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How I got off the holiday consumer merry-go-round

Last year my sister and I decided we’d had enough of trying to figure out a gift for each other at Christmas. We decided instead to do something for a worthy group or organization in lieu of exchanging gifts.

My sister, Donna, “adopted” a young military family whose soldier father/husband was away on overseas duty during the holiday. Donna had a blast buying gifts for each member of the family and provided a sumptuous holiday meal along with the gifts.

I, on the other hand, dawdled. I couldn’t decide what to do. My sister chided me for failing to live up to my part of our agreement. She asked me what I felt strongly about, what causes was I passionate about. Suddenly, I had my “cause.”

I believe people shouldn’t have more children than they can afford to care for properly. I believe every child should be a wanted child. I believe in a woman’s right to choose what’s right for her body. And I believe in zero population growth.

I phoned Planned Parenthood to ask what it costs to provide a woman with birth control for one year. I then mailed them a check and asked that my donation be used to provide birth control for a client.

This year I’ve selected the Adopt-A-Cat shelter on Old Seward and 76th Avenue to receive Donna’s Christmas gift. A recent issue of the Anchorage Press had a great article about the shelter and its no-kill policy.

I have three rescued cats at home and I’m trying to avoid another “pregnancy.” Nevertheless, my partner Danny and I visited the shelter. If you’ve never been there, it’s quite an experience. Once your nose adjusts to the smell of litter boxes (and there are plenty!), all you notice is hundreds of cats of all shapes and sizes. Some are shy; others are gregarious. One beautiful ragdoll mix kept vying for my attention. So I picked her up and she snuggled in my arms as though we were family while I strolled about the warehouse.

What are YOU passionate about? This holiday season, take that passion and do something cool for a group or organization, or just someone you may know who deserves it. Skip the consumerism and instead put those dollars toward something nobler.

I like to think that maybe that check I wrote helped a woman here in Anchorage avoid an unwanted pregnancy this year. And next year those hungry cats at the shelter will have full feeding dishes because I helped. Now if I can just avoid the impulse to take one home...

Happy holidays!
Teresa McPherson
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Identity’s 25th Anniversary GALA:
Reflections from a Co-Chair

by Kurt M. Kleier

Since the time I arrived in Anchorage in April of this year, I’ve had a big sign on me that says, “Big Events Come Here.”

Three weeks after arriving, I asked Pete Gregson, “How can I help?” Typically a question reserved for my state government duties, little did I know I would be expanding my horizons to include activities in a new and exciting area—GLBT affairs. Pete replied to me, “Chair a parade.” I said, “Fine with me.”

Although I’ve been “out” for a number of years, I’ve never been directly involved in GLBT issues until I moved to Anchorage. Don’t fault me though. I lived in Jefferson City, Missouri, for five years where there was no organized community, let alone a gay bar. In fact, the city wouldn’t allow one to open. So I was limited to my social circles in mid-Missouri and weekend social contacts in the St. Louis area.

When I considered moving to Anchorage, friends in the Lower 48 asked, “Why Alaska”? Many had never lived outside their home city or metropolitan area, either because of friends, family, or relationships. I viewed my move as a way to enhance my professional development and experience a part of the country most people will never see.

As I became involved in the Pride Fest 2002 parade, I met many amazingly friendly, “down to earth” people who warmly embraced me into the community. I was pleasantly surprised. I expected the cliques I experienced in St. Louis and Detroit, with their cold demeanor, consistently black attire, square-toed shoes, and “full of themselves” attitude. I was surprised, for the most part, to see something different. Little did I know I was in a community, although isolated from the “real world” in some aspects, that was extremely diverse and quite open for individuals to find their niche.

And then came the GALA. When I joined the Identity Board in August, I said I would do so with the stipulation that it wouldn’t require as much time as I spent on the Pride Fest parade. Wrong! Since then, my committee colleagues, other board members, and I have spent probably more than 600 hours planning the details for this event. Their efforts have been tireless and more than can be explained or thanked in this article. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute serving on the board and planning the GALA.

After any major event, it’s important to celebrate the successes and learn from the mistakes. This is what we learned from the GALA:

(1) **What an organization can accomplish if its members work together as a team.** I’ve worked on numerous advisory committees and teams over the last ten years. What the Identity Board as a team accomplished in putting this event together is one of the most memorable achievements I will cherish. There were people outside the organization who thought the event would never be the success it turned out to be. This gave us the energy to work as a team to beat the odds. The result was a festive celebration of the collective and individual achievements of the GLBT community.
What an organization can accomplish by accountability from all its members. During recent board training, Russell Roybal from the Gill Foundation, a major funding source for Identity, recommended that all board members be held responsible for the success of this organization. As a result, all board members were required and expected to sell GALA tickets, and the event was a sell-out. Each board member contributed to the success of the GALA.

What an organization can accomplish when it establishes effective partnerships with other organizations in the community. “No man is an island onto himself.” Through established and effective collaborations with other GLBT organizations during the last twenty-five years, Identity was able to celebrate its birthday with friends in grand style. The event reinforced the partnerships and set the stage for another 25 years of service to the Alaskan community, in collaboration with other GLBT and allied community organizations.

A colleague once gave me this advice: “Above all, always say thank you.” My co-chair, the Fabulous Kristara, and I would like to say thank you to some individuals and groups who were not publicly recognized during the GALA.

First, major kudos go to the members of the Membership/Fundraising Committee who gave selflessly of their time: Herman Coen Jr, Chuck Hart, Susannah Morgan, Scott Turner, Andrea Nenzel, the always Fabulous Kristara, and Pete Keese. Pete especially gave many hours of his time to prepare publicity materials that helped to make the event a success. Another thank you goes to “Adam and Steve” for disseminating event cards as a part of their weekly outreach.

A last, and most important, thank you goes to everyone who attended the GALA. Your continued support of Identity in various capacities is most appreciated.

If you’re not currently a member of Identity, please join and become involved in an organization founded to improve positive attitudes and healthy ways of living for all people within the GLBT community. A membership/pledge form is located in the front this publication. Contact a board member (listed in the front of this publication) or call 929-GLBT for more details. Your help is greatly needed. If you’re already an Identity member, please consider revitalizing your commitment through your time and/or financial resources.

We hope to see each of you at next year’s GALA!

Kurt Kleier is the HIV/AIDS Epidemiologist for the Alaska Division of Public Health. He’s been with the Identity Board for 3 months and currently chairs the Membership/Fundraising Committee.

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GALA co-chair Kurt Kleier and Identity co-chair Susannah Morgan.

Daphne Do ALL, mistress of sound for the evening, plants a kiss on Danny Templeton.

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The Rock

by Tim Pearson

At the Identity 25th Anniversary Gala, Jay Brause talked about the original Gay Community Center established in the 1970's. Jay presented a pink rock to the new GLCCA that had been tossed through the window of the center by persons unknown. Someone saved the rock and painted it pink. That rock brought back memories of a few “rocks” that had been thrown at me.

The first “rock” was thrown quite innocently by my high school drama teacher. I came out during my senior year. One afternoon, Mrs. Anderson said she wanted to talk to me about some things. Dear old rather prudish Mrs. Anderson said it seemed to her that certain folks with whom I had been hanging around were “quite peculiar” and she worried about my reputation. I heard something like “Hey Tim, if you hang around with the fags, folks will think you’re a fag too.” Oh, if only she knew.

The next “rock” hurt a little more. I was sitting in the car with a guy I had the hots for, in the parking lot of a gay bar in Nashville. I was seventeen and the legal drinking age was still a couple months away. I had been in the bar earlier in the evening with a fake ID, but hey, what’s a boy to do. While saying an amorous goodbye to Steve, the handsome college boy, or going for the world record of nonstop passionate kissing, according to how one might be looking at the situation, a cop tapped with his nightstick on the car window. Since it was my car and Steve was over eighteen, the cop sent him on his way. I was in violation of the curfew, which stated that if you were under eighteen, you had to be off the streets after midnight. The policeman, Officer Allen, took me to juvenile detention and explained I’d have to come back with my parents in a couple days. He said he was going to be nice to me and take me back to my car, instead of calling my parents in the middle of the night.

We arrived in the deserted parking lot and Officer Allen stopped by my car. He didn’t let me out of the car but instead turned to me and said gruffly “I bet you give a good one don’t you?” I didn’t say a word. He persisted. “I said I bet you give a good one... why don’t you show me?” I was freaking out... not having any idea if the cop was really going to make me give him a blowjob or just trying to scare me. Fortunately, a car pulled into the parking lot bringing some people back to their cars. I guess Officer Allen decided that coercing a blowjob out of a seventeen-year-old in the parking lot of a gay bar at 3:30 in the morning was not a good idea. He let me out of his patrol car and I quickly left. A few days later, when I showed up with my parents at the juvenile center for my appointment there was no record of me ever having been there at all. Go figure.

I recall one “rock” in Ft. Lauderdale where I lived with my father after high school. I decided to take a few classes at a community college. One evening my friend Vivian and I walked to a local gay club to meet some
classmates. As we walked along a car full of guys passed and one of them yelled and whistled at us. I had long blonde hair and I’m sure they thought they were whistling at two young college girls, at least until they passed us and noticed my moustache. I guess the guy who whISTLED caught hell from his buddies. He leaned out the window and yelled “faggot” until the car was out of sight. They circled back around for more fun this time, honking the horn and all yelling “faggot.” We were afraid they were going to stop and get out to harass us, but a public bus approached and we quickly boarded. Thankfully, our “admiring” didn’t follow the bus. My heart was still pounding when we got off the bus fifteen minutes later.

My most recent “rock” was during a trip to Tennessee a couple years ago. One afternoon my partner and I went to the small town where my father lives. We arrived at his office while he was out, and decided to visit an antique store to pass the time. After looking around the store for about thirty minutes, we headed back to my dad’s office. As we walked down the town’s main street, a pickup truck passed us and someone rolled down the passenger side window, yelled “faggots” and sped away. I thought it was a common occurrence for people to walk down the main street minding their own business. I can only surmise that someone saw us looking around the antique store together and assumed we were gay.

I hope I’ve stimulated your minds and made you think about some of the “rocks” that have been thrown at you in the past. I look forward to seeing the pink rock displayed prominently in the GLCCA and hope to hear stories of “rocks” which have been thrown at others.

Remember, in unity there is strength. I still hear the words in my mind of a song that played at closing time in that little gay bar in Nashville back in 1975. Everyone in the bar would join hands and sing along...

“For united we stand
Divided we fall
And if our backs should ever be against the wall
We’ll be together, together, you and I.”

Tim Pearson grew up in Nashville. He met his partner, Brian, three years ago in San Francisco and they moved to Anchorage this past June.

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Seasons Greetings! Here is a monthly update of current events at the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.

We are very sad that Andrea Nenzel, our Executive Director, is leaving us. She has been with the Four As for seven years and has been a tremendous asset to our agency and the GLBT community. She leaves us to serve as Director for her religious community, The Sisters of St. Joseph for Peace. We wish her all the best and Godspeed in her new endeavors.

Our new Executive Director is Trevor Storrs. Trevor comes from the ARC of Anchorage and has been on our Board of Directors for five years. We are very excited about the enthusiasm and new ideas he brings to the job.

We continue our weekly Friday Lunch, a free, hot lunch for our clients, their families, volunteers, and friends. Community individuals and church groups provide these lunches. The Four A’s also operates a supplemental food bank, providing food, hygiene and nutritional products for our homeless and low-income clients. If you’re interested in volunteering for Friday Lunches, or submitting in-kind or monetary donations to the food bank, please call 263-2050, or email at clientsvc3@alaskanaids.org.

Our Last Monday Group is now our Last Tuesday Group. This monthly themed discussion group is for HIV positive people to discuss issues that affect their lives. The group is held at the Four A’s at 6 pm. We are also doing a support group for HIV positive people every second Thursday at 5:30 pm at our office, in addition to monthly social activities. If you are HIV positive and looking for social and support opportunities, please stop by our office or the GLCCA and pick up a monthly activities calendar.

Are you a gay, bi, or curious guy between 18-29 years old? There is a group just for you! ‘Adam & Steve’ is a way for young men in the GLBT community of Anchorage to get involved with and build a better place for themselves and their friends in our city. It’s also our goal to promote the good health of the young gay men’s community of Anchorage, and to support and promote safer sex as a major issue within that context.

Adam & Steve has regular monthly events. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is Core Group and every 2nd Tuesday is Volunteer Night. “Urge” is held the last Thursday of each month as well. We also have movie night every Wednesday night, where guys can come and watch some classic/contemporary gay cinema. All these events are held at the GLCCA at 7 pm with the exception of volunteer night and

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Urge, which is held at the Four As. We also host four other monthly events. All events are FREE.

The Adam and Steve 2003 calendar will be on sale in mid-December for the great price of $20. Make sure to buy one for yourself and some as gifts for your friends. The men of Adam and Steve have put a lot of thought and effort into producing a calendar that is fun and campy and that every queer person will want to own. Look for the calendars for sale in fine establishments everywhere.

HIV testing is back. Rhonda Gonzales from the Municipality of Anchorage will be testing around our community. So get tested, it’s FREE!

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Remember, protect yourself, you’re the only one who can. Until next month, be safe!!

For more information about the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, please call 263-2050 or the Alaska AIDS Helpline at 1-800-478-AIDS.

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“TRANSFORMATIONS”
Women’s reading delights full house at Out North

by Teresa McPherson

Amid warm applause, ten women writers filed quietly onto the set at Out North Contemporary Art House. They took their seats in a semi-circle under the warm glow of lights in the otherwise dark theatre.

Moments later one of the writers approached the lectern. The young woman’s short blonde hair quietly framed her face as she adjusted the microphone to accommodate her tall frame. Then she spoke:

“It’s darkest now
where the sun should be
to the south.
Below me, a fresh, thick snow,
above the ceiling a faceless mist
it fell from,
and somehow, between them, daylight.

“Will time pass today?
It seems as dumb as the shut-out
impotent sun.
And me, with no children,
my blanketed loves,
the lives I left sealed
to the south...
What to make of oneself
in a city whose sun is past,
a city whose waning day
must light itself?”

As Amy Groshek finished her short poem, “Anchorage afternoon, after snowfall,” the theatre was silent. It’s one thing to read a really good poem. But to hear the poet read her own work, to lift the words gently from the page and breathe life into them with skill and competence, that is a rare treat.

Groshek is an accomplished poet and a graduate student in creative writing at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She organizes readings at the university, and agreed to emcee a women’s reading sponsored by Radical Arts for Women on October 18.

On this evening, Groshek and nine other women writers gave the audience a glimpse of what sets women’s writings apart. The evening offered a diverse mix of poetry and prose from women writers of varying ages, occupations, and backgrounds. From students to retirees, educators to activists, their stories and experiences revealed power, pain, growth, change, and individuality.

The women read from a recently published anthology entitled, “TRANSFORMATIONS: Writings by Alaska Lesbian/Bisexual/Feminist Women.” The anthology was funded by Radical Arts for Women (RAW), a nonprofit that promotes social change through women’s artistic endeavors.

RAW chairperson Gay Wolfenberger said RAW chose the anthology project to give women writers the opportunity to have their work published. “We’ve sponsored musical events, comedy, other performance things,” she said. “So we thought this book would be something different for women in the community.”
I was honored when RAW approached me about serving as editor for the project. I was even more awed when the submissions began to arrive. Each week last winter I checked RAW’s mailbox to retrieve the poems, articles and essays. I was impressed with the quality of the submissions and the wealth of experience and wisdom revealed in the writing.

The book debuted at the 2002 Alaska Women’s Music Fest this past summer here in Anchorage, as several of the women shared their writing with festival goers.

Then this fall, RAW hosted a women’s reading at Out North Contemporary Art House to showcase the talent of the writers. Ten of the women writers read their works to a packed theatre on the evening of October 18.

The readings culminated in two performance pieces. The first was a Tai Chi performance by Rozz Lieght as Liz Fullerton read a poem entitled “Battle” by poet Deb Thompson. The second was a yoga performance by guest yogi David Luce as Marilyn Connor and MaryLee Hayes read an essay called “Pondering Yogic Paradoxes,” written by Marilyn.

After the readings, the writers, RAW board members, and audience enjoyed refreshments and signed books. It was great to see people buy the book and then ask various writers to sign their work.

I looked around the theatre, at the smiling, beautiful faces of the writers as they signed books. I saw the women of the RAW board who made the project possible. I saw our friends, acquaintances, and even strangers who gathered to hear our words on this special evening.

And I thought about the first page of our book, which opens with this quote by 20th century writer Diane Mariechild: “A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture, and transform.” ♥

“TRANSFORMATIONS” is available at Metro Music and Books.

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in the time tunnels of my mind
I find myself at the doorway
of some great knowledge ...
some great secret
that has been guarded
only by the time
that forever ticks by ...
will I have the courage
to open that door
and step into whatever
this secret may consequence
or will I

in simple
human mediocrity
just keep going?

—Tim Pearson

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10/29/02 Laura Goss listened as Devan & Roxi on the Mix 103.1 Morning Show discussed how it was unfair that a Dimond High School student was punished for using “gay” as an insult. Listeners called in to agree with Devan & Roxi. Laura contacted Victoria Shaver, who called the radio station. Devan berated Victoria for disagreeing with him, and didn’t air her opinion. The GLBT community was left off the air.

10/31/02 Laura Goss e-mailed the local lists about what she heard.

11/1/02 Michael French provided the station web sites. Pete Gregson provided email addresses for Devan, Roxi, and the station manager. Many from our community sent emails to complain and educate the DJs. Below are the DJ’s responses to my emails.

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11/2/02 Roxi: Thanks for helping me understand how my choice of words...show that I just might not understand every single detail, or the struggle, regarding being homosexual. I’m the first to admit that I don’t know EVERYTHING!!! :)

Be well...and I will write more...for your publication...an apology for failing to air the “other side of the story” on our radio station. We ALWAYS make it a point to do that...and missed it this time for no other reason than we lost track of time! *(No statement arrived before the publication deadline.)*

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11/3/02 Devan: If you would be so kind as to “re-connect” with the others that emailed us, and explain to them your better understanding of the content of that show, then the “response” that I had planned for tomorrow morning will not be necessary.

As far as a comment for your article...I would stick by what we said on the air on the morning in question:

We noted that the word gay now seems to have another meaning that has nothing to do with homosexual, and that this politically correct, hypersensitivity actually empowers the word as an insult; giving it its power to hurt. We also noted that Gay people might be choosing to be insulted when no insult was intended.

And we also noted that it appears to be OK to insult basketball players, as they were really the target of this kid’s diss.

That, truly, was the extent of our gay-bashing and homophobia.

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11/3/02 Devan: “We have no interest in defending the use of the word Gay as an insult. It’s not worth defending. (But you would know that if you’d actually heard the conversation that offends you). What we DID say was that, in this specific case and in our opinion, it looked like the school over-reacted when it punished a kid for saying, “Basketball’s gay!” I also suggested that politically correct hypersensitivity is often counter-effective.
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We knew not everyone was going to agree with us, and that’s why we talked about it!! Because, guess what, slightly provocative conversations are more interesting to listen to than weather-talk, and topics with 2 sides happen to be more interesting than stuff everyone agrees on.

Since you obviously rarely listen, you should know that we’re a “lite topic” music oriented station, and even when we hit on something “heavier,” we usually try to put a light spin on it; and that’s what we did with Basketball’s Gay conversation. We are not like some talk radio stations, who seem to have a political and/or social agenda. We don’t do, “This week we’re talking about Gay Issues” radio. We goof on everyone. We’ve had fun at the expense of Rednecks, People from Big Lake, all politicians, blondes, brunettes, jocks, cheerleaders, people who drive Dodge Rams, people who drive Ford Winstars, Texans, Oklahomans, and especially ourselves.

But when we had the audacity to express an “unauthorized opinion” as it applies to gayness, your corner of the gay community exploded in a fit of spit and fury. Some people had absolutely no problem calling a fellow American an intolerant bigot, based on a conversation that they had never heard, while encouraging others to do likewise, based on a conversation that THEY didn’t hear.

Of course this story was never about Devan & Roxi encouraging young people to use the word Gay as an insult, because we never said that. This story always was, and is now even more overwhelmingly and obviously, about “overreaction.”

And, unless your Irony Goggles are fogged, you should be picking up on some right about now...

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11/04/02 6:50 a.m. On 103.1: Devan stated his position, read an email from Pete Gregson, and ended with 7 minutes of rant about the emails he received. Devan quoted a dictionary to show Pete was insensitive to the physically challenged for objecting to the use of “gay” as a substitute for “lame.” He used the dictionary for more words, but was so obtuse that I lost track of the message. (Last time I heard a dictionary quoted that much was in a fundamentalist church.) At the tirade’s end, I thought he might have a stroke.

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11/11/02 Victoria Shaver wrote: I am at Creating Change in Portland OR, an annual national conference of GLBTQIA leaders and I had the op. to meet with GLAAD. GLAAD is the GLBT Media Watch Dogs are looking into it and can be helped greatly if you write down the comments you hear or better yet record them as they talk. More about GLAAD at www.glaad.org

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11/13/02 Chuck Hart: As an illustration that homophobia is alive, no matter how many refuse to see it, yesterday a Dimond High School student, ***, was harassed with notes taped to ***’s locker, vending machines, and other places giving ***’s phone number, saying that *** wanted sex with anybody. Last night *** got several threatening calls, *** is Bi and is not out at home, so couldn’t tell their parents. *** called my daughter, who reported the incident to the administration. The administration swiftly took action, but *** was still traumatized. 

Chuck Hart has served on the Identity Board since May 2001. He’s a bookseller, interpreter, and regular contributor to NorthView.
Sex in Anchorage

by Pete Gregson

Back from hiatus for a new season of frank and eye opening talk about sex in Anchorage....

At the recent Pride Conference, one of the keynote speakers said something that set people abuzz. I heard the phrase the next day in shopping malls, on emails, and via phone calls. In fact, I’ve never heard a phrase that has caught the attention of the Anchorage GLBT community as this one did.

The speaker had this to say: “If we’re going to mentor our young people, we cannot fuck them.” Buzz. “If we’re going to mentor our young people, we cannot fuck them.” More buzz. “If we’re going to mentor our young people, we cannot fuck them.” Lips moving. People talking. Definite buzz.

The buzz did not surprise me. Nor did the angry mutterings from many in our community. After all, there is a stereotype of older GLBT persons who prey upon our young people who are just coming out. We call them chicken hawks. And rightfully, we should be upset as a community if someone tries to say that all older GLBT persons who take an interest in those younger than them are chicken hawks.

Actually, I happen to think that relationships and sexual encounters between those of disparate ages are okay as long as these relationships are legal, safe, and consensual (ah, my mantra). I happen to know many young men and women who prefer older partners for sex and relationships. I also happen to know many older people who prefer younger partners for sex and relationships. I think that in many cases these can be healthy encounters.

However, the speaker was not talking about age disparities in relationships. He was not even talking about chicken hawks. Listen again: “If we want to mentor our young people, we cannot fuck them.” Notice that he is saying two things are not compatible: fucking and mentoring.

I totally agree. And I know exactly from where the speaker is coming. For I see all too often, older men and women who disguise their sexual or romantic interest in those who are younger by cloaking themselves in a mentoring role. And this is not endemic to the queer community. It happens in all communities.

I think what upsets some people who hear this comment is that they are called out. It is really a simple comment. Either fuck them or mentor them, but don’t pretend you can do both. If you have a romantic or sexual interest in those in their late teens or early twenties, then approach them honestly. But don’t take on a role as a mentor, or coach, or friend, or helping professional just to get in someone’s pants. That is what the speaker is saying. Be up front. Don’t trick our young people.

I’m fortunate and proud to be involved as one the chief mentors of many young men in our community because I oversee Adam and Steve, a group for gay and bi men ages 18-29. I oversee this group
in a mentorship capacity, teaching good leadership and community building skills. In being a mentor, I have one very hard and fast rule. I do not have sex with or date members of Adam and Steve. I even steer clear of parties where mostly Adam and Steve members are in attendance, because I don’t want to give the impression that I’m cruising the members.

Why do I do this (after all, I’m very sex positive, and as a man in his early thirties, I tend to seek out men ages 25-35 for sexual and romantic relationships)? I do it because I realize that I cannot mentor and advise these young men and still maintain any integrity in my role if I’m trying to fuck them. If I compromise my leadership and mentoring role with sexual or romantic intentions, then I’ve done much more harm than good.

And that is the point I believe the speaker was trying to make. If we want to create a healthy community, and if we want to have integrity as mentors and role models for the young people in our community, then we must act with integrity in our relationships. Truly we cannot mentor our young people and try to fuck them at the same time. Choose one or the other. But make a choice and be honest about it: for yourself, for the other person, and for our community. Truth in advertising. I think that’s a buzz phrase with which we can all live.

Editor’s note: While we normally avoid four-letter words in the NorthView, we made an exception here in an effort to preserve the integrity of Roosevelt Mosby’s speech from the Pride Conference.

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Happy Holidays To Me
by Frank H. Tano

Picture if you will, a man. Picture now, a man checking his post office box. Picture that man opening his box and drowning in a sea of holiday catalogs. I’m sure many of you have undergone the same situation at your own mailbox.

The holiday season is well upon us and while I’m still paying off the bills from last season, the siren songs of this year’s mail order batch calls to me with the promise of free shipping…in the contiguous United States. Well, so much for that. It’s enough to turn me off to the idea of shopping completely. I’m probably risking violating my “Gay” status when I say this, but I have a confession to make. I really don’t enjoy shopping that much.

For the most part, it’s the buyer’s remorse that occurs after I make a purchase that really kills the thrill of shopping for me. I get it real bad. I just hate parting with the money. That’s why I enjoy times of the year like birthdays and holidays because there are gifts involved. Other people become your personal shoppers and there is no buyer’s remorse involved at all. Of course, you take the risk of getting poorly chosen gifts, but that’s why gift lists are so important. So, for those of you thinking of me, here are a few things I wouldn’t mind finding a big bow tied around under my tree this year, things that I could never bring myself to buy.

Frank’s Christmas Wish List

- **Victoria’s Secret Holiday Musical Thong**: This has probably brought up quite a few questions in your mind. Let me address them. One, I don’t know why I get Victoria’s Secret in the mail. It just started showing up one day. Two, I don’t know why I flip through its many pages of teddies, garters, jewel encrusted bras, and “T” and “A.” Three, I don’t wear women’s thongs but the thought of one that played holiday music with the press of a button…well that’s just different.

- **Ben Affleck**: Who wouldn’t want him? Actually, I can think of a few people who wouldn’t, which is just great because that means more of him to go around.

- **Nicotine Patches**: Ben smokes and that just won’t do.

- **Leather Chest Harness**: Let’s just say that I’m growing as a person.

- **Snoopy Sno-Cone Machine**: It’s the Snoopy Sno-Cone Machine, DUH?!

As you can see, I’m expecting a very happy morning come December 25th. Ben tied naked to the Christmas tree, me in my musical thong and leather chest harness offering him eggnog through a straw. Later, we would sing holiday carols, my new thong providing the accompaniment, of course. Happy holidays to me.

Of course I imagine I will see none of these things come Christmas time. I’m sure my partner would see to most of that. I guess that would be all right. After all, all I really need for Christmas is the love of my family and friends…and apparently a good psychiatric evaluation. ✈
Being out and teaching at UAA
by Gale Smoke

When a merger took place in 1987 and we had a new, enlarged UAA, most people thought the seven-member Sociology Department had one gay member—Ed Knisely. Ed had been out for years, and was one of only a handful of openly gay staff members at the university.

However, there were actually two gay members in the department, for I was still in the closet. And this was still the case when I took advantage of the retirement incentive program in 1990 and began receiving a pension at the young age of forty-three.

In the decade that followed, I engaged in part-time work and a lot of volunteer work, devoting a good share of my time to the Four A’s. And, yes, I finally exited from the closet in 1994—all at once and all the way. It was the beginning of my second, ‘real’ life. And I tried not to look back, but I did have one regret—that I hadn’t been an ‘out’ faculty member, like Ed was, when I was on the full-time faculty. But I consoled myself that I’d had a wonderful teaching career in all other respects and I’d now moved on.

Then, in November of 2000, the Chair of the Sociology Department at UAA contacted me with a request that I return to UAA as an adjunct faculty member. I was hesitant until I heard what class he wanted me to teach: Sociology 387 Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles. I jumped at the chance, and in January of 2001, I walked in front of a class of fourteen students and came out to them during the first twenty minutes. I was finally an ‘out’ faculty member and it felt great. And the students—the majority of whom were gay—appreciated it too.

It was a unique experience, with the majority of students being gay, the faculty member being gay, and the topic of every class session being gay issues. Although it wasn’t deliberate, and I don’t want any student to feel uncomfortable in a class, I do think that for once some of the straight members of the class occasionally felt a little intimidated when all of the gay folks were bantering, with a lot of inside jokes and gossip news, and doing so freely. It finally felt like it was truly ‘our’ class.

One of the difficulties of teaching the class, though, was that I had little time to prepare and I did a lot of things at the last minute—something that is foreign to my normal operation as a teacher. The problem was that the class hadn’t even been in the schedule and was a last-minute addition. That’s one reason the enrollment wasn’t that large. One thing I did do was get a commitment from the department that in the future Sociology 387 would be offered on a regular basis, every two years. And it’s now scheduled for every other Spring Semester, on the (fittingly) odd years.

So in January of 2003, Sociology 387 is offered again, on Monday nights from 5:30 to 8:15 pm. Despite an earlier flyer, the first day of class is Jan. 13. And I’m teaching it!

My only real quarrel is with the title of the class: “Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles.” I despise the word “lifestyle,” mainly because it has been used against gay people, reducing us to a “lifestyle” as if the idea that we have an identity is impossible. The words gay and lesbian are a problem, too, because they are limiting. And the course content guide calls for the topics of bisexuality and transgendered to be included—and they will be! The course really should be renamed “The Sociology of Sexual Minorities.”

At least, I finally do have sufficient time to prepare for the class. I think I’ve ordered some good books to help us along the way, and I will show a lot of excellent documentaries (potentially, fifteen) about various aspects of gay life. I also intend to make liberal use of guest speakers. Yes, I’m a sociologist and a gay man, but I regard my role in this class as largely a facilitator, and I can’t wait to get to it.

So think about enrolling for Sociology 387. It will truly be an “interest” class, and I don’t care if you take it for credit or audit it. I just want you there and participating.

Sociology 387 - Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles is a three-credit class offered in the Spring Semester on Monday nights from 5:30 to 8:15 pm. It will be held in CAS 254 beginning Jan. 13 and will run through the end of April. The instructor, Gale Smoke, will waive prerequisites. You may contact Gale at 333-6813 or glsmoke@alaska.net.
a VIEW of the nation...

Compiled by Jim Mohr

HRC TROUBLED BY DRAMATIC RISE IN HATE CRIMES FOLLOWING SEPT. 11
FBI Crime Report Says Hate Crimes Based On Sexual Orientation Up

WASHINGTON – The FBI released its annual publication, “Crime in the United States 2001” this week. While the overall number of crimes reported to the FBI in 2001 increased slightly, 2.1 percent, reported hate crimes increased dramatically from 8,063 in 2000, to 9,726 in 2001, a 20.6 percent increase. The report suggests a backlash against minorities following the September 11 terrorist attacks, says HRC.

In 2001, 1,663 more hate crime incidents were reported than in 2000. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation were the fourth highest category, behind hate incidents based on race, ethnic/national origin, and religion. Sexual orientation represented 14.3 percent of the bias crimes.

The report shows a rise in hate crimes based on sexual orientation. Reported hate incidents based on sexual orientation have increased from 1,299 incidents in 2000 to 1,392 in 2001, a 7.2 percent increase.

“The numbers are even more troubling when you consider that it is widely known that hate crimes based on sexual orientation are under-reported,” said Stachelberg. “While we are making enormous progress on many fronts, violence still remains a constant threat that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans face.”

The hate crimes section of the FBI report can be found at: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_01/01crime2.pdf.

Gay Candidates Fare Well in Vote
by DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

The three openly gay members of Congress, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), won re-election by landslide margins. Providence, R.I., became the largest city with an openly gay mayor. David Cicilline won 84 percent of the vote to become mayor.

Gay-rights activists were particularly heartened by the success of an anti-discrimination amendment in Sarasota, Fla., extending protections to gays and lesbians. It was backed by 73 percent of the voters.

In two other communities—Westbrook, Maine, and Ypsilanti, Mich.—voters rejected proposals to strip gay-rights provisions from local anti-discrimination ordinances. Seth Kilbourn, national field director for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C., hoped the results would deter foes of gay rights from pushing ballot measures in the future.

Along with these victories, there were many more openly gay and lesbian people elected to local offices. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund web site http://www.victoryfund.org has more information.

True Spirit Conference

The American Boyz is pleased to announce that the 7th annual True Spirit Conference will be held Feb. 14-17, 2003, at The Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. This four-day event will focus on the political, health, spiritual, legal, and relationship issues affecting individuals on the female-to-male spectrum.

The goal is to provide a conference from which every attendee will be able to find substantive information on the health, social, relationship, spiritual, legal and identity issues faced by the FTM community. This year’s theme, “Masculinity: The Magical Mystery Tour,” stresses the conference’s focus on the trans
experience in its entirety, from multiple identities, to early, long-term, and non-transition issues, and negotiating current and new relationships.

For more information, visit www.true.spirit.org.

**Vietnam Rounds Up Gays for ‘Reprogramming’**
*by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff*

(Hong Kong) Vietnam is routinely rounding up gays and sending them for ‘reprogramming’ at psychiatric centers. Officially called ‘education centers,’ the facilities are used for people deemed a threat to the government and were used to indoctrinate thousands of South Vietnamese after the Vietnam War.

The most recent raid was on a gay sauna where 30 men were arrested for having sex.

A Ho Chi Minh City police officer said: “Even though there were no prostitution activities in the location, such mass homosexual conduct breaches administration regulations and is harmful to social order.”

Although not officially outlawed, authorities in the communist-rulled country consider homosexuality a social evil.

**Spanish Civil Guard To Let Gay Partners Live Together In Barracks**
*by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff*

(Madrid) Spain’s national police force has announced it will allow the partners of gay and lesbian officers to live with them in their barracks.

The decision by the quasi-military force was the result of a highly publicized campaign by a Majorca-based officer to live with his partner.

The guard was founded by fascist dictator Francisco Franco and regularly rounded up gays in clubs throughout Spain. Franco also used it enforce strict morals and to crush his enemies. With the return to a constitutional monarchy in Spain, the guard now deals with terrorists, smuggling, and national crimes.

A Civil Guard spokesman said the new rules would allow all couples who have been living together for two years—regardless of sexual orientation—to live together in official quarters.

The Civil Guard’s move contrasts sharply with the code at Spain’s armed forces. Last summer an army officer was sentenced to two months in prison for referring to his long-term male partner as his wife when applying for married military accommodation.

Despite the relaxing of the rules for the Civil Guards, a barracks may not be the safest place to live. The Basque separatist group ETA has attacked two barracks this year and considers them targets.
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Please send new and updated listings to:

northview@identityinc.org

Adam and Steve
Social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men. Weekly activities and fun community events, many taking place at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Also offers the monthly M-group, a fun workshop on sex and dating. Run by a Core Group (meets every first and third Tuesday at the GLCCA at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. Call the infoline at 907-263-2081 or visit the website at: www.adamandsteve.org.

Alaska 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, 907-263-2050. Statewide: 1-800-478-AIDS.

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

Alaska Women's Resource Center
AWRC provides a variety of integrated services to meet the needs of women and children in our community. Our programs include: Information & Referral, Assessment, Vocational, Children’s, Family Support (Parent Education & Pregnancy Related Counseling), Substance Abuse Treatment (Outpatient & Residential), and Domestic Violence Counseling. We also have a strong Volunteer Program with a variety of opportunities. If we can help

Alaska Women’s Resource Center, cont’d.
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
First Friday of every month. Fairbanks 907-479-8680.

Aquarian Foundation
Services Wednesday 8pm and Sunday 11am, 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-349-9955

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.

Breast and Cervical Health Check
A cancer screening service offered by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Funding for this program is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Free breast and cervical cancer screening is
Breast and Cervical Health Check, cont’d.
available to women ages 18 - 64, who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover these services. Anchorage 269-8069, statewide toll-free number is 1-800-410-6266.

Celebration of Change
A performance of women artists for women. If you would like to perform or volunteer, please call 566-3783 or celebrationofchange@email.com for more information.

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 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. 907-360-0340 or 907-830-4497.

Frontrunners/Walkers
Meets May thru Oct. at Westchester Lagoon. All levels of runners/walkers/bladers and dogs welcome! Tues. at 6:30 PM and Sat. at 10 AM. Call Peter: 907-337-3682.
Email: anchoragefrontrunners@hotmail.com
Web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/anchorage.

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA)
The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space for GLBTAs to meet, hang out, hold and/or attend a meeting or group, or use the resource library or computers. Located at 2110 East Northern Lights Blvd., Suite A (between the Burger Cache & Don Jose’s). The GLCCA is staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. Current hours of operation are Mon thru Fri - 3 PM to 9 PM, Sat - 12 PM to 9 PM, Sun - 12 PM to 6 PM. You can reach the GLCCA at 907-929-GLBT.
E-mail: glccanch@yahoo.com.

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 907-258-4777 or toll free (in Alaska, outside Anchorage) 1-888-901-9876.

GLSEN
(Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)
Anchorage: Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. For meeting times or more information call Fred, 907-562-7161 or fhillman@alaska.net.
Fairbanks: for more information contact Lisa Slayton or Jeff Walters c/o GLSEN Fairbanks P.O. Box 85315 Fairbanks, AK 99708 907-457-2787.

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 NorthView, PrideFest, Living Out Loud and other events. For more information about these events contact the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Suite 103, 929-GLBT. You can also call the Helpline at 258-4777, or visit the Identity web page at www.identityinc.org.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)
The ICOAA is a non-profit organization formed in 1972. They do extensive fund-raising for several diverse groups in and around Alaska. The ICOAA sponsors the Eklutna picnic Memorial Day weekend, the Fur Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, Pride on the Parkstrip, Coronation Labor Day weekend and numerous other events.
Contact Information: PO Box 104032 Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. 907-622-2218.
http://www.icoaa.org

IMR2
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 and do lots of laughing. There aren’t many ways for people this age to meet each other, so join us and tell your friends
IMRU2, cont’d.
about us. Call 566-IMRU if you have questions, and one of us will call you back.

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.

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 locations of community events:
www.tlfmc.com/calendar.htm. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK. 99502-2054. 907-338-3862.
E-mail: info@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.

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC)
MCC is a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL people are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. 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.

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)
Travel 50
Two groups for women over 50.
rosegayno@hotmail.com or 907-868-2662.

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

Out North Contemporary Art House

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 transgender 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.
clubs, groups, organizations

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@adnmail.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
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. 907-463-5665, 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: 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 Music Fest

Women's Ultimate Frisbee
Gathers Sunday mornings 10:30 AM on the west end of the parkstrip. Interested frisbeeheads 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 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 michaelh2001@aol.com.

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.
E-mail lists

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

http://www.identityinc.org

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, Inc. sponsors a statewide Helpline, the NorthView, PrideFest, Living Out Loud, as well as the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 103 (929-GLBT).

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Alaska GLBT News

Alaska GLBT News is an e-mail broadcasting system providing information about GLBT activities throughout Alaska.

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For more information about receiving notices and/or sending your message, please contact:
AlaskaGLBTNews@yahoo.com
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) IMRU: every other Wednesday. 5:30 - 7 PM 845 K Street, for more info leave message: 907-566-IMRU

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, January through April. More info: 907-338-2843
(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.

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
(A) Transgender Social/Support Group, 4-5 p.m., at the GLCCA, 929-4528.
(F) PFLAG, third Sunday, 4-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4448 Pike’s Landing Road
(A) Parents Support Group (Metropolitan Community Church), second Sunday, 2 - 4 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke, (907) 727-0808
(A) Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information
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