Success!

"Turning Diversity into Community" was the theme of this year’s Pride Conference, and by every measure, the participants worked to do just that. The conference was attended by over 200 people from all over the US who represented every part of the GLBT community.

"I was amazed at the diversity," said registration chair Mary Noble. "We had people of all ages and all races, and there was a huge representation among our community: gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, allies, femmes, butches, bears, leather men, pretty-boys, just every type of person you could imagine. It was great seeing so many different segments of the community represented and working and learning together."

Community was the prevailing theme throughout the three days of events, from the potluck entertainment on Friday night, to the workshops and presenters, to the dance on Saturday night, to the closing ceremonies. In every workshop and in every setting, conference participants talked of understanding and embracing diversity and of how to make the community in Anchorage a stronger one.

MA Brooks from the CDC in Atlanta and John Leonard, from Gay City in Anchorage, both did keynote presentations on community models. Brooks addressed the needs of the African-American community and how to build community within peer programs while Leonard addressed the need to build community through effective community-building activities and how to successfully market community events. Leonard later ran a workshop on how to build a stronger community in Anchorage, and Paul Siegel, the weekend’s other keynote speaker, offered a workshop on building an effective speaker’s bureau.

Community ideas were also presented in other workshops, especially the workshop on internalized homophobia, led by Trang Duong. At the end of the workshop, Duong and the participants laid out a list of ways the community could work together to combat internalized homophobia. Ideas included fostering better communication and forums within the GLBT community and working to educate the larger community on GLBT issues and concerns.

The most popular workshop was the aptly entitled “Fruit Bowl” in which a panel of sexperts led a question-and-answer session on the many different aspects of sexual expression in the GLBT community. The sexperts included differing aspects of sexual expression from plain vanilla, to transgendered, to leather and bondage. Workshop participants felt they learned a great deal about sexual expression and how it differs so drastically among the GLBT community. Said one workshop participant, "I was unaware of how diverse we really are."

Participants left the conference feeling as if they learned a great deal about each other and about diversity and with a renewed commitment to building community. Attendees planned on searching for more effective ways to communicate, to continue working towards building a community center, to work on having more community-wide events, and to find forums for all parts of the community.
**NorthView Staff Members & Volunteers**

The NorthView 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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The First Word
by Pete Gregson, Editor

As you may have noted the Northview is back. The Board of Directors for Identity, Inc., our parent group, decided that reverting to the name Northview was important for continuity within our community. As you may notice in this issue, there has been a lot of discussion lately by many people in Anchorage about community. It has been a general consensus that having a strong means of communication is important in building and maintaining a strong GLBT community in our city.

The Northview staff is very committed to making this publication a valuable community asset. We want to be a source of information for the entire GLBT community here in Anchorage. We feel it is our mission. To that end, we will work to diversify our staff and our coverage, and we will work on increasing our ad revenue so that we can print more copies of our publication and make these copies more readily available in places where the community can find them. We want the Northview to be the first place the Anchorage GLBT community turns to find news about events in our community.

It is also our goal to be a local paper with local writers. We want to foster the talent we have here in our city and present community news and community voices. We are off to a good start. You will find that all of our stories and columns in this issue are written by local residents. We will encourage people from all parts of our community to speak out on a wide range of issues that will foster debate, understanding, and communication.

This month we debut four new columnists. Kristara needs little introduction to Anchorage, and her column will explore monthly happenings around the city. She will also regale us with a host of issues dear to her heart. Teresa McPherson is a self-described feminist lesbian who has a female-to-male transgendered partner. Teresa will introduce us each month to issues faced by transgendered and their partners, and I hope she will bring about a part of our community with which so many of us are uncomfortable. Rose Beth Levno is an elderly lesbian who will speak on issues affecting the elderly GLBT community, especially the lesbian community. In our society, which is often dominated by lookism and role-playing, her voice will remind us of a growing need for building a community and relationships that go beyond those ideals. Members of the Family at UAA and other youth, will rotate authorship of a column devoted to looking at issues that affect GLBT persons under twenty-five. Today, when many of our GLBT youth are coming out in Junior High School, our teenagers and young adults face pressures and issues that most of us never had to face. We also hope to add columns on political activism and one from a Fairbanks resident that will keep us informed of activities each month in and around Fairbanks.

We hope you like what we have done and are trying to do. It is a big job for an all-volunteer staff. Yet it is one we think is essential in order to create stronger community. We will always welcome your comments, thoughts, suggestions, and your submissions. This is your community newspaper. Our fondest wish is that all GLBT persons in Anchorage will come to see it as such.

Corrections

Last month we inadvertently omitted the ad for Waddell and Reed, one of our long time advertisers and a staunch supporter and contributor to our community. To rectify our mistake, we mailed a special copy of their advertisement to those on our mailing list. We want to assure everyone that the Identity/Northview mailing list is, has been, and always will be confidential. We will not sell or give out our list to anyone. We apologise to our friends at Waddell and Reed and to our readers.

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Thanks to these folks, the workshop presenters and all the other people who volunteered their time and energy.
Our apologies if we didn’t list your name.
We couldn’t have done it without you.

- Lisa Jamieson and Brad Yearly,
Pride Conference 2000 co-chairs
Imperial Court Elects New Board
The Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA) recently announced the results of elections for their board. New board members are Michael Deal, Lynn Howard, Sabrina Perez, Cass, Eldon Kirby, and Joanie Carver. They join the Emperors and Empress of Reign 27 and Reign 28, Dennis and Silva and Kent and Eve, as well as returning members Bobby Como, Rusty, and Misty Dawn. Officers for the new board are Bobby Como—President, Michael Deal—Vice President, Sabrina Perez—Treasurer, and Joanie Carver—Secretary. Call Kent at 230-7049 for information about the Court.

IMRU2 Announces New Meeting Location
IMRU2, the support group for GLBT and questioning youth (13-18yo), will be meeting every Wednesday starting Oct 18, at the Spenard Rec Center. The group will meet from 5:30-7:00 and will have pizza every week. The Spenard Rec Center is located at the west end of Tudor @ 2020 W 48th, just past Spenard Building Supply. Call 566-IMRU with questions or if you have interest in being a facilitator.

Planning Committee for Pride-on-the-Parkstrip
The first planning meeting for Pride-on-the-Parkstrip will occur November 14 at 7:00 at Kaladi Brothers Coffee on Brayton. Planning members are hoping for representation from as many local groups as possible. Members are planning on attracting more corporate funding, having a parade, having a much larger vendor display, bringing up more entertainment, and planning more Pride Week activities. For more information call Jim at 332-0362 or email prideonthepark@yahoo.com.

Men’s Group for Men 20-39 to Form
Young Gay Men’s Association (YGMA) will hold its first function on November 9 at 7:00 PM. The function is entitled Cock/Tail Reception and will be held at 4081 E 20th #39. Parking is available in the East High School parking lot. The group is designed as a social group for men in their twenties and thirties, and activities will include monthly receptions, chat groups, social events, outdoor activities, and community events that spur conversation and awareness on issues relating to the GLBT community. To be put on their email list, email anchorageygma@yahoo.com or call 275-5900.

Tis’ the season
by Chris Pearson

It’s that time of the year again, when everyone is asked to contribute to Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for federal employees or the United Way Campaign. Please keep identity in mind when you contribute. It’s an easy way to give to an organization that brings so much to our community. Also, remember that the more we give, the greater the distribution will be to Identity when they distribute contributions not declared to specific organizations.
Should We Play Hide And Be Victims?

By Chuck Hart

Recently on the Alaska Gay Discussion@groups.com there was a poll circulated in the aftermath of the tragic violence in Virginia. I enjoy participating in polls and clicked on the link to find the following poll question and choices.

“With gay murders becoming almost epidemic around the country, how frightened are you of being the victim of anti-gay violence?”

1. It has kept me from being fully out, but I still involve myself in community events.
2. I feel the only way to be safe is to be armed.
3. Worried, but the murders happened so far away, after all.
4. Very worried. It has limited my involvement in community events and has kept me from being fully out.
5. Not worried at all. I can protect myself or rely on the police.
6. Homophobic violence is not a concern in Alaska.
7. I’ll ignore it until it hits closer to home.

These answers left me confused. None of them fit my feelings. The designer of this survey was clearly genuinely concerned, as I think all of us are. He took that concern from thought to action. He provided a great opportunity for our e-community to discuss this issue. I was proud that the dialogue was friendly, open, honest and peaceful. It triggered feelings in me that had been ignored for too long. I think I fired off one of the most passionate responses. I was glad when the results were published that no one chose numbers 3, 6, or 7.

I spoke out to the group about an act of homophobic violence that hit a friend of mine last year, and the lack of police investigation (because the victim is gay). I cannot give more details out of respect of the victim’s family’s wishes. My friend’s attack taught me that authorities can not always be relied on. Later that same year I learned that incidents I reported to the police (domestic violence) were not sent on to the district attorney, and I had to take straight friends with me to the station to demand action. Many, if not most of us, have similar stories of homophobic violence in Alaska.

I do fear being attacked again like I was when I was young. It was scary at Mears Jr. High and at Dimond High School in the 60’s and 70’s. I had to learn to deal with harassment in many ways in school and have had to learn even more since coming out in 1998. At Mears and Dimond, I had a wonderful ally in assistant principal Effie Latham. She saw six boys jump me, kick me, hit me, and throw me onto a rock-hard frozen snow bank one day between classes and talked me into reporting to her as soon as any more of these attacks happened, even if it was just name-calling. She dealt harshly with the attackers and she gave great amounts of support to me. Mrs. Latham sought me out in the halls if I did not stop by to see her. I did not know at the time that I was gay or even what that word meant. I knew I was different and the other boys perceived that difference too. She made being different livable and probably prevented me from committing suicide. I was seriously considering it before Effie Latham stepped in.

In December of 1998, I was outed at the lumberyard at which I worked. Four of the 16 employees at that branch had negative reactions to my being identified as gay. I was lucky, in that the day after I was ousted, our branch had a “Sexual Harassment in the Workplace” seminar. I reported the outing event and the reactions of my fellow employees to our Human Resources Vice President. Two of those employees did not speak to me for the next four months unless it was required from them in order to do their job. One tried to have me fired three times. Within a year, these four people all became very friendly to, and less afraid of me--the first openly gay person with whom they had ever worked. A fortune cookie said it best: “The best way to lose an enemy is to make him your friend.”

Today, I refuse to let homophobes dictate how I will live my life. I will not go back into the closet for anyone. I will not deny being gay any more than I would lie and tell someone I have purple eyes. If we roll over and assume the (victim) position every time someone else gets hurt, we can not help the victim. We will just make it easier for homophobes to act. Sometimes authorities will help of their own volition. Sometimes authorities will need prodding. Sometimes authorities will need to be publicly humiliated for refusal to protect us. We have to be strong and help our sisters and brothers when these crimes happen.

I would like to have added one more choice to the list above:

I am deeply concerned. I want to do something to combat the violence.
Vote on November 7

I have a confession to make. I actually like George W. Bush, and I wish I could vote for him for President. Maybe it is because I'm from Texas, and I have met his parents, and I like them. Maybe it is because I know he has treated elected gay officials in Texas with fairness and with respect. Maybe it is because I truly believe he will be more fair-minded than many people think he will be, especially with Dick Cheney as his Vice President. I like the man, I confess, but I will not vote for him.

As much as I like W., I will vote for Al Gore, and I believe it is imperative for every GLBT person in America and all of our allies to do the same. It is estimated that seven-to-ten percent of those who vote will identify as a GLBT person and that forty percent of all others will know a GLBT person. That would be a lot of votes for Al Gore. It would be enough, when combined with other voting blocs, to win Al Gore the election.

I used to believe that I could separate my sexual identity and my politics. I want to identify as a political moderate and vote for candidates based on a wide range of issues and not base my vote on which one I feel would do the most for me as a gay man. I know now that I cannot separate my vote and my sexuality. I have no choice but to vote for the candidate who best supports full rights for the GLBT community.

Why is this? Why can't I understand that a candidate's performance in office will affect so many other things in my life? I do understand this; however, until I am granted the same rights as every other American, then I cannot vote any other way, but for the most pro-homo candidate. GLBT persons in our country are second class citizens. We lack some of the same freedoms and the same protections as every other American citizen. Until I have the same rights and freedoms as every other American, then I feel as if I must vote with one single issue in mind: gaining those rights and freedoms. For me, not much else can factor into my decision.

So, on November 7, please vote. Remember your friends to vote. We need to put people into office who will help us to gain equal rights and protections under the law. We also need to remember that every vote counts. George W. may win Alaska, but if we do not vote and mobilize the GLBT community, he will definitely win. Of more importance, if GLBT persons stay at home because they think Al Gore cannot win Alaska, then many other elected officials will win office who may not be friendly to our community. The 15,000 or so GLBT votes in Anchorage will definitely help influence the outcome of local and statewide races. We must vote. Our lives are at stake, and a community we stand to gain or lose more than any other group in America.

Vote on November 7, and use your vote to make it a better society for all GLBT persons.
What's the Word?

The word is bakla, tomboy, silahis etc. No matter what language, or how it's pronounced, the name still drips from one's lips. In our community the word is masculine, feminine, sexy, tough, independent and simple. The word is gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender. We are a small voice but large in number. Multiplying rapidly, we are striving for success and respect. We are more than a pretty face behind a bar or a firm body at the athletic club. We are a community that's on the rise and we have plenty to talk about.

From time to time, I'll speak on a wide range of subjects, such as entertainment, upcoming events, in state and out of state happenings, travels, etc., and ME - ME - ME, of course.

What is going on in Alaska when in comes to entertainment? Do we have talent? Sit back and relax because we have everything from lip sync to live singing and dancing to an all girls band. In Anchorage, the next time you get those “it's Friday night and I want to go out but to where?” questions, check out Friday Nite Divas at Mad Myrna's. Starting November, Kristara (that's me), will be guiding the festivities. The line-up of performers will offer something for everyone, and some of the drag illusionist will sing their own songs! The show is a blast and a great way to chase away your grey winter blues. The curtain at the Diva's goes up at 9pm (sharp!).

The cold winter chills of Fairbanks warm up with the newly remodeled bar called "Club Galaxy." Apparently the club has finally opened. Someone please tell me, was there an Opening Night Party that I missed? Well, since no one has stopped me to tell me the dish while I was out and about, I had a chance to check it out for myself. I flew to Fairbanks to kill two birds at the same time: I did my Imperial Duties and attended the Drag King show at the Palace, and of course the Ducal Ascension at the Club Galaxy! Well, let me tell you, this bar is hip. Lots of cute guys, petite little girls, a handful of TS-but tons of TS Lovers, and a dancing cage to boot. Check it out and you won't be disappointed.

I woke up bright and early on October 7th for sound check of the Unity in Our Community Show at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. Having been up all night and all morning is not a good thing. Dressed in my jean overalls and my Gucci sunglasses, I headed to the University. Everyone was there rehearsing their numbers and enjoying each other's company. With the help of Juan Valdez, my day went really smooth. That night, nervous and not knowing what to expect, I opened the show with a ten-minute impersonation of diva Whitney Houston. So far, so good! The whole program was excellent. What I enjoyed the most was the talent of Frank, the comedian. I do hope to see more of him in the near future.

The following weekend was Mad Myrna's 2nd anniversary. The whole weekend at Myrna's was fast-paced. The club was full of people. I, of course, enjoyed every minute of bumping and grinding on the dance floor. The infamous Randy Roberts was the featured entertainer all weekend long. I had a chance to watch her perform on her last show. The woman rocks. Randy is phenomenal: she sings live, dances very well, speaks Spanish fluently as her alter-ego Consuela, and she is a size 8 to boot. Myrna you did it again!

I don't really have any rant this month. Since my return from Fairbanks, life is going great. I found a great comfort these past few cold weeks with the company of my Toshiba — my computer that is. I have been busy posting my ad seeking a long-term relationship. Hey, you never know what might happen. So far, I received tons and tons of emails from a variety of men (and women too). Who strikes me the most is a young man in Kosovo serving Auntie Sam. What the future might hold for this Internet relationship I cannot predict. But you better believe it - you will be the first ones to know.

Be good, be nice, say hello to someone new, always wear a clean pair of underwear, and remember you are not alone, you have the FABULOUS Kristara. See you all next month! ▼

Kristara is the current host of the Friday Diva Show at Mad Myrna's and is Empress XVII and XXVI of the Imperial Court of All Alaska. She is currently single and never leaves the house without wearing clean underwear.
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The scars on my lover’s chest tell a story. It’s not a pretty story, just as the scars are not pretty. It’s a story of pain, of bravery, of exploration, of discovering who you are and what you have to do to be that person.

The scars on my lover’s chest remind me of how our relationship has evolved, for his chest wasn’t always this way. Once it held appendages he could not relate to, had to dissociate from until he could have them removed. He didn’t let me touch his chest back then. Many times prior to surgery, I looked at my lover in the moonlight while he slept and tried hard to understand why he hated his body so.

The scars on my lover’s chest remind me of our eight days in a Portland hotel while his bruised and sutured body healed in preparation for our journey home. I fed him painkillers, changed his dressings, and hoped nothing went wrong. And I wondered how many times this scene would be repeated throughout our relationship.

The scars on my lover’s chest tell me how brave he is. Could I do what he’s done? Could I risk so much to be who I am inside, when the world says XX and XY tell the whole story? He is the bravest, most courageous person I know. No one chooses to be this way, but the strong do what they must to build a life that is true to themselves, as he has.

The scars on my lover’s chest are healing and beginning to fade. They tell me that life is like that, that time does indeed heal. I try to remember this when I’m overwhelmed, that this too shall pass, just as scars fade with time.

The scars on my lover’s chest say it’s okay to be different, to be yourself. I’m a feminine lesbian. I look straight, but I’m not. I can wear flannel and boots, but I don’t look like the handsome dykes in our community and never will. And that’s okay. I’m true to who I am, just as my lover’s scars show he is true to himself.

The scars on my lover’s chest speak of joy, the joy he feels each time he catches his silhouette in a mirror. He is learning to love his body and it’s beautiful to watch. It teaches me the importance of being who we are, of feeling joy and pain and learning from it, and not being afraid to risk and to grow.

Scars aren’t new to the queer community. Many of us carry physical or emotional scars; many of us are survivors. But the scars on my lover’s body are happy scars, rites of passage that we celebrate as a couple and ask our friends to celebrate with us. If scars tell a story, for once, it’s a happy story.
Shooting in Gay Bar Stuns Nation
A Vietnam Veteran, who is said to be mentally disturbed, opened fire in Roanoke Virginia, killing one man and wounding several others. The killer, Ronald Gay, purposefully sought out “faggots,” so he could “waste them.” He claimed to be tired of people making fun of his last name, and he sought retribution on those he thought to be responsible for his harassment. After the shootings, GLBT communities across the nation held candle light vigils in honor of Danny Overstreet, the man who was killed, and asked for renewed attention to hate crimes legislation. President Clinton used the event to chastise Congressional Republicans for not sending him the Hate Crimes Prevention Act after it had passed both chambers of Congress.

DOMA-type laws on state ballots
Both Nevada and Nebraska will have statewide ballot initiatives on November 7 that will not allow the recognition of same-sex marriages that occur in other states (although no state currently allows same sex marriage). Voters in both states are expected to pass the initiatives. The initiatives are in response to fears that Supreme Courts in several states (including Alaska) may force those states to recognize same-sex marriages or to provide civil unions (as in Vermont). California, Alaska, and Hawaii have all passed similar statewide measures, and the federal government has passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that also restricts legal marriage to marriage between a man and a woman.

Out Vote 2000 Debuts
Out Vote 2000 launched in October 2000 as a nonpartisan effort to get out the GLBT vote in the November 7 election. The web site can be accessed at www.outvote2000.com. The site was launched by a grant from the Gill Foundation and is sponsored by Human Rights Campaign, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Rock the Vote, and the Victory Fund. GLBTA persons may visit the site to review the candidates running for federal office, ask for an e-reminder to vote, send postcards to friends reminding them to vote, and to file for an absentee ballot.

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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What was I thinking? What have I learned? These are questions that frequently come to mind. Most of the people who love me the most never comment on my self-absorbed, introspective nature. Perhaps they chalk it up to my sexuality. I choose to not think about their interpretations of my behavior. For me, survival means aggressively holding to my own narrative. Opportunism plays a big part too. Let me give you an example.

The trip began in Virginia. Leon and I planned to drive to Texas (visit his friends) before stopping in Merced, California (his parents). After a few hours behind the wheel, I asked him to drive my precious Datsun for a spell. When I woke up from my interstate nap the needle was on “H”, decidedly in the red zone. He asked if I thought he should pull over. I bit my tongue until it bled and then answered “yes.” We were in rural Tennessee. The men at the service station fixed the car so that we could make another 800 miles. For this service, they relieved me of $1000, but dusk was settling in and we felt their urge to lynch us. I said thank you and drove away. Leon always got chronic diarrhea in response to such stress. This dictated frequent stops at highway rest rooms.

Just out of Dallas, the first repair job gave way. Another $1000 and we were back on the road. I unilaterally changed our itinerary. It was, after all, my trip. You see I was heading back to Alaska. Leon had a plane ticket to fly back to Virginia from California. His diarrhea continued as I veered north. Southern Colorado was surprisingly beautiful. So was the guy who cruised me when we stopped for yet another toileting in Colorado Springs. Leon headed for the stalls and I made a quick stop at the urinal. The drop-dead gorgeous guy followed me. His intentions were apparent. I relieved myself and waited outside. “Marlboro Man” followed me. Five minutes later I went back in to check on Leon and the hunk followed me back in. Opportunity knocked again, and this time I answered. I had no idea that Leon was peering under the stall and taking it all in. He waited a year before telling me. What can I say? Most of the people who have “loved” me haven’t bothered to introduce themselves. Formalities would probably have doubled the length of our dalliances and reduced the passion by more than half. This style of radical sex is a dish best eaten anonymously.

We finally made it to Denver. Leon flew to the West Coast and I headed north. I was relieved to be freed from the pressure of his gastrointestinal explosions. I made it to Dawson Creek, BC in record time and unwittingly drove into a blinding snowstorm. My bald Virginia tires were of no help as I climbed Blueberry Hill near Mile 101 of the Alaskan Highway. The semi was loaded with mail and travelling at 60 mph. I was spinning helplessly when he plowed into me. The glass in my windows exploded but I walked away without a scratch. I was apparently holding my narrative enough to survive. I took a bus back to Edmonton, then flew to Alaska via Vancouver and Seattle. It was Easter Sunday when I finally returned to Fairbanks. Friends greeted me at the airport but didn’t comment on my introspection.

Stereotypes are pernicious but often based in some truth. They say men think with their penises. I resemble that remark. As far as the educational value of this chain of events, well all I can feel right now is forgiveness. I can forgive any of you nameless, faceless readers who may be appalled at this slice of my life. I can forgive Leon for driving my car too long without coolant. In fact he had done this before. I can certainly forgive myself, but honestly, this is the hardest part. Nonetheless, tribulation is a far better teacher than good fortune. Such is the extent of my wisdom.
So Is Your Old Lady
Rose Beth Levno

Some people are far too dignified to talk of the practical aspects of finding and learning to cherish a soul mate, a long-term partner. Yet for many people, that part of life is the most important of all: more urgent and more central than career, country, family of origin, wealth, fame, anything! And if you are built that way, our elders tell us, having a partner is as important as it is at his doesn't diminish the relevance to our lives: self-actualization, personal and communal achievement, spirituality, and cultural evolution. Here's no need to prioritize or sacrifice, since what is enriching is cumulative and additive, not subtractive.

So then, why is it awkward to openly and seriously advertise for dates? If the press is too public, let's put some energy into helping the community with this. Maybe it seems embarrassing to study each other purposefully. Is it more mature and sophisticated that we meet too few women so we prematurely settle for less than satisfactory matches.

Often there is still a community problem of lapsing into familiar childish habits of dating and thoughtlessly using adolescent or even commercial, “human resource” standards of popularity and suitability. Hat we should do is deliberately develop social conventions for exploring and affirming our complementary aspects with an insistence on the dignity and acceptability of all kinds of people.

Hat I'm sure is still a problem is the shortage of venues for making plenty of friends in person.

The Youth Corner
Eve's Contribution
Virginia Martin

An unspoken subject lingers on my mind
Longingful glances from across a courtyard
This institution forbids the thought
Yet my eyes still wander to the forbidden fruit
I ponder-Does everyone see Eve for the beauty that she is?
Too bad I'm not Adam
We let ourselves be confined by who eats the apple
While a whole new orchard waits to be explored...

In Memory of Henry Clay

Henry was a resident in Anchorage from 1972 until 1988. He was a soft gentle spoken man with an expression of mirth in his ways. He would make an instant rapport with the people he came into contact with. Many for a life time. He worked in the travel industry most of his life. He was a positive influence with so many people. He was my best friend for 28 years. On Sept. 12, 2000 he passed from this world from cancer, while surrounded by friends and family in Hawaii. Mark his love for 20 years will be bringing Henry home. Any of his friends that would like to join us in a Celebration of Life on Sunday Nov. 6, can contact me for more information at 272-3495, or woluf@webtv.net.

Dave Chambers
When It's Time to Leave Your Lover—A Guide for Gay Men

By Neil Kaminsky, LCSW [Harrington Park Press 1999]

A book review by Jed Lightfoot

In the long list of self-help books out there, it seems like the good ones for the gay & bisexual community are few and far between. This gem would make an excellent gift for anyone you care about who is going through a relationship breakup, is about to, or who probably SHOULD be.

Kaminsky’s guide for gay men is written in the chronology of a relationship, from the lovesick infatuation to the decision to leave him to surviving the “uncoupling.” He goes on to teach us, through examples from men who have been there, about remembering why you shouldn’t go back to your ex and how to recover as a confident man who’s alone again. Finally, there are chapters giving guidance about those nasty “rebound” relationships, and for starting over with a new lover & incorporating lessons learned from the past.

For gay men in less-than-satisfying relationships, this book gives wisdom regarding the “red flags” to look for regarding an unhealthy partnership. These may include unacceptable amounts of fear or guilt-producing activity, wide gaps in opinions regarding fidelity & spending habits, and “enmeshment issues” such as control & suspicion.

The book gives examples of the most appropriate ways in which to discuss uncoupling from your partner, manners in which resistance can be dealt with, and sticking with the decision to leave an unsatisfactory relationship even when it feels easier to just stay with it and hope for improvement. Ideas for immediate and future interaction with the former lover are discussed, including socializing with friends the two men have in common. What if he starts dating one of your best friends? Kaminsky gives constructive solutions.

In When It’s Time..., the author features chapters called “How to Break Up Like a Grown Up, You No Longer Live Here”, and “Alone Again: Facing the Difficulties, Appreciating the Benefits.” It seems like no eventuality is left out, and the reader gets exposure to some ideas regarding breakups that he may not have thought of. I can see this as a resource book that would be passed around a small community, as men go through changes in their needs and Mr. Right seems more like Mr. Left.

Kaminsky wraps up the book with wisdom for men who have weathered a breakup, survived with their self-esteem intact (or improved), and are now ready to give love another try. He writes that in some relationships “We need to acknowledge the sweetness of yesterday and the dreams that never will be. We have to concede what we are losing and grieve the loss...” Suggestions for the new relationship include sections on your (real) needs, communication style, honesty, sex life, and your (new?) general rules of your relationship—like boundaries, respect, compatibility, and healthy dependency.

Give the book a once-over at your library, and don’t hesitate to buy a copy for that special guy you know who could use some guidance in ending a gay relationship that’s no longer viable.
IDENTITY, INC.'S
FOURTH FRIDAY POTLUCK

All community members and allies are invited to Identity's Fourth Friday Potluck, held, not surprisingly, on the fourth friday of every month, at the Anchorage Unitarian Fellowship. We are a diverse bunch of friendly people, who welcome newcomers. It's an opportunity to meet new people and eat things you otherwise might not. Please come!

The November potluck (the day after thanksgiving) will be a multi-part program. First, we will reflect on gratitude. Next, folks who attended the Creating Change conference in Atlanta, will report, and finally, (those who are so inclined) will watch some oh so gay videos.

The December Fourth Friday Potluck will be a Christmas, Chanuka, Solstice and Kwanza caroling session. Bring songs, voices and instruments. Local singers will present modified carols from the old Lucy Frey singalong days, and weather permitting, we may have a hayride around scenic Spenard.

In January, Phyllis Dunckel MD will present on how to be gay at your doctors' office, and get the best possible healthcare. This information is important to all LGBT people, regardless of health status.

As usual, Food Faries can bring canned food and non perishable items to be donatated to the 4A's. If you have a suggestion or request for a presenter or program for subsequent potlucks, please send it to LNJ@AK.net or call the Identity Helpline at 258-4777.

Classic Cooking
with Al Kaneta

"Al Kaneta is a misplaced Hawaiian who loves Alaska, retirement, travel and cooking...not necessarily in that order.

CHINESE FRIED RICE

4 cups of old rice (break up into individual grains)
1/2 pound sliced meat (pork, beef, chicken)
1 medium onion, chopped small
1/2 cup each: celery, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, others
1/2 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup sugar
3 eggs

Mix three eggs well, then fry as in omelet, turning once. Cool, then slice in small pieces.

Use large skillet (wok), add two tablespoons oil, fry meat half done, then add onions. Fry until lightly browned, then add soy sauce and sugar. Bring to boil, then add the rest of the vegetables. Fry about five minutes, then transfer to bowl.

Add additional oil, then add old rice. Fry and turn constantly, until warmed. Add meat/veggies to rice, mix well, turning to coat and mix.

Just before serving, mix fried eggs into rice mixture.
During the past decade, there has been an increase in lesbian and gay themed literature written for young adults, and an unprecedented number of libraries and schools have moved toward inclusion of these books.

The following books were finalists in the Children's/Young Adult Category for the 1999 Lambda Literary Award, which honors excellence in contemporary lesbian/gay themed literature.

"The Blue Lawn."
By William Taylor
Alyson Publications; $9.95 Paper. Ages 14 and up. Set in New Zealand, this poignant book is distinguished by an interesting mixture of tenderness, irreverence and vulnerability. The beauty of the book builds slowly as the author explores the confusion, angst and desires experienced by two young men living in a society that has denied them information about who they are. The connection between David and Theo volatilizes from curiosity to hostility to attraction to denial to acknowledgment. In spite of their confusion, they find the courage to talk to each other about their feelings. Sub-themes revolve around Theo's grandmother, who is a Holocaust survivor.

"Dare Truth or Promise."
By Paula Boock
Houghton Mifflin; $15.00 Paper. Ages 14 and up. Also set in New Zealand, this is another engaging novel about first love. Two young women overcome homophobia, both external and internal, and after much pain and turmoil, embrace their lesbian identities. In one remarkable scene, one of the teens seeks advice from a priest. She cries, "My parents think it is wrong, my friends can't mention it, the doctor says it's a stage, the Church thinks it's a sin." The priest advises her not to be concerned with literal interpretations of the Bible, adding, "I think love comes from God. And so, to turn away from love, real love, it could be argued, is to turn away from God." Written with warmth and touches of humor, this book was selected as the 1998 New Zealand Post Children's Book of the Year. Includes a Kiwi glossary.

"Hard Love."
By Ellen Wittlinger
Simon & Schuster; $16.95 Hardcover. Ages 14 and up. Sixteen-year-old John Galardi, who has been immune to emotion ever since his parents' divorce six years earlier, finds solace in homemade zines (magazines) such as the amazing "Escape Velocity" by Marisol Guzman, a self-proclaimed Puerto Rican Cuban Yankee lesbian. The two forge an unlikely friendship based on zines, alienation and dreams of escape. Marisol, who was adopted at birth by an aristocratic white social worker and her Cuban-born college professor husband, writes electric pieces that leap from the page. Even though Marisol makes it very clear from the beginning that she is a lesbian and is interested in only a platonic friendship, John finds himself falling in love with her. This absorbing book about loss, love, trust, family and transformation won the 1999 Lambda Literary Award.

"Name Me Nobody."
By Lois-Ann Yamanaka
$14.99 Hardcover. Ages 13 and up. Set in Hawaii, this heartfelt novel examines issues of friendship, family, identity, body image, loss and fitting in. Fourteen-year-old Emi-Lou Kaya often feels like a nobody -- her young unmarried mother abandoned her when she was three, and her grandmother adopted her. Since preschool, Yvonne Vierra has been her closest friend, like a sister. Now five years later, Emi-Lou feels Yvonne slipping away. This vivid book covers a year in their lives, when Yvonne falls in love with a teammate on the girls' softball team, and Emi-Lou struggles to understand what this means for their friendship. "Name Me Nobody" is written in Pidgin, or Hawaii Creole English, the language of the author's childhood. The biting dialogue includes frequent use of the term "Japs."

"The Year They Burned The Books."
By Nancy Garden.
Farrar, Straus, Giroux; $17. Hardcover. Ages 12 and up. In 1993, Nancy Garden's landmark book, "Annie On My Mind," was burned by a fundamentalist minister in Kansas and school officials in several districts ordered it removed from library shelves. Subsequently, a group of students and parents in Olathe, Kansas successfully sued to have it returned to circulation. Her feelings about censorship in general, along with the attempts to ban "Annie On My Mind," led Garden to write "The Year They Burned The Books." This courageous book features high school senior Jamie Crawford, who is in the process of coming to terms with her lesbian identity. As editor of the school newspaper, she finds herself embroiled in a controversy surrounding the new health education curriculum, which includes making information about homosexuality available to students.

Frances Ann Day is the author of three guides to literature for young readers. Her most recent book is "Lesbian and Gay Voices: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Literature for Children and Young Adults." (Greenwood 2000).
First Alaskan Buddhist Conference
"Buddhism in Alaska: Past, Present, Future"

Please accept this invitation to the First Alaskan Buddhist Conference to be held on November 11, 2000 at the Pioneer School House from 9:30am -3:30pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet with members of the Alaskan Buddhist community as well as an introduction to the different Buddhist sangha’s (groups) history and development.

Presentations will be 20 minutes in duration. Time will be offered for conference attendees to ask questions of the presenters. Copies of all papers presented will be published as a historical document and made available to conference attendees at a later date.

Tentative Conference Schedule:

09:30 - 09:45am  Silent Meditation/Incense Offering
09:45 - 10:00am  Welcome/Opening Remarks
10:00 - 11:00am  Denise Lassaw from Homer, Alaska - Slide Show
                  Judith Hagar, Anchorage Zen Community
                  Rev. Yuho and Jishin Van Parjs, White Lotus Center
11:00 - 11:30am  Q&A
11:30 - 12:30   Lunch on own (suggested group lunch nearby)
12:45 - 2:45pm  Tromge Ling Sangha Presentation
                 Bruce Bibee, San Soo Center
                 Karen Laing, Anchorage Zen Community
                 Mark Girdler, White Lotus Center
2:45 - 3:15pm   Q&A
3:15 - 3:30pm   Closing Remarks/Silent Meditation/Incense Offering

For more information contact Conference Coordinator Ji-Shin Diane Van Parjs at 258-1851 or via email diane@akshin.net

Other people get money for being married; they get health benefits for being married; they get money for having children. When we want to be able to kiss and hold hands on the street without being beat up, suddenly we’re asking for special rights.

Mark Fisher

This community paper needs you!

Writers, illustrators, cartoons, poems, short stories, news & events of local interest from all over Alaska.

Submit!
(by the 15th of each month for the next month’s issue)

Identity@alaska.net
258-4777 (leave a message)
P.O. Box 20070
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In & Around Our Community
October 2000

Pride Conference Planning Committee

Identity Treasurer Jim Mohr hard at work

Members of The Family at UAA in front of a Coming Out display

Unity in Our Community Participants at rehearsal

Local Divas Krista and Silva Stone at Unity in Our Community

UA Fairbanks GLBT Student Club at the Pride Conference
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NorthView
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) is 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)566-4CR AlaskansForCivilRights@yahoo.com

Alaskans 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 its stigma. They have many services that cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln Ste 102 253-2050. Statewide: 1-800-478-AIDS

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

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

Anchorage Young Gay Men’s Association (YGMA). A social group for men in their twenties and thirties, activities will include monthly receptions, chat groups, social events, outdoor activities, and community events that spur conversation and awareness on issues relating to the GLBT community. To be put on their email list, email anchorageygma@yahoo.com or call 275-5900.

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 6pm and Sunday 11am, 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage, 349-9955

Breakeven Productions: Has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. For more information about upcoming 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 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 a non 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>.

Feminist Sing-a-Long (women only) Third Saturday of every month, call Carol and Fran at 333-0871 or bestinteresta@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 cross-country skiing in the winter. All levels welcome. Call Peter @ 337-3882, 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 and provides 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 or if you need information, please call 258-4777 or toll free (In Alaska, outside Anchorage) 1-888-901-9876.
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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 <hillman@alaska.net>. Fairbanks: Meets third Tuesday, 8pm, FEA offices on Cushman.

Identity, Inc.
Founded to improve self and community 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 AUUF, 3201 Turnagain. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, and program at 7:30pm. Call 288-4777 for more information, or visit the Identity website 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. Contact: Kent - cleancio@alaska.net or 230-7049

MRU2
Anchorage gay youth group for ages 12-18. 566-4678 (MRU2). Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm at the Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Ave.

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_@yahoo.com 272-5608

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 primarily gay/bisexual/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
Social club for the 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 Myrna’s (530 E. 5th Avenue) and 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 an updated list of events at www.tifinc.com/calendar.htm. Eastchester Station, Post Office Box 202054, Anchorage, Alaska 99520-2054 (907) 337-6593 web: http://www.tifinc.com e-mail: info@tifinc.com

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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 868-2662.

OPAL
A social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks. Anne at 345-3818 or opal@gdi.net

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 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship AUUF, 3201 Turnagain Street. Call 566-1813 for a recorded message.
organizations, volunteer opportunities...

Pride-on-the-Parkstrip Planning Committee. This committee plans the annual Gay Pride festivities. Meetings start in November. Members are hoping for representation from as many local groups as possible. We are planning on attracting more corporate funding, having a parade, a larger vendor display, bringing up more entertainment, and planning more Pride Week activities. For more information call Jim at 332-0362 or email prideonthepark@yahoo.com.

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.

Shanti of Juneau: offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. Offices: 222 Seward, Suite 200; Mail P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, Alaska 99802-2655. 463-5600, 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 586-GAYS

S.T.O.P AIDS PROJECT - Center for Drug Problems Provide 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 of friends. Call Jan at 262-2589

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 Denae Ivy at <ivy@moosequatonet.com>, (907)456-2471 or PO Box 80164 Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

Women's Ultimate Frisbee gathers Sunday mornings 10:30 am on the west end of the parkship. Interested frisbee-headers should contact Jen or Karen at 278-5179 for more info. or e-mail <jenkout@al.com>

publications

Alaska Women Speak: a publication by Alaskan women on topics for Alaskan women. They can be reached at 566-0924

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 an 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 586-GAYS

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

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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 akranger@hotmai.com
Ongoing Events (Statwide) events...

MONDAYS
(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, AA Meeting, AUUF, 3201 Turnagain Street
(A) Lesbian Social Group, reviews films & books, 1st, 3rd & 5th, inquire 668-2662

TUESDAYS
(A) Righteous Babes Radio Show, 7pm, KJUA-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 337-3683 or anchoragefrontrunners@hotmail.com
(F) GLSEN, 5 pm, FEA on S. Cushman, every 3rd Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS
(A) Free HIV test at 4 As, 2-4 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln. Ste. 102 Lori 263-2050
(J) Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
(J) “Women’s Prerogatives,” 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, 7 pm, AA Meeting, AUUF, 3201 Turnagain.

FRIDAYS
(A) Lunch, 4 As, noon-1 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited—HIV+, volunteers and friends.
(A) Midnight Sun Gay AA Meeting, 7:30 pm-9 pm, 3020 Minnesota (Z-Plaza) & Benson.
(A) THE FAMILY, 7th Campus Center Room 105.
(A) Identity Fourth Friday Potluck, 6:30 pm, AUUF.
(A) First Friday Fetish at the Raven, 9:00 pm
(A) Over 40 Social Group, 2nd & 4th Fri, 7-9pm 668-2662/338-2967
(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
(J) Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30-7:30 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marsh at 789-6187 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 337-3683 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, 2 pm Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembrook.
(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 661-8744 for more information.
(A) GLSEN, first Sunday, 1 pm, AUUF

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