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Mark Bingham, National Hero

by Tom Mushach
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Public relations executive Mark Bingham wasn't widely known before Sept. 11, 2001, but on that date he became a national hero who broke gay stereotypes for many and potentially saved thousands of lives.

His courage and his death on Flight 93 powerfully reminded us all that GLBT people were also victims and heroes in the national tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

For this, Gay.com has named Mark Bingham Person of the Year for 2001.

On the morning of Sept. 11, Bingham was on his way home to San Francisco on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked shortly after taking off from Newark, N.J. The plane crashed in a field south of Pittsburgh, presumably because Bingham and others on board prevented the hijackers from smashing the plane into a Washington, D.C., target.

On Oct. 3, an FBI spokesman confirmed that the passengers and crew "engaged in a fight for their lives with their four hijackers" and most likely saved the lives of "unknown individuals on the ground."

"If he knew that lives were at stake, I'm convinced with every bone in my body that he would have jumped into action," Paul Holm, who had been in a six-year relationship with Bingham, told the Associated Press.

Standing at 6-foot-4 with three national collegiate rugby championships to his credit, Mark Bingham was known by friends and families to be a fearless man. He ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, and was gored in the leg. He subdued an armed assailant in a bloody brawl outside a San Francisco bar. And he excelled at one of the most violent, dangerous sports to be played without protective padding.

The 31-year-old Bingham was a member of the San Francisco Fog, a gay rugby club that, with his help, was accepted into the Northern California Rugby Union earlier this year. Afterward, Bingham wrote an e-mail message of pride to his teammates that also expressed his self-acceptance.

"When I started playing rugby at the age of 16, I always thought that my interest in other guys would be an anathema," he wrote. "As we worked and sweated and ran and talked together this year, I finally felt accepted as a gay man and a rugby player. My two irreconcilable worlds came together."

News of Mark's death affected many beyond his circle of family and friends. In Sydney, Morning Herald sports reporter Peter FitzSimons devoted an entire column to Bingham's story, just because "it would also be good if Bingham's death could stand towards what the entire world needs right now -- the lessening of hate and bigotry, and the maximizing of friendship and understanding."

In San Francisco's Castro district, a temporary memorial was erected on a busy street corner, filled with flowers, letters and remembrances for several days after Sept. 11. One of the city's supervisors is also planning a permanent memorial.

Tributes to Bingham have sprung up on the Internet, including the comprehensive markbingham.org, a memorial from San Francisco Fog and a new leadership fund established in his honor.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who said, "I may very well owe my life to Mark" in a Sept. 22 eulogy, is supporting an effort to award a congressional freedom medal to Bingham and the other passengers and crew from Flight 93.
"I never knew Mark Bingham," said Sen. McCain at the memorial service. "But I wish I had. I know he was a good son and friend, a good rugby player, a good American and an extraordinary human being. He supported me, and his support now ranks among the greatest honors of my life."

Bingham's mother, Alice Hoglan, has said she hopes her son's legacy will include the shattering of gay stereotypes.

"He was a very masculine, crazy kid who left his dirty dishes under the bed and dirty clothes behind the door in the bathroom," she said. "There was nothing about him that fit into any stereotype of what we perceive of as a gay person, which goes to show you we cannot rely on our stereotypes."

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Remember the days when we lugged backpacks full of textbooks, brown-paper lunches, and scrambled to finish homework before second period? Every September, the soggy peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with the dill pickles would return for another school year. The textbooks would be reissued for another year. September comes to us with the theme of 'Back to School' for The North View. Many of us do 'back to school' for a short period in life, but our lessons on learning never seem to quit. There are life lessons that textbooks cannot teach us because we have to experience the events ourselves. Therefore, practical lessons are always being taught and learned when we awake from the rest.

While I was recently talking with my friend Walt over dinner, I mentioned that for people to learn things in life, they have to experience the valuable lessons that life has to offer. I had to learn a lesson on life that I knew I was going have to learn, but did not know when it was going to be instructed. I was dating my now ex-lover for two months and, I thought at the time, we were both happy. I was pleased with how our relationship was going and maturing in the short amount of time we spent together. Then on one early morning in later May, he mentioned he was going to leave me to take a past partner back. I was scared and upset over the situation and I did not know what to do. This was a lesson in life that I had to experience for myself at a cost no one else could pay. I went through this difficulty with the aids of my friends that came and offered me comfort and food. They offered me to talk and shed tears on their collars over the pain I felt. I say to each of my friends now, thank you for your assistance in helping me learn this lesson. You do know who you are and I wish I had the space to mention each of you here, but I cannot nor is it the focus of this article.

Lessons in life come to us in textbooks. We learn how to read textbooks in life at a young age and mature into reading more complex books like The Gapes of Wrath to give an example. We then, gather an upper level of comprehension and our minds become more sound with the education we receive from our teachers and mentors in life. The textbooks teach us our basic Earth Science lesson on human anatomy or human sexuality, but it did not teach us how we would act or what we would become during those hard years of puberty. For we men, our voices became deeper and our shoulders became broader. For the women, their breasts became more developed and a monthly cycle would begin. The textbooks gave us an explanation about those developments, but it did not personally tell how each Sam and Martha would react to hormonal maturity.

Life lessons can be frightening and very difficult to get through. I have heard many examples of how gay youth choose to end their lives prematurely because they could not deal with their own sexuality. Of the youth that choose to drink alcohol and then make tough decisions as if they were adults. These lessons, some of us never experience while others seem to experience all of them at once. Life lessons cannot be dealt with alone, they need to be dealt with in a community atmosphere. I know for me, it helped when I talked with my friends over the issues I was going through so that I did not become a pressure cooker waiting to explode. We must be there and listen to others when they are going through some life lessons and assist when needed. These lessons are nasty sometimes, and for some of us, cannot be processed alone. Talking with others allow us to share and relate, and in turn aids us in helping one another out.
In life, many things cannot go according to a textbook, but it can help us if we learn our lessons the first time and not make the same mistake multiple times. Communicating with others about what we are going through will help us to sometimes get through the turmoil and hardships we experience. I know when I was experiencing a “roller coaster ride of emotions” the other day, I mentioned it to my one of my dear friends and he said, “Isn’t that interesting? I am going through the same right now too.” We both knew the other was having peak times and low times at the same period, we were able to communicate our feelings and bring the other person to a new plateau of friendship and understanding.

What did I learn? I am going to challenge myself to learn a lesson in life everyday I awake because from that I know I will gain more of a sound mind and life. The textbooks we learned in the classroom gave us a sound mind and the non-textbook lessons we learned in life will give us a sound mind to live our lives in peace, understanding and fulfillment.

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The Pride Foundation is a community based foundation working to strengthen our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community today, and build an endowment fund for tomorrow. Pride also joins together with mainstream and allied communities to work toward equality and social change. Pride funds a wide range of local programs and students in the Pacific Northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Alaska.

Pride’s main activities are grant making and scholarship granting. In addition, Pride also manages an endowment to guarantee our future work. Through our Pride Statewide program, Pride empowers rural GLBT activists with technical support and funding. The Washington Lesbian Organizing Project (WALOP) was added in 2000 as a leadership enhancement tool for local lesbian and bisexual women.

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* Raising awareness of community needs and solutions through publicizing our grant recipients and their work.
* Serving as a reputable and comprehensive source of information for our nation’s leaders through intensive outreach and keeping up on the pulse of our community.

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* Utilizing philanthropy to build stronger alliances with allied communities through our on-going Donor Advised donation programs.
* Building stronger organizations that serve the GLBT community through the technical assistance we give to non profits, ranging from fund raising advice to board training and volunteer management skills.
* Taking on new initiatives such as the Washington Lesbian Organizing Project, which is creating a statewide network of leaders in the lesbian community.
* Promoting stronger relationships within GLBT communities through the Pride Statewide program, which places resources and expertise in cities and towns throughout our funding region.

Pride Foundation was founded in December 1985 by four committed individuals who believed that the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community needed its own philanthropic, grassroots organization. This new agency was charged with providing funding to local GLBT organizations and raising awareness of GLBT issues among allied community organizations and funders. Since then, Pride has been a catalyst and a convener, bridging diverse communities and promoting anti-discrimination and local/regional development. We are successful through innovation, creativity, fun, and strategic risk taking. We reach our goals because of you: our donors, volunteers, and friends.

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Family Week Gives P-town New Slant on the 'Gay Lifestyle'

by Reilly Capps

PROVINCETOWN - From the outside, the language issues are huge: What do you call these families? Gay families? Makes it sound as if all the members are gay, not just the parents. Alternative families? Better describes the Osbornes than a lesbian couple and their son. And what do the kids call their parents? Who's the mom and who's the dad?

From the inside, though, for the 355 lesbian and gay couples and their children who gathered here last week for the annual Family Week, language isn't the problem. Language has a way of working itself out.

"It's trial and error," says Aimee Gelnaw, director of the Family Pride Coalition, which sponsors the event. "You make it up as you go along."

Some people call themselves married, some call themselves partners. One dad is 'daddy' while the other is 'poppa.' To their Cambodian daughters, Penny Bamford is 'mommy' and Janine Cataldo is 'mak-ama,' a variation on the Cambodian word for mom.

"It doesn't matter what the term of endearment is," Gelnaw says. "It's the feeling it encompasses."

Get past the fact that these are two parents of the same sex, and the stories of these families who played on the beach, attended workshops on gay issues, made kites, and made friends are the same as those of any other family. It's day-care and work schedules, and finding good school districts. Fran Lapinski and Melissa Hall, together now 21 years, describe themselves as Ward and June Cleaver. Fran catches the 6:51 a.m. train from their home in northern New Jersey to her job on Wall Street. Melissa takes Katherine, 5, to day-care and then goes to church, where she's training to be an Episcopal deacon.

Their daughter, gorgeous and happy and making sand angels on the beach, was adopted from China. They'd like to go back for another daughter, but China has since banned adoption by gay parents. Apparently, Fran and Melissa say, the Communist government would rather see its unwanted children languish in orphanages or wander the streets than live with gay parents.

Of course, there was a time when families like Fran and Melissa's weren't much welcome in the United States, either. When Family Pride founders Tim Fisher and Scott Davenport started Family Week in Provincetown seven years ago, the gathering wasn't particularly well received even by many P-town residents, who didn't like the strollers pushed through their party heaven. Over the years, though, as Family Week has become the second biggest tourist week of the year here after the Fourth of July, the town has embraced it. Some even see these families as a kind of salvation for the gay community.

"There's a happiness and a security that you don't see in the predatory attitudes of the guys who come here just to get laid," says local artist Phillip Retzky. "People are really happy taking care of each other. And it shows there are other ways to identify yourself as a gay person."

There's a new generation of gay people identifying themselves as moms and dads. Gail MacQuade of New Jersey says motherhood is the best thing that ever happened to her. She was in her early 30s and convinced that she'd never have a child, even though she wanted one. "I thought I was too selfish," she says.

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She doesn’t look selfish now, cradling a little ball of hair and slobber in her arms. This is Gracie, and she’s sleeping quietly. Gail coos to her, fearing she looks more like a grandmother than a mother. Is she too old to be having children? Will she be able to keep up? What will happen when Gracie is 18?

“I’m gonna be maybe dead,” she says. She leans in to Gracie, to apologize for what she can’t control. “I’m sorry that I won’t be able to meet your grandchildren. I might not be able to dance at your wedding, but I’ll see your first day of school.” And that might be enough.

So how do the kids feel about all this? Apparently, the same way all kids feel about their parents: embarrassed out of their skulls.

Dylan, 8, and Keott, 15, die almost daily of embarrassment, they say. Their dads, Carlos Gomez and Floyd Starnes of New Jersey, are so, like, involved. Can’t keep their noses out of the kids’ business. Carlos, for example, has the atrocious habit of actually showing up at Dylan’s school and “messing everything up,” sticking his head in the classroom with a playful voice that as impersonated by Dylan would make Bozo the Clown sound educated.

It was never the gay issue. Neighbors and friends “know we’re queers,” says Carlos.

“It’s just not important to the kids,” says Floyd.

Or so they thought. Then Keott decided to join the Boy Scouts, a group which, on a national level, prohibits gay troop leaders. Before the first meeting, Carlos says, Keott didn’t want his parents to come in. Carlos and Floyd said no, this was a family thing, and the whole family was coming. Keott wailed. He whined. When they got to the meeting house, he started to go in ahead of his dad, and Carlos was afraid Keott was finally disowning his gay parents. Then Keott paused, came back, and draped his arms around his dad as they entered.

“It was so strange how he did that,” Carlos says. “For me, it was an affirmation.”

Liz Wall, 13, can’t keep her dad from following her, either, but says she loves being raised by Daddy-Dave (Wall) and Daddy-Bob (Houk). Or, more precisely, she loves being funded by the two.

“The only time we see her is when she needs money,” Daddy-Bob says.

Kristen Walsh, 15, says her friends think it’s cool that she has a gay dad. “Now we have something in common,” she says of herself and her father. “We’re both dating guys.”

In fact, Kristen met a cute boy here in Provincetown. His name is A.J. Costa, 16, from Houston, and here he comes right now, gives her a hug, and sits down.

For him, having two moms isn’t easy. When you’re from south Texas, he says, being different in any way is like wearing a “Kick Me” sign on your back. Even though he’s a sturdy, good-looking, proudly virginal kid (and handsome enough for Kristen to kiss on top of the head), he’s fought twice over his moms. Lost a friend. Switched churches. Had crude sex toys thrown on his porch.

He knows he should stand up for his moms more. When his girlfriend’s dad made her break up with him, he knows she should have said to her dad, who always liked him before: “What’s the problem? Why do you have to be that stupid? I’m not gay and your daughter’s not dating my mother. All the stuff I know I learned from two gay parents. I’m who I am because I was raised by gay parents.”

But he never said these things. He knows he should have, but he didn’t.

At least he has the words now. There was a time when the children of gay parents didn’t have the words they needed. Amber Davis, 32, of Somerville, was raised by two couples: her mom and step-dad, and her
dad and Franco. She never told her friends that her dad was gay. "It was a very different time," she says. There was no opportunity for that to be in the conversation.

She was introduced to this group this summer, and says she's enchanted by it. She always knew her dad loved his partner, but she never told friends about them as a couple. She didn't know how.

"I knew the concept then," she says. "I knew what gay parenting meant before there were words for it." She says she marveled the other day at a couple of preschoolers playing on the beach here. "Where's your mommies?" she heard one say to the other. "My mommies are over there," the other said, and they compared notes on what they called their mommies.

"To hear kids talk about that, that they have two moms," Davis says, "it's amazing."

This generation of kids has figured out their own language.

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A Wedge To Shift Governmental Thinking: Inaugural Queer Youth Study

by Tim Kingston

"Public health policy never changes unless hard data forces its hand," said Kate O'Hanlan, past president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) and founder of the Lesbian Health Research Fund. The California Endowment's grant of $876,965 to two San Francisco State University researchers to study lesbian, gay and bisexual youth who come out to their families will develop just that kind of hard data. O'Hanlan opined, "With this research data, government agencies will, hopefully, feel forced to support the health of young gay and lesbian teens."

The California Endowment grant funds a three-year physical and mental health study of white and Latino LGB (but not transgender) youth that got underway on July 1. Caitlin Ryan, director of policy studies at the San Francisco State University (SFSU) Institute on Sexuality, Inequality and Health, and Rafael Diaz, a professor of human sexuality studies and ethnic studies at SFSU, are focusing on five primary areas: mental health, substance abuse, sexual health, HIV risk and access to mental and physical care. (Ryan hopes more grants will be forthcoming so that studies can be conducted on other groups of queer youth of color."

Not only is this the first time The California Endowment has made such a grant, it is the first time any granting organization has ever made such an award, according to Barbara Webster, The Endowment's programs officer. "We don't fund a lot of research," said Webster, explaining how the study focuses on applied, not academic, research. "It is intended to have practical results," she stated.

Among those results, hopes Webster, will be the creation of resources and guidelines for health-care providers to use in caring for queer youth. A national survey of high school social workers in 2000 cited

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by Webster, indicated a crying need for such information. An astounding 90-97 percent of providers said they lacked the training and skills to care for LGBT youth, while 77-89 percent lacked appropriate materials to provide such services.

It’s groundbreaking. Caitlin Ryan and Rafael Diaz are to be congratulated for creating a whole new chapter in gay and lesbian health and research,” gushed O’Hanlan. It should be no surprise that O’Hanlan and pediatricians and adolescent health-care providers who care for queer youth were so effusive.

“I am jealous; I wished I lived in California,” said Dr. Robert Garofalo, an adolescent medicine physician at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, who has cared for LGBT youth since 1995. “These kids are remarkable, not just dealing with risk and surviving HIV, but remarkable in terms of health and pride. This longitudinal research will begin to round out the picture about gay and lesbian youth.” It will also provide good data.

Dr. Ken Haller, an associate professor of pediatrics at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and a GLMA board member, said the problem with most other studies is that they have been retrospective and have relied on other researchers’ questions that may or may not be relevant. “This study had the potential to allow researchers to get data prospectively, and to really ask questions that have meaning in the lives of kids.”

What is also unique about the study is that instead of only studying problems and risk—substance abuse, suicide risk, physical violence—faced by queer youth as most previous studies have done, Ryan’s research focuses on their resilience and strength. Not only is the study the first to examine kids who come out to their families, it is also the first-ever comprehensive study of sexual orientation in Latino minority families. “We will be doing in-depth interviews with teens and close family members in English and Spanish.”

Among the many reasons such a study is important is that teens are coming out at an earlier age, which means they are doing so when they are still very dependent on their family for food, shelter and support. The average age of awareness of same-sex attraction is 10 years old, noted Ryan.

“We know from studies of adolescents and their families in heterosexual youth that families are extremely important—what is called protective factors for risk behavior,” said Ryan. “They provide support, and for families of color they buffer the experience of racism in mainstream society. They provide a measure of emotional, certainly financial, support. But we have never studied the impact of family acceptance on LGB youth.” Ryan noted that her colleague Rafael Diaz, who has worked with Latino gay men, has shown that family is the most critical factor in predicting risk for HIV infection and it is extremely important in promoting resiliency. We really want to understand how family acceptance affects risk and resiliency in young people.”

“We really don’t understand resiliency: What makes them thrive or struggle?” said Ryan. “We feel the family is an absolutely critical factor in health outcomes for LGB youth. That is why we are doing the study. We want to look at family acceptance, rejection and ambivalence. It is vitally important.”

Answers to the questions of why some families reject and others accept their queer children are likely to be critical for all sorts of providers, both at home and in school. Such new data will ultimately affect government policy in the same way that the greater availability of information on lesbian health is finally leading to policy changes and improved medical care for lesbian and bisexual women. That new information will also give tools to those who want to help, indicated Webster. “What we know, too, is that many mental health providers, school-based providers, and medical providers need and want training and tools in how to make a difference for LGB youth.”
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Miami Beach, Florida - Controversy swirled as cultural and political bombshells exploded non-violently in hotel convention rooms here. The National Association of Black and White Men Together was conducting its 22nd annual convention August 3-11. Approximately a hundred and fifty men were registered at The Shelborne Beach Resort, a venerable landmark at 18th and Collins Avenue, directly on the ocean.

At a luncheon speech on Friday, Dr. James T. Sears, a prominent author and history scholar, disclosed his recent findings which indicate that the president of the very first American gay movement organization, The Society for Human Rights (Chicago, 1924) apparently was an African-American minister, John Graves.

Henry Gerber, the Society's founder and Graves' good friend, served as the Society's secretary, as shown in the group's Illinois incorporation papers. John Graves, says Dr. Sears, signed those papers as did the man with whom he lived, Ellsworth Booher.

The Society for Human Rights was almost immediately dissolved, however, when police jailed both President Graves and Secretary Gerber. This untimely intervention occurred when the wife of a bisexual member talked to her social worker about the Society and the social worker, in turn, reported its existence to the authorities.

In later correspondence with Manual boy Frank, Henry Gerber wrote about others who had taken part in forming the ill-fated visionary group. Referring to an African-American clergyman who'd played host to the new organization's membership, Gerber, a German immigrant, wrote:

"I fortunately have no racial prejudices and especially not about Negroes. In Chicago I had a Negro preacher as a friend and his home was sort of a hangout for the brotherhood." (March 26, 1945)

Dr. Sears told GayToday: "Writing this letter two decades later about his preacher friend, Gerber didn't identify him by name, but it appears this African-American friend could only have been John Graves."

The present significance, if Graves was, in fact, the first chief officer of an American gay movement group, is clear. An Orlando Sentinel August 11 headline says: "Miami-Dade's gay rights may hinge on black votes." (August 11, page 1).

The Miami Bureau's Maya Bell notes how white religious fundamentalist crusaders for

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the repeal of the county's anti-discrimination ordinance have garnered significant support in
the area's black community churches. There are 184,000 black voters in Miami-Dade County.

That the president of the nation's first gay organization may have been himself a black
clergyman could prove an interesting twist in the right's upcoming battle for votes, one
NABWMT convention attendee noted.

Press reports note that Miami area African-American civil rights leaders have been suppor-
tive of gay civil rights, contradicting discrimination-prone black churches. This fact heart-
ened many at the convention.

An anti-gay Take Back Miami flyer distributed at these churches by white fundamental-
ists was repudiated outright by officials at the King Center in Atlanta. The Take Back Miami
flyer's headline read: "Martin Luther King would be OUTRAGED if he knew gays were abus-
ing the civil rights movement."

The King Center officials contradicted this message by recalling how Mrs. Martin Luther
King, Jr. had declared solidarity with the LGBT movement when she took part in its 1993
March on Washington. Later, as GayToday reported, Mrs. King addressed dinners hosted by
America's largest LGBT organizations, saying, "We must stand together."

The U.S. Corporate Media & Stolen Election 2000

An afternoon workshop featured two prominent LGBT leaders from both Florida and
Michigan who focused on the corporate-owned media treatment of what they called "the
theft of the Election 2000" by the Bush family and their operatives.

Nadine Smith (Director of Equality Florida) agreed with her co-speaker, Jeffrey Mont-
gomery (Director of Michigan's Triangle Foundation), that it was not only because of the
governor's shameful and deliberate disenfranchisement of Florida's African-American voters
during Election 2000, but because of the corporate media's collusion, a media guilty of hid-
ing and manipulating actual voter statistics.

Other manipulative devices, including those used by Jeb Bush's former Secretary of State,
Katherine Harris (who is currently a U.S. congressional candidate hoping to represent Sarasota)
were also recalled.

Nadine Smith told her listeners: "I do not use the word 'President' when I refer to George
W. Bush."

Jeffrey Montgomery emphasized the "traitorous" behavior of the gang of five on the U.S.
Supreme Court who had installed George W. Bush in the Oval Office.

When it was revealed that more than 585 U.S. Professors of Law signed a document
essentially agreeing with Mr. Montgomery's viewpoint, many convention attendees, in this
reporter's opinion, showed a heightened awareness of the need for increased political mo-
tement."
MCC To Provide Chaplains For Military Veterans

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

Los Angeles - Metropolitan Community Churches, the predominantly gay Christian church with 300 congregations in 22 countries, has received recognition from the US federal government to provide chaplains to the U.S. Veterans Administration.

"This marks an historic step for MCC churches," said Rev. Troy Perry, longtime human rights activist and Moderator of the 52,000-member church.

"U.S. programs have long been hostile to GLBT military servicemembers and veterans, so this marks yet another positive step toward full equality for America's gay and lesbian citizens," added Perry, himself a veteran of the U.S. Army.

While independent from the military services, the Veterans Administration provides support and outreach programs to both active duty servicemembers and veterans.

MCC has a second application pending with the U.S. federal government to provide chaplains to military branches. The application process is being overseen by Rev. Dr. Justin Tanis, MCC Director of Clergy Development, and Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon, senior pastor of MCC San Francisco.

The Veterans Administration is the second largest of the 14 Cabinet departments in the U.S. executive branch and operates nationwide programs for military veterans, including health care, financial assistance, vocational rehabilitation, education, training, and employment services, as well as management of all national cemeteries. Among its many services, the VA provides health care assistance to more than 100,000 homeless veterans each year. More than 70 million Americans are eligible for VA benefits because they are veterans, family members, or surviving spouses of veterans.

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Exclusion of Boy Scouts From State Charitable Campaign Held Constitutional

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders
Press Release

The United States District Court for the District of Connecticut ruled today that the exclusion of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) from the Connecticut State Employee Charitable Campaign because of its anti-gay policy in no way violates the Scouts' constitutional rights.

This case, Boy Scouts of America v. Wyman, arose after the Connecticut Commission for Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) determined that including an organization in the campaign that discriminates against gay people violates Connecticut state law. After the Comptroller of Connecticut subsequently barred the Boy Scouts from participation, the Scouts sued the Comptroller in federal court. Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), together with cooperating attorney Maureen Murphy, intervened in the case at the CHRO and appeared as amicus in the federal court.

GLAD staff attorney Karen Loewy commented, "This ruling makes clear that while the Boy Scouts may be allowed to discriminate, they are not entitled to any special privileges from the state."

The CHRO ruled in May 2000 that the Boy Scouts' inclusion in the State Employee Charitable Campaign violated the Connecticut Gay Rights Law. After the United States Supreme Court ruled in Dale v. Boy Scouts of America that the Scouts had an expressive association right to deny gay adults the opportunity to be volunteer Scout leaders, the CHRO confirmed its earlier ruling, explaining that although the Boy Scouts may be allowed to discriminate, they cannot participate in the State Charitable Campaign as long as they do.

The federal court today clarified that while the Scouts' may be legally permitted to discriminate, there are consequences for them in other areas, and those consequences do not infringe their rights. The court stated, "The BSA asks the court to declare that its lawful and constitutionally-protected right to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation is synonymous with compliance with the non-discrimination laws of the state, specifically the Gay Rights Law. The Court finds to the contrary."

GLAD represented itself and the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) and the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights before the CHRO and in federal court.

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. 617-426-1350
NEWS FROM THE GLCCA!  

by Phyllis Rhodes

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (serving gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons all over Alaska) has now been open in Anchorage for six months.

Very soon after opening it was realized that additional space was needed so that meetings taking place at the GLCCA would not conflict with social activities. The lease for adjoining space has just been signed and construction to convert two small rooms to a larger conference room should be completed by September 1.

The new conference room space will be available to rent to other groups when it is not being utilized by groups associated with the gay and lesbian community, i.e., PFLAG, GLSEN, Identity Board meetings, Adam and Steve, IMRU2, Living Outloud, etc.

Thanks to generous book donations by members of our community, allies, authors and publishers, the GLCCA library is quite extensive. Special library volunteers will soon be building a database of the books on hand. Most books are already available for checking out. You can expect new additions to the library once we have an inventory of what is already on hand. If there are specific books you would like to see added, please be sure to get your suggestions noted in the GLCCA staff journal when you drop by the Community Center.

Your Community Center is constantly in need of trained volunteers willing to staff the Community Center for a three-hour shift during the open hours: 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays, noon to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Staff volunteer hours through July total over 1600 hours! Ideally, volunteers are needed that can accept one three-hour shift on a weekly basis. There are some shifts being covered on a rotating basis, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturday—noon to 3:00 p.m. If you would be willing to give some of your time toward the successful operation of your Community Center, please come by the Center and complete a volunteer survey form. You will be contacted for a staff training session; once trained a schedule will be set up for you that best fits your availability.

The building owner is asking about our intentions for continuing the lease. It is evident by the support given our initial Adopt-A-Day program that the members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and its allies want to see the GLCCA succeed. So, it is not too late—nor too early for 2003—to continue your support of the Adopt-A-Day program to pay the rent. Although the GLCCA has increased the square footage leased, the Adopt-A-Day program will remain at $40.00 as an amount that can be afforded by most people (or shared with a friend to come up with the $40). For those that wish they could do more—such as be a volunteer staff person, but do not have the time, perhaps they would like to join the ranks of those in the community adopting one day per month.

Not only is this financial support tax deductible, the adopter is recognized by the posting of a special notice on the front door of the Center on “their day” as the individual supporting the GLCCA on that date. You may wish to “adopt-a-day” in honor of some person(s) or event, and that information will
be included on the special notice posted.

During the first six months, there have been almost 2,000 visitors to the GLCCA to attend meetings, attend social functions, use the library or the on-line computers, watch a video or television program, or just “hang out.” It has been especially gratifying to have mothers bring their sons and daughters by to “check us out.” Of the 470 telephone calls coming into the GLCCA, many are a supplement to the Helpline, providing information on bars, housing, counselor referrals, Alaska vacation information, etc.

Remember that this Gay and Lesbian Community Center’s success depends on the support given by individual members of our families and our allies. If you have not visited since the grand opening (or at all!), come by and see what can be done when all of us pull together.

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New Grrlz Group Forming
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Note: Some of the Grrlz from the Living Out Loud group are forming this social group. Please be supportive and pass on the info to youth you know.

Alaska Women Speak Online

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Send me information like Book Signings, Writing events. Carole
Note: There is a contact page on the web site. Enjoy!

Would Love to Hear From You

I know most of you don't know me; Ex-patriot Alaskan dyke, but I still am interested in what you're doing. I'd also like to hear from any old friends on the list as I have few email addresses. My partner, Cat, and I live in Portland now.
Karen @ karencandcatl@hotmail.com
Grant to Assist Youth

Identity, Inc is proud to announce it is the recipient of a $6,000 grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Along with being the first gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender organization to receive a grant from them, Living Out Loud is also the first GLBT specific program to be awarded a grant. This grant assists us in meeting the $11,000 budgeted for the event. The money will be used to assist rural youth from all over Alaska in attending the conference so they can build relationships and develop skills that help them deal with feelings of isolation and loneliness.

If you are wondering what will happen after the conference and the youth return to their homes, Identity is going to continue to provide services to them through the Trust’s grant and the generous donations of our members. We will be sponsoring once a month, a conference call meeting for all LGBT youth throughout the state who are interested in connecting with other youth. These calls will be free for the youth and are going to be organized and led by youth with guidance from an adult facilitator. We anticipate being able to assist the youth in rural areas, who tend to be overlooked for services due to their invisibility.

This is an exciting time for not only our youth but for those interested in seeing programs and services addressing the needs of our youth.

Currently, the youth steering committee is working on last minute details for the conference. Workshops on healthy living, spirituality, GLBT culture and more are planned. If you are aware of GLBT youth or allies who may be interested in attending, please hit reply to this email and we will get an application out to them.

If you have any questions about Living Out Loud or any of the programs or projects of Identity, please send them in. If you have not been to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage in some time, please visit. We have internet services, a lending library, social space, and in a few weeks we will be adding a new conference room.

Identity continues to expand and grow because of the commitment and support of its volunteers and donors. Thank you for all that you do.

Identity@ak.net
Helpline: 258-4777
The Gay & Lesbian Community Center: 929-GLBT

Klondyke Kontakt Seeks Volunteers

The KK is looking for new editor and other volunteers. Barb and Ann would like to pass it on... They will train the person or people who step up to the plate. The KK is looking for any type of volunteer to help form the new KK team.

Needed are writers, artist, copy editors, advertising go-getters, bookkeeper and business type, computer goddess, layout and design people, etc. Of course the most important being someone who is willing to take responsibility of coordinating the printing, mailing, and distribution of the KK.

E-mail them with your interest and or with your thanks for their commitment to the KK for the years past at kk@gci.net
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If you would like to volunteer with Identity, Inc. please call the Helpline @ 258-4777 or the Gay and Lesbian Community Center @ 929-4582 for more information.

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Pride Conference

October, 2002

Help celebrate Gay & Lesbian History Month at Identity, Inc.’s annual Pride Conference.

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identity@alaska.net

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you, give us a call. If you know someone who needs our help, give them our number. In Anchorage or statewide 907-276-0528 or www.awrconline.org. AWRC is located at 813 D Street. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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 intersex people in all aspects of personal and public life. 907-566-ACR1 AlaskansforCivilRights@yahoo.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Joyous, & Free
AA group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgendered individuals and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays only 7 PM to 8 PM at the Alano Club, 3103 Spenard (the old Wave building).

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
3201 Turnagain St. GLBT-friendly liberal religious church, where people of all beliefs are welcome. Information line: 907-248-0715. See Anchorage Daily News Saturday religion page for Sunday forum and service speakers and topics.

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.

Arctic Bears
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Breakeven Productions:
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Celebration of Change
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Committee for Equality
Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803 or e-mail bsara@gci.net.

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
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E-mail: glccanch@yahoo.com.

Gay and Lesbian Helpline
Sponsored by Identity, Inc., this information and referral
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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
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fhillman@alaska.net.
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Imperial Court of All Alaska
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Labor Day weekend and numerous other events. Contact
Information: PO Box 104032 Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. 907-622-2218.
Web: www.icoaa.org
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IMRU2
The social group for GLBT youth meets Wednesdays from
5:30 to 7:00 PM. We meet at Mendel & Associates office
on the park strip, 845 K Street. The group is for GLBT
youth, ages 13 to 18. We eat, chat, watch videos, plan events
IMRU2, cont’d.
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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 907-452-4222.

Lamb of God Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)
Lamb of God MCC is a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL people are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. LOG MCC meets every Sunday at 2:00 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke (East of 24th Ave. and Boniface Parkway). Contact LOGMCC@aol.com for more info or visit: www.geocities.com/logmcc.

The Last Frontier Men’s Club
Social club for the Levi/leather/bear community. Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month for a brief business meeting & potluck social, 6:00 PM, at Mad Myrna’s, 530 E. 5th Avenue. In addition, we hold monthly “Dinner Night Out” and several campouts throughout the summer which are open to the community at large. Check our website for complete information and list of community events at: www.tlfmc.com/calendar.htm. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK. 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. E-mail: info@tlfmc.com. Web: www.tlfmc.com.

The Last Frontier Women’s Club
A pansexual social group for people with an interest in leather and the leather lifestyle. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM, for a brief business meeting and social at The Raven. We hold other social events that are open to the entire community. For more information please write: TLFWC, P.O. Box 203204, Anchorage, AK. 99502. Phone: 907-222-1509 or 907-338-3862.

Northern Exposure Bowling League
Bowlers of all genders meet Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM, Park Lanes, Anchorage. Please call to confirm time and venue. 907-561-8744 or milt@alaska.net.

OLOC
(Old Lesbians Organizing for Change)
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Two groups for women over 50. rosebethlevno@hotmail.com or 907-868-2662.

OPAL
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PFLAG of Anchorage
(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)
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 907-566-1813 for a recorded message.

PFLAG of Fairbanks
PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. For more information, call 45-PFLAG for meetings and events in Fairbanks.

PFLAG of Sitka
(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)
Meets the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the UU Fellowship Hall, 408 Marine, Sitka. Mail: P.O. Box 6515, Sitka, Alaska. Phone: 907-747-3674. E-mail: sitkapflag@yahoo.com

PrideFest 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 GLCCA at 929-GLBT or email prideonthepark@yahoo.com.
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RAW (Radical Arts for Women)
A non-profit group which supports and promotes women in the arts. Grant funding available for artistic endeavors. 907-566-3783. RAW@admmail.net.

Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)
12-Step program meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Call 907-566-1133 for meeting times and places.

Shanti of Juneau
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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: 907-586-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 1-4 PM. Anchorage: 907-278-5019.

Support Group (Soldotna)
A group of people with HIV or AIDS or families or friends. Call Jan at 262-2589.

Women's Dances
All ages & genders welcome. Smoke and alcohol free two-stepping held once a month from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the Pioneer Schoolhouse at 3rd & Eagle. Contact Katie for more info at: 907-278-9174.

Women's Music Fest

Women's Ultimate Frisbee
Gathers Sunday mornings 10:30 AM on the west end of the parkstrip. Interested frisbeeheaders should contact Jen or Karen at 907-278-5179 for more info. E-mail: Jenkout@aol.com.

Publications

Alaska Women Speak
A publication by Alaskan women on topics for Alaskan women. They can be reached at 907-696-0924.

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 907-561-7737.

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@gei.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, AK, 99802-1452 or phone 907-586-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. Phone 907-452-4222 or e-mail pinkink@alaska.com

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. Primarily event announcements.

Alaska Gay Discussion
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion
This is an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska, and provides a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michaelhaase2001@aol.com.
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E-mail lists

Alaska GLBT News
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: alaskaglbtnews@yahoo.com.

Grrlz List
A mailing list for the Women's Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. GrrlzList@hotmail.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.

New York Times To Report Gay Unions
by Beth Shapiro

New York City - The New York Times will become the first major newspaper in the United States to publish announcements of gay and lesbian unions.

The newspaper says that beginning next month the pages that are currently headed "Weddings," will be changed to "Weddings/Celebrations".

In a statement, The Times said the articles and pictures will be identical to those it has used for weddings. As with weddings, the editors of the Styles Section, where the announcements are printed, will decide which unions will be covered.

The criteria, the statement said, is the newsworthiness and accomplishments of the couples and their families, the same as those that have traditionally applied to weddings.

The Times publishes the selected announcements without charge. To qualify for consideration, same-sex couples must fulfill at least one of two requirements: Celebrate their commitment in a public ceremony, or enter into a legally recognized civil union (currently available only in Vermont) or register their domestic partnership (in those localities, including New York City, that offer registration).

Howell Raines, executive editor of The Times, said: "In making this change, we acknowledge the newsworthiness of a growing and visible trend in society toward public celebrations of commitment by gay and lesbian couples - celebrations important to many of our readers, their families and their friends."

"We recognize that the society remains divided about the legal and religious definition of marriage, and our news columns will remain impartial in that debate, reporting fully on all points of view," Raines said.

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MONDAYS
(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, The Alano Club, 3103 Spenard (the old Wave building)

TUESDAYS
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous) 8pm, 566-1133
(A) PFLAG, 3rd Tuesday, 7-9 pm, AUUF
(A) Frontrunners/Walkers: Meets at Westchester Lagoon May through October, 6:30 pm 337-3683
or anchoragefronrunners@hotmail.com
(F) GLSEN, 5 pm, FEA on S. Cushman, every 3rd Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS
(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.
(A) GLSEN, second Wednesday, 7pm, John Thomas Building 3rd & Cordova
(A) IMRU2: every other Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 PM 845 K Street, for more info leave message:
907-566-1MRU

THURSDAYS
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
(A) Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 pm, call 4As, 263-2050.

FRIDAYS
(A) Lunch, 4As, noon-1 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited-HIV+,
volunteers and friends.
(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.

FRIDAYS, cont'd.
(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, Marsha at 789-6167 for info.

SATURDAYS
(A) Identity Workshop Series
2nd Saturday of the month, December through April. More info: 907-258-4777
(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
(A) Frontrunners/Walkers: Meets at Westchester Lagoon May through October, 10:00 am, 337-3683
or anchoragefronrunners@hotmail.com
(J) PFLAG First Saturday of each month, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Mendenhall Library conference room.
(F) Socializing and Dancing at Club G, mixed crowd, 9 pm - 3:30 am, 150 Farmer’s Loop.
(A) Women’s Sing-A-Long, third Saturday, 6:00 PM, 1351 Early View Drive. Contact:
wgparsonsak@worldnet.att.net

SUNDAYS
(A) Metropolitan Community Church Services, 2pm Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke
(A) White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism, 11 am Sunday 1047 L Street, 258-1851
(F) PFLAG, third Sunday, 4-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4448 Pike’s Landing Road
Parents Support Group (Metropolitan Community Church), second Sunday, 2 - 4 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke,
(907) 727-0808
Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information
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