AK 99508. Call voice mail: 279-8099, box office: 279-8200, fax: 279-8100, or write: email@outnorth.org Online Calendar http://www.outnorth.org

**PFLAG** (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) of Anchorage holds its monthly meeting at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship AUUF, 3201 Turnagain Street. Call 566-1813 for a recorded message.

**RAW (Radical Arts for Women)** - A non-profit group which support and promotes women in the arts. Grant funding available for artistic endeavors. 566-3783.

**Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous** (SLAA): 12-step program meeting, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Call 566-1133 for meeting times and places.
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**e-mail lists**

**FairbanksPride**
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/fairbankspride
A mailing list for information concerning Fairbanks & Interior Alaska's GLBT community, emphasizing in announcements, politics, information, etc.

**AnchoragePride**
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/anchoragepride
A mailing list for information concerning Anchorage & Southcentral Alaska's GLBT community, emphasizing in announcements, politics, information, etc. Primarily event announcements.

**Alaska Gay Discussion**
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/laskagaydiscussion
This is an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska. Primarily an online discussion forum.

**Alaska GLBT News**
alaskaglbtnews@yahoo.com. A state-wide e-mail notification service distributing news and information about upcoming events of interest to the Alaska GLBT community. To receive these notices or to submit an item for distribution, contact alaskaglbtnews@yahoo.com

**National and political GLBT news**
Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy announcements from national organizations. To be placed on this list send an e-mail to bsara@gci.net

**Girlz List**
This is a list of the lesbians in the community, it has information on upcoming events, activities, socials, and other interesting items geared solely for the girls. You can get on this list by e-mailing akstrangster@hotmail.com

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**Publications**

**Alaska Women Speak**: a publication by Alaskan women on topics for Alaskan women. They can be reached at 696-0924

**The Anchorage Press** This is an alternative weekly paper that is not focused on the GLBT community but is friendly. They have a large personals section and can be contacted at 561-7737

**The Klondyke Kontakt (The KK)** This is a every-other-monthly newsletter by and for the lesbian community in Anchorage and dykes in the Bush.
For more information e-mail at kk@gci.net

**The Perspective** A newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskan. News, events, and all can be found in this publication. For more information contact SEAGLA at P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1452 or phone 566-GAYS

**The Pink Ink** A newsletter published in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks GLBT community. For more information contact Interior Newsletter c/o IAA, P.O. Box 71248, Fairbanks, AK 99707(907)452-4222 or e-mail pinkink@alaska.com

**The Rainbow Borealis** (The RB): The monthly newsletter that Identity Inc. publishes and distributes to its membership. Contains local articles, and editorials. Writers, editors, graphic artists, cartoonists, people with opinions (who can write them down) folders and mailers are all needed to make this publication happen each month. Articles and ads can be sent to P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, Alaska 99520 for more information call (907)258-4777 in Anchorage or 1-888-901-9876 within Alaska.

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Ongoing Events (Statwide)

MONDAYS
(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 888-2662
(A) Lesbian Social Group, reviews films & books. 1st, 3rd & 5th. Inquire 888-2662

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) Frontrunners: Run or walk meet at Westchester Lagoon, 6-30pm 337-3693 or anchoragefrontrunners@hotmail.com
(F) GLSEN, 5pm, 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
(J) Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
(J) Women's Prerogative
(KTOO-FM Wednesdays, 9-10 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 4 As, 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, 730 pm-9 pm, 3020 Minnesota (2 Plaza) & Benson.
(A) THE FAMILY, 7 Campus Center Room 105.
(A) Identity Fourth Friday Potluck, 6:30 pm, AUUF.
(A) First Friday Fetish at the Raven, 9:00 pm
(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-B680
(J) Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30-7:30 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marsha at 789-6146 for info.

SATURDAYS
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
(A) Frontrunners: Run or walk meet at Westchester Lagoon, 6:30pm 337-3693 or anchoragefrontrunners@hotmail.com
(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.

SUNDAYS
(A) Metropolitan Community Church Services, 2pm Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembrook
(F) PFLAG, third Sunday, 4:50 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4448 Pikes Landing Road
(A) Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information
(A) GLSEN, first Sunday, 1 pm, AUUF

Identity Helpline Information and Referrals
Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual/Transgender community resources
(907) 258-4777(888) 901-9876
(Toll-Free)Statewide Alaska
A community service of Identity, Inc.
P.O. Box 20070 Anchorage, AK 99520

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Alaska GLBT News
Alaska GLBT News is a free e-mail system designed to distribute information about Gay & Lesbian activities throughout Alaska. We broadcast messages concerning Gay & Lesbian events, businesses, news, special announcements, etc. For more information about receiving notices and/or sending your message, please contact AlaskaGLBTNews@yahoo.com.
Why go it alone? Consider the benefits of a professional financial advisor.

No man is an island entire unto himself, wrote John Donne. It's not too much of a stretch to apply Donne's statement to financial planning.

Why should investors wander through the money maze alone when they can build wealth and secure real peace of mind through the expertise of a professional financial advisor? At first glance, the role of a financial advisor may seem obvious. A financial advisor:

- helps you determine your specific financial needs and objectives and keeps your financial plan current as your financial situation changes.
- evaluates and describes for you various investment opportunities.
- monitors the performance of your investments and suggests revisions when necessary.
- researches investments that help you reach your objectives comfortably.

And there's more. According to Charles Collins, Northeast regional vice president for Waddell & Reed, "Financial planning is not a one-time thing. Financial advisors not only help people define and reach their financial objectives, but continue to do so as investors' life situations and goals change.

How will a financial advisor help?

A former teacher who took a year's sabbatical to work for Waddell & Reed, Collins enjoyed his job as a financial advisor so much that he made it his life's work. He's found that financial planning is an educational process in which a professional advisor can enlighten investors about things they ordinarily might not consider.

“We help investors determine their tolerance for risk, to which they may never have given serious thought. We also help them see how important it is to have an objective to work toward, instead of simply investing without a firm plan. These can be difficult things to do without outside help,” Collins said.

“Moreover, financial advisors stay informed about and explain the impact of tax laws and inflation, and illustrate why Social Security and pensions alone are not going to pay for retirement. And we can describe methods of funding a college education that most investors wouldn't know about.”

Wealth doesn't take care of itself

There's another benefit, Collins said. “Building wealth is important, of course, but so is conserving it. Money doesn't automatically take care of itself. An important part of a financial advisor's job is to conserve the assets investor has accumulated over a lifetime. Financial advisors will recommend risk management programs that include life and disability insurance as well as estate planning.

"Insurance can help build wealth and will complement an investment program," He added. "Without it, you and your beneficiaries could lose a substantial portion of your assets if you die or become disabled. Your financial advisor can help you choose the proper coverage that will protect your assets."

Creating and preserving wealth over the long run is a challenge for most investors to face alone, especially once they begin to acquire some assets. The key to success, Collins said, is to establish a relationship with a professional financial advisor who will continue to keep your interests and those of your family in mind.

To discuss your lifetime financial needs and goals, talk with your Waddell & Reed financial advisor.

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<td>UAA GLBTA Social Club The Family 7 pm Campus center Room 105</td>
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<td>MCC Service 2:00 p.m. Immanuel Presbyterian Church 2311 Pembroke (every Sun.) TLFMC Second Sunday Potluck 5:00pm MadMyrns</td>
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<td>PFLAG 7:00 p.m. AUUF, 3201 Turnagain St. Call 566-1813 for a recorded message.</td>
<td>Line Dancing Mad Myrna’s Lessons 7 p.m. Dancing 8 p.m. (every Thurs.)</td>
<td>Pride Conference Potluck 6:00pm UAA Pub Anniversary Weekend Mad Myrna’s w/Randy Roberts Pride Conference (see pages 4-5)</td>
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<td>Halloween Party at Mad Myrna’s Costume Judging at 11 pm</td>
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What is Identity, Inc.?

Established in 1977, Identity is a non-profit community organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life for the gay community (including lesbians, gay men, bi-sexual and transgendered individuals, our families and friends). Your membership in Identity, Inc. helps support the services, events and programs that Identity provides the gay community in Anchorage and all of Alaska. The suggested donation for a year membership is $25.00 (more if you can, less if you can't).

What we do:

The Gay and Lesbian Helpline is an information and referral telephone line, which is available toll free, statewide. It is staffed by volunteers from the community, and is answered 7 days a week, from 6-11 pm. Call 258-4777 or 1-888-901-9876

The Rainbow Borealis This monthly community newspaper includes: listings of local LGBT clubs and social organizations, a monthly calendar of events, a directory of LGBT-friendly businesses called the Pink Pages (published quarterly), local news and opinion pieces, and much more. Once you get your first issue, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.

The Pride Conference will include speakers, workshops, a special performance event entitled Unity in our Community, National Coming Out Day and much much more (produced cooperatively with UAA's The Family and other community organizations).

Fourth Friday Potluck Socials at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, are an opportunity to socialize, network, meet new people, and eat things you otherwise might not. Each potluck features a speaker or activity.

The Community Center Project. Identity was once a community center, with a physical location and paid staff. With your support, we hope to bring back that level of service to the community.

To join Identity, Inc., to volunteer, or for more information, contact us:

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