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from the top

A very special birthday bash!

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage just celebrated its first birthday. It was a very cool birthday party and many of you were there to join in the celebration.

This month I invited NorthView writers share their thoughts about what the community center means to them. I think you’ll enjoy the responses.

To some of us, it’s a place where we run into some of our favorite people. To those who are new to our community, it’s a place to connect with other gay, lesbian, bi or trans people and our allies. And to others it’s a great place to hold meetings and plan events that strengthen the bonds between the many groups within our community.

The cool thing about the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage is that it means something different to each of us.

To me, it’s a place to meet with my fellow Identity board members and talk about ways to serve the members of our community. It’s also the place where I go to celebrate special days and events, such as Women’s Equality Day and Transgender Day of Remembrance. It’s the place where my partner and I go to meet and socialize with other transgendered people and our allies. And sometimes it’s simply the place where I go pick up mailing labels when it’s time to mail you the NorthView each month.

Whatever the community center means to you, I encourage you to do your part to keep this small, vital part of our community alive and well. Sign up to adopt the community center for a day. For the price of a modest dinner out for two, you can adopt the center for one full day of operation.

On your next birthday, give your community the gift of adopting the center for that day. It will help ensure that the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage has many more birthdays in the future!

Warmly,
Teresa McPherson
Editor

Lesbian Happenings
by Diana Wolfe

A spinning, sparkling disco light swung over the dance floor at Rev. Guy’s church and women enjoyed a wonderful evening, Dyke Disco II, with Laura Goss and Teresa McPherson, put on a show worth repeating again and again. Laura had a special guest all the way from Arizona, who might be from Alaska in April, so the story goes!

Much to our surprise, we had three men show up to kick up their heels with us. Jim Mohr and Frank Tano joined Danny Templeton as ‘honorary dykes’ for the evening. You should have seen Jim in action!

We enjoyed dancing to the tunes of the disco greats like Diana Ross, one of the gay world’s favorite singers. There was a good combination of women there, singles and couples. The singles would love some more to join them, of course.

What better way to meet someone than at a fun dance?

The proceeds for the evening went to the GLCCA. We raised enough money to adopt four days in 2003, including Women’s Equality Day (Aug. 26). On the last Women’s Equality Day, Phyllis Rhodes put together a wonderful event at the GLCCA to honor the strides we have made and what still needs to be done. Hopefully, that will become an annual event.

This past month’s Dining with Dykes took place Jan. 24 at Romano’s Restaurant. Although a wonderful place to eat, the management did not accommodate our large group and we ended up eating at separate tables. The food was delectable and at our table of five we had invigorating conversation as we discussed Roe v. Wade and the implications of the current political situation. We also told “coming out” stories. Wendy and I had never had a chance to talk at any length with our tablemates before so we really enjoyed the conversation.

Wendy and I will sponsor the next Dyke Tea March 1st, and again on April 5th. Please join us.

I started a Women’s Writing Group in January. Our next meeting is March 17th. It is a workshop format and we will gently critique each other’s work. I will try to have something inspirational or craft-savvy to help each of us improve our writing no matter what direction we want our writing to go. Call me at 388-5909 or email me at dwolfteinalaska@msn.com if you are interested.

We didn’t have a potluck in January, but will be back on track in March.

For more information about what is happening in the Anchorage Lesbian world, join the grrlzlist@hotmail.com. If you know of an event that involves Anchorage Lesbians and you want it highlighted here, let me know about it.
Identity Presents:

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I Remember...
A year in the life of the GLCCA

by Chuck Hart

I remember visiting a bare room that became the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage before the lease was signed. The sweeping curve looked quirky, but it looked like a start. I wondered if this landlord would have second thoughts about renting to us as others had in the prior few months.

I remember Identity’s first board meeting in the GLCCA. We had two chairs and most of us sat happily on the floor. The lease was signed. It was our floor. Members of Identity had provided the community at large a home.

I remember opening day and everyone’s pride and happiness. There were hugs, huge smiles, and happy tears. The ICOAA, GLSEN, PFLAG, TLFMC, 4A’s and other groups came. There were brief speeches, live music, food, and punch.

I remember my first volunteer shift. The GLCCA had three phone calls and two visitors. I organized some gay literature, and marveled at all the donations time, books, furniture, and money from members of our community to get our GLCCA open and to keep it running.

I remember quitting as a volunteer when my bipolar disorder caused severe depression. I was suicidal and was hospitalized. I was less depressed after the hospital stay, but I couldn’t schedule time to volunteer. With mental illness, you must recognize your limitations before you can overcome them.

I remember feeling welcome when I would visit the GLCCA after I quit my volunteer shift. Nobody made me feel bad for quitting. Visiting the center lifted my spirits.

I remember voting to add the conference room to the GLCCA for various groups in our community to use. The members of Identity were providing one more service.

I remember our first birthday party and all the people who came to celebrate. We had live music, a few short speeches, cake, punch, and lots of conversations. Friends who had lost contact over the years reconnected. Books and videos were checked out of the GLCCA library. Twenty-nine days were adopted, three new members joined Identity, and there were other cash donations as well.

I remember all this, and I know more good memories are coming. ▼

Chuck Hart has three children. He majors in English at UAA, and works at Borders Books. Alaska has been his home for 40 years. He has bipolar disorder and blue eyes.

Read All About It! Here’s where you can find the northVIEW.

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Top Left: Laura Goss, co-founder of the GLCCA, encourages all to get involved: "Find an area of our community that is important for you and give of your time. Facilitate a group, plan an event, join a board, answer a phone, lead a workshop, start a conversation -- volunteer. Our community needs you."

Above: Victoria Shaver, community activist & former Identity co-chair.

Left: Nathan Rivas of 'Adam & Steve'
Musical Guests!

The BearTones

Kippy Lanz

Rev. Guy Johnson

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A Lost Art
A monthly correspondence with men who help shape my life

by Brian A. Ridder

Dear Rodney,

The next time I hear a gay man describe himself as masculine, or straight-acting, I swear to God I'm gonna rip their eyes out! I'mgonna puke. Like they never rolled their eyes before! Who the hell do these guys think they are, the Marlboro Man? Don't they know that the Marlboro Man is more than likely a male model from Santa Monica, who cruises public toilets for sex, and has a bedroom full of teddy bears? The first line in the queer manifesto, it seems, reads, "I am my image." A document published, no doubt, by Sissyphobic, Incorporated.

You might think I'm being hypocritical, Rodney, after what I did to you. I'm not writing you to apologize, I've already done that. I'm writing you to give thanks. You see, I might have become one of these macho wannabes if it weren't for you.

I was just coming out and you had just launched your Madonna routine. We met at work, and I remember how surprised you were that my tongue was as sharp as yours, and just as wicked. I wasn't afraid of the bleached hair or the oversized shoulder pads, either. I became a favorite of yours, and I knew you were my ticket into gay life. Eventually, I came to see you perform and you were, as they say, fabulous. You introduced me to your free-spirited, eccentric circle of friends. I liked that you were a celebrity of sorts, and I willingly followed as you led by the hand.

What I'm ranting about is nothing new to you, I know. It's just that I thought that gay liberation meant an end to the stereotypical man, but the myth of masculinity has reared its ugly, square-jawed head again. Except that this time, the myth has been resurrected by our own kind. And in true queer fashion, we think that masculinity is just another accessory. We're trying so hard to lock the past, Rooney, it makes me laugh. I mean, giggle with my hand over my mouth. All those muscled hunks who couldn't catch a flyball unless it landed in a teammate's jockstrap. Male nurses dressed like outlaw bikers. Tattooed punks with designer bed sheets. Oh, please.

I ditched you at the bar to go with the photographer in the flight suit. The next day I tried to deny it, but you had seen us in his studio loft. I gained a trick, and lost a friend. But he had the look, and that's all that mattered. I was drawn to your strength and force of character, but I was seduced by an image and a pair of army boots.

This is probably why the commercial world loves us gay boys. We're complete suckers for advertising. We think that the image of a thing is the thing itself, as if all it takes is to be a cowboy is a pack of Marlboro Reds. It's just a preference, they say. I love queens, I just don't want to date one. Far enough, but why the "No-Girlie-Man" campaign button? Masculinity isn't a tangible thing, you know, you can't buy it online. And real men don't have to advertise the fact, they just are.

Normal, regular gay guy looking for same. Girl! Going to the gym, wearing Abercrombie and Fitch, driving a Jeep, and owning a Rottweiler doesn't make you a normal, regular gay guy. It makes you advertising, a full-page for the myth of masculinity. But it is safe, and that makes you a coward. Waking up as a man, putting your face on, and walking out the door as a woman? Now, that takes courage.

It is the sissy in all of us that makes us queer. I mean, you can't keep a stiff upper lip and give head at the same time, it's just not possible. It's men like you, Rooney, the ones that can write their own press that are, quite literally, the keepers of the flame. I feel sorry for the ones who need a book of instructions.

The so-called effeminate man is said to act more like a woman than a man, but let's face it, honey, when was the last time you saw a woman act like that? Never, that's when. The sissy is a purely male phenomenon. That's right, ladies, Miss Thing with the limp wrist and eyeliner is all man. And the butch number in Calvin Kleins, holding a Corona and shopping for a husband? Now, he's a rag.

Respectfully yours,
Brian

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Rambling Recap
by Frank Tano

It’s been a few months since I decided to regularly contribute to the NorthView. In that time, I’ve penned four columns on varying subject matters ranging from my love of cheesecake and Ben Affleck to how much I hate exercise. I thought my fifth column should be one of reflection. Sort of a “story update.” What’s brought this all about? Well, in truth, I didn’t know what to write this month.

My first article back in November detailed all the men (and a few women) who found me to be the cat’s meow. Since then, I’ve caused a few more folks to purr. I even got one to hack up a hairball. No, seriously, he did. It was pretty gross. It was the size of a golf ball. Then it got up and walked away. Amazing, but gross.

Christmas has come and gone and so has my December article. I’m sure some of you are wondering just what did I get for the holidays. I know you’re just dying to know. At least that is how my deluded mind has interpreted the hate mail I’ve received since writing for the NorthView. It’s funny how “Please stop writing, you humorless hack.” and “Where do you live? I’ve got a gun.” can be read as “Tell me more! MORE! I love you!!”

I never got that leather chest harness for Christmas. No Snoopy Sno-Cone machine either. Don’t even get me started on Ben Affleck’s absence from my Yuletide holiday. Apparently Stud Boy was too busy running around earning himself People Magazine’s “Sexiest Man of the Year” award. Oh yes, I’m completely behind him, err that decision.

Saint Nick has provided me with a consolation prize, however. As I write this, I am days away from the premier of the movie “Dare Devil.” starring the cutie himself…dressed head to toe in leather. There’s a DVD I am certainly going to buy after the film sucks at the box office. Goddess bless DVD and its zoom feature with crystal clear pause. I’ve said too much. I guess at this point, I should point out that I have a boyfriend. I love him very much. Blah, blah, blah, I love him. Now that crap is out of the way, somebody logon to Fandango and get me some $5@$ tickets.

January had me explaining the virtues of Cheesecake, caramel apple cheesecake to be precise. There was also mention of an attempt to exercise in order to keep in shape. Partly so I could continue to get men to cough up hairballs on cue, but mostly in the off chance that I meet Ben Affleck, SEXIEST MAN OF THE YEAR, I’d like to convince him that I’ve got the path he needs to follow. Eew, that’s dirty.

Naturally, the only exercise I’ve gotten since then was when I got lost in the local Best Buy and couldn’t find the exit. Imagine my pain trying to navigate thousands of square feet, arms loaded with Affleck-starring DVDs. Oh, the tragedy. Thank goodness there’s a Baskin Robbins in that mall. They’ve got cheesecake chunk ice cream.

Masturbation. That’s what I wrote about in February. I said it then and I will say it again, there is nothing wrong with it. Of course, if for example your DVD player manages to burn a hole through, say a copy of the movie Armageddon (a movie with you know who in his underwear for a few featured scenes), well some people would say that it’s a sign of a problem. Nonsense, I say! You’re just expressing your sexual nature. Just go on out to Best Buy and get another copy. As a matter of fact, stock up on DVDs, not that I would have done this, of course. I have no idea what it would be like to experience such a hypothetical situation. I’ve said too much again.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I’ve got some show times to download into my PalmPilot.▼

Frank likes to write. Frank also likes Ben Affleck. If you missed that, then I suggest you brush up on your reading comprehension skills. If you’d like to learn more about Ben or how you can thwart nuclear disaster, visit your local library or drop me a line at tofrankfeedback@yahoo.com.
I didn’t notice the newcomer, BrianSF, entering the chat room where I was shooting the breeze with a couple of friends until he sent me a private message. “Hello there, what’s up?” he asked. “Oh my!” I thought, “I wonder who this is?” I hadn’t seen the nickname before and there was no description for this person. Just BrianSF.

The guy seemed nice enough and didn’t immediately ask if I wanted to get together or how big I was “down there” so I figured what the heck, I might as well chat with him for awhile. I guess my online profile, “private message ok, likes smooth guys, especially asian,” caught his eye. It turned out that he was a Chinese guy living and going to school in San Francisco. I lived about thirty miles away from the city and never dreamed I would meet BrianSF.

BrianSF was quite an interesting person to chat with. He had traveled quite a bit, enjoyed hiking, photography, and science, and was well versed on current events. We talked for quite a while that first evening online and even ended up talking on the phone for a while. “Getting frisky” never came up at all. How refreshing! I had been single for about seven months and wasn’t having much luck on the dating scene. I was sinking into that “oh gosh I’m over 40 and no one will ever like me again” mindset and it was really a nice feeling to get to know someone a little bit.

We didn’t really chat online much after that first time, but we emailed frequently (sometimes three for four times a day) and talked on the phone almost daily. After a few days we agreed to meet in person and go hiking at Point Reyes the following Saturday morning.

Oh, did I mention I had absolutely no idea what BrianSF looked like. He didn’t have a photo he could email and had given me just a basic description. Do you have any idea how many 5’9”, 135-pound Chinese guys there are in San Francisco? As I drove to San Francisco at 6 am that Saturday morning I kept thinking… “oh please let him be nice looking”… “please let him be nice looking”… “ok… ok… just let him not be butt ugly.”

My stomach was filled with butterflies as I arrived at his building and dialed his apartment from the intercom outside. “Hi there, come on up” he said as he buzzed the door open. The butterflies became much more active in my stomach as the elevator door opened on the second floor. I walked down the hall toward his apartment and the door stood open.

I walked through the door and finally saw BrianSF for the first time. Inwardly, I was all smiles – he was a nice-looking guy. On the outside, I think I was nervous as hell. “It’s nice to meet you, let’s go” he said as he picked up a backpack and a few other items.

The drive to Point Reyes went quickly and the eight-mile hike was wonderful. We saw the ocean, hundreds of elk, an abandoned bathtub in the middle of a field, wild iris and other flowers, and had a great time. We stopped and had a nice dinner in Sausalito on the way back to the city, and grabbed coffee and tea a couple of blocks from the apartment building. The butterflies started up again in full force when Brian (yeah, he had given me his real name right off the bat) asked me if I’d like to come upstairs to drink my coffee before driving back to my apartment.

Despite all the negative talk about “Internet dating,” I can assure you it does work sometimes. We’ve been a happy couple for almost four years now. The key for us was that we actually chatted in the chat room and got to know each other. We took our time and got comfortable with each other before we met, and then took it slow and easy.

I know this sounds like a fairy tale, and sometimes I still wake up in the morning and think I should pinch myself to be sure it’s real… And we all lived happily ever after. ♥

After planning their move for two years, Tim Pearson and his partner Brian arrived in Anchorage last June. They still wake up every day thinking “wow… this is so cool… we live in Alaska.”
PLATO’S PLAYPEN

Coming out of the closet? Now stay out of the gutter!
Plato’s tips for the recently out and oriented sexually, as well as the experienced having memory lapses.

You dreamt of the day when your conscience would orient itself in the right direction. You broke your faulty moral compass with intent and vigor. Excitement now blends your lifelong desire with enlightened pride. Unfortunately, life has not prepared you for the intoxicating world you just stepped into. Here are Plato’s simple rules to ensure your sanity.

1. The less said, the less mended. Control the impulse to reveal your past sexual history. Coming to terms with sexuality frequently opens the vocal floodgates of your past problems. Everything you say will be used against you by the competition. Trust nobody to keep your secrets, especially in social settings. Whatever comes out of your mouth will be misunderstood and twisted, even if you happen to be a brilliant and capable speaker. Just ask any politician. Forbearance is a virtue. Use it.

2. Choose a mentor. Whether you are young, naive or of seasoned intellect, role models are important. Interview good people for this task, and test them. Coming out yields no room to be shy. Let people know when they have failed to live up to your expectations. You will gain respect and they will appreciate your honesty and brutal feedback. Then move onward and search for a new candidate for examination.

3. Stay passionate about life. Nothing is more inspiring or unnerving as a person who enjoys life and does not whine. Celebrate your new life and instincts with pride. Select birthdays of famous homosexuals or historical GLBTQ events as if it were a national or religious holiday. Stay out late, mix and mingle with heterosexuals. Have fun. Don’t hibernate in a den of like-minded people or the local GLBTQ-oriented ghetto. Others will notice your joie de vivre, panache and be impressed.

4. Love wisely, if not well. You will be romantically entangled frequently. By romantic, I mean physical, and by physical I mean sleazy and tawdry. Your new and improved sexual appetite will make you want to keep track of your exploits in written form. Never keep a journal of your sexual experiences or list identities. It will inevitably slip into the wrong hands. When the journal is aimed, thrown and strikes your head, you will learn the meaning of vertigo.

5. Know the limits of friendship. It is perfectly acceptable to keep your ex-lovers as friends and confidants. This seems to be a natural progression of maturity. However, it is absolutely wrong to covet or take possession of your friend’s lovers or clothing. Whether permission granted or not, a disaster of titanic proportion sinks the miserable devils who stoop so low. Resist the temptation to ignite sexual passion with roommates or co-workers. Under no circumstances lend money or clothing to friends. Swiftly, these folks, your money and the clothes will disappear from your life. The lessons of reality are guaranteed to be as painful as sitting on porcupine.

6. Get a life, not a guardian. The good life is never about money. Money will neither make you happy nor buy you happiness. Say “no” to being taken care of financially, to being a ward of someone else’s whims, or worse, being stuck in the criminal justice system. Find a nice job you can live with, retreat and hide there when life gets tough and unbearable.

7. Have an exit strategy. Here is the most important thing to know about life: it ends. It is too short. Never settle for a job you hate or a relationship from hell based on mutually assured destruction. Know when to quit: it is when you have had enough of a good thing that no longer satisfies you. These may be people, friendships, bad habits, even places. Sometimes, the best of life is leaving the past behind. There is no shame to being single, saying goodbye to friendships you have outgrown or having peace of mind.

8. Set your own moral compass. Be the person you want to be or most admire. It does not matter what your friends or family think or say you should be doing with your life. Stop chasing people or dreams that are not worth the prize or payoff. You cannot persuade anyone to like or love you. Believe nothing you hear or read, unless it agrees with your own reason, your own common sense and experience. Set sail and enjoy the journey with a clear conscience, which is paramount in life. 

Plato writes on a wide array of subject matter while knowing nothing about them.

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Coal Harbour welcomes GLBT patrons

by Ron Swartz

The new year started with a life-changing event for me. I paid a surgeon to use a laser beam to burn my eyes into a shape that would allow me to see without glasses! For the first time since the third grade, I can now see 20/20 as soon as I wake up in the morning, without reaching for my glasses first.

Following a friend’s recommendation, I chose the Coal Harbour Eye Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. Canadian surgeons can typically charge a fee one-third the cost of the same surgery in Anchorage, with absolutely no compromise in quality or service. We’d never been to Vancouver, so we decided to fly down and make the adventure a short vacation too. Using their toll-free number, I got the information I needed from a friendly receptionist. I learned that Dr. Kirzner had his own vision corrected with laser surgery. To date he has performed the procedure over 18,000 times.

Potential patients are encouraged to have an eye exam locally, to measure their “refraction when dilated” and for a measurement of the cornea thickness. The best candidates for laser surgery have had stable visual acuity for at least a year, and are younger than 65. Similar exams will be done again by Kirzner at the clinic just before the surgery. We set up a Saturday procedure date, and were given information about quality hotels within walking distance of the clinic. We stayed in one of the tallest buildings in Vancouver, with awesome panoramic views from our balcony, for about $65 US.

Chris and I flew down the day before and checked out a couple of the gay clubs in the Davie Street area in the evening (bring TWO forms of ID, according to a new city ordinance). The next morning we walked into the eye clinic on the 27th floor of a downtown medical building. My partner and I were greeted warmly, and he was allowed to be at my side for everything but the surgery itself. Staff smiled with genuine acceptance as he and I kissed before I walked into pre-op.

On the operating table, forceps were used to clamp my eyelids open. Suction devices were lowered onto my eyes and created an uncomfortable pressure as thin flaps were cut. My vision went blurry as the flap was lifted up, about 20 seconds of laser was used on each eye, and soon I was walked to a darkened recovery area. Done! With blurry sight and some discomfort, I was able to walk to a nearby Subway shop for lunch, and soon was seeing a city unaided by corrective lenses for the first time in over thirty years. The results are remarkable.

Anyone wanting more information about my experience getting LASIK surgery can contact me at YukonRon@alaska.net.

I couldn’t have asked for a better clinic for the procedure, and wish I had tossed away my glasses and contacts long ago!

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Identity receives Human Rights Award
by Dan Carter

During its “Equality Sunday” service on January 19, MCC-Anchorage presented their Human Rights Award to Identity, Inc. The annual award is presented to a group or individual who has worked to eliminate discrimination in Alaska, particularly bigotry based on sexual orientation.

This was the fifth year the award has been presented. Past recipients include PFLAG-Anchorage, Clergy Who Care, Out North Contemporary Art House, and the Alaska Civil Liberties Union/Mendel & Associates. Identity, Inc. was nominated for the award for their many activities in assisting other groups as well as their own work in the community, such as the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, the Gay & Lesbian Helpline, PrideFest, NorthView, Living Out Loud and much more.

Ms. M. Ashley Dickerson is a 90-year-old woman who has the distinction of being the first African-American attorney to practice law in Alaska when she passed the Alaska Bar Exam in 1958. Ms. Dickerson was the special guest speaker during the service, which was held as part of the celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday. She gave a moving account of what it was like to grow up in Alabama and her long-time life here in Alaska. Ms Dickerson also has the distinction of becoming the first practicing African-American female lawyer in Alabama in 1948 and in Indiana in 1952, as well as being the recipient of many local, state and national awards. She was a great example to our community of persistence and the “power of one” as she has fought her entire life for equality.

MCC-Anchorage is a Christian church, predominantly gay & lesbian, where ALL are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. Services are held at 2311 Pembroke Street in Immanuel Presbyterian Church each Sunday at 2 pm. MCC-Anchorage is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a group of more than 300 predominately gay/lesbian/bi/trans churches meeting in 22 countries around the world.

For more information about MCC-Anchorage or to view a map showing the location of the church, visit www.geocities.com/mccanchorage.

Back: MCC board members Rachel Runyan, Dave Chambers, and Dan Carter. Front: MCC board members Faith Fortuno and Ron Rivas. Identity board member Jim Mohr, local attorney M. Ashley Dickerson, and Identity board member Chuck Hart. (Faith Fortuno is also a board member of Identity.)
News from the GLCCA

Jennifer Serjeant has just provided us with a wonderful program for our library at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. GLCCA staff will use the database program to check out books, VHS tapes and DVDs and to track overdue items.

Volunteer Kippy Lanz has been calling on the “overdues” from our handwritten list during her shift on Tuesday evenings. The new database will make tracking overdues easier in the future.

While volunteer Lawrence Camp did a hand inventory of the video material during his shift on Sundays, volunteer Jay Oliver began the arduous task of entering the books, VHS tapes and DVDs into the database. Lawrence will now make category labels for us.

Although staff volunteer Steve Gingrich has begun stamping the books with our GLCCA property staff, your community center could use your volunteer help with several library projects. Jobs to be done include: data entry, stamping books, transferring our handwritten check-out system to the computer, labeling the books by category, and even alphabetizing the various sections by author/editor.

If you can give a little of your time to help with these tasks, call Phyllis at 346-2217 or at the community center Tuesday or Thursday between 3-6 p.m.

HELP WANTED. Seeking volunteers to assist callers and visitors at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. Volunteers will aid in further strengthening the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied communities.

If you enjoy meeting and talking to people, have good people skills and are knowledgeable about the GLBTA, or have a willingness to learn and a desire to assure the continued success of the GLCCA, please apply at 2110 East Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 103, Anchorage, AK.

These part-time volunteer positions are available in three-hour shifts, seven days a week, between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. Benefits package includes knowledge that you are helping support the GLBTA community and a successful Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

We are an equal opportunity opportunity!

Dyke Disco II!
Lesbians shake their groove thang at annual fundraiser

The second annual Dyke Disco was held Jan. 18 at the Anchorage Center for Spiritual Practices (Rev. Guy’s church). Forty lesbians and 3 “honorary” lesbians danced to some of the greatest disco hits of the 70’s and raised a whopping $169, enough to adopt the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage for FOUR days in 2003! Next time you stop by the community center, check out the adopt-a-day board. You’ll find that the generous supporters of Dyke Disco II adopted the center on the following days:

- Jan. 13, 2003 - the birthday of Celia Hunter, a pioneer and leader in Alaska’s environmental conservation community (Celia died Dec 10, 2001)
- Jan. 18, 2003 - the day of the disco
- Jan. 21, 2003 - the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade
- Aug. 26, 2003 - Women’s Equality Day

Laura Goss, Teresa McPherson and Deb DeProspero are grateful to all who supported this event. We hope to see you next year at Dyke Disco III!

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“One hundred monks, one hundred religions”  
by Tim A. E. Saunders

The “chosen people” attitude assumes many different forms throughout all religions, philosophies and belief systems. This attitude is a major deterrent to true spiritual growth.

We—all the people of our world—feel and think spiritual experience in our own individual ways. Spiritual enlightenment is just that: an enlightening, as our mortal load is literally lifted off our body and replaced with the feeling of love or unconditional acceptance. This type of spiritual experience transcends our physical mortality. When we experience this, we’re usually awestruck as we experience the nature of truth.

This epiphany is so incredibly transcendent and extremely precious to us that we can be easily mistaken when thinking that how we got there (via our own religion, philosophy or belief system, etc.) is the only way to access this experience of spiritual enlightenment. Hence, it’s easy to assume that a person of a different religion, philosophy or belief system is incorrect in their thinking and needs to be spiritually enlightened in a similar fashion to our own spiritual experience.

All people choose spiritual enlightenment in their own way. By thinking that another person is not spiritually enlightened because they do not subscribe to our religion, philosophy or belief system will only limit our own true spiritual growth. While this limitation of thoughts and feelings will not take away from the ground of spiritual consciousness that we have already gained, it will greatly deter further spiritual growth, such as all the great prophets have referred to throughout the ages.

The saying, “one hundred monks, one hundred religions,” means that all people access spiritual enlightenment in their own way. By unconditionally accepting everyone’s spiritual experience—however it is achieved and manifested—our own spiritual growth is vastly augmented.

It’s easy to feel we know better than other folks by understanding the shortcomings of various different religions, philosophies and/or belief systems, as compared to our own. The key here is to look deep into our own hearts and see if there is a feeling or decision that we’ve made about someone or some doctrine being somehow less worthy than our own personal doctrine. Thinking we know and someone else does not know or some doctrine cannot work is adopting the chosen people attitude. Specialized skill or knowledge is not spiritual experience, although it may facilitate it or limit it or both.

ALL of us have direct access to spiritual experience and spiritual enlightenment. Let’s be happy in knowing and feeling our own bliss. Let’s go no further in assessments except to know and feel that everyone has their own bliss. Aren’t we all striving for the same thing in our own individual ways? So why judge? “Judge ye not so ye be not judged.” Only we can judge ourselves, and we do so by the sum total of our own personal feelings.

Like a fine white-hot coal in a dark winter’s night campfire, the enlightened human spirit heats and illuminates all those who choose to come in contact with it. We do not care how this white-hot coal achieves its source of combustion. We simply relish the warmth, the light and the beauty.

Savor the goodness seen and felt without concerning ourselves with the appearance of the source of goodness. Think and feel all of life with our inner child’s eyes.\n
Scholarships available for student activists
(from the web)

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has applications available for student activists who are building the progressive movement and will be enrolled in school during the 2003-04 academic year. If you’re interested, or know someone who is, please share this announcement with them.

What is the Davis-Putter Fund? Since 1961, the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has provided grants to college level student activists involved in social and economic justice.

Who does the Fund support? Davis-Putter grantees are both graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in an accredited school for the time period covered by their grant. Although U.S. citizenship is not a consideration, applicants must live in the United States and plan to enroll an accredited program in the U.S. in order to qualify.

What kind of activities are grantees involved in? Early recipients fought for civil rights, against McCarthyism, and for peace in Vietnam. More recently, grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression.

How large are the scholarships the Fund provides? The maximum grant is $6,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant’s circumstances and the amount of funding available. All funds come from the contributions of individual donors and we generally make between 25 and 30 grants each year. Grants are for one year, although students may re-apply for subsequent years.

What are the deadlines for applying for a grant? Applications and the supporting documents—transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, a photograph and financial aid reports—must be postmarked by April 1, 2003. Decisions will be announced in July 2003.

How do I get an application packet? Send a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope to the address below. Requests for applications must be received by Friday, March 21, 2003, at the latest and should not be sent by carriers requiring a signature. These instructions are for the 2003-04 academic year only.

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
PO Box 7307
New York, NY 10116-7307
davisputter@hotmail.com

After Stonewall
by Diana Wolfe

On February 8th, I had one of those “Ah-ha” experiences. Two events brought this about. One was the Queer University workshop on “The ‘I’ in Activism.” The other was watching the movie, “After Stonewall,” with my partner, Wendy, which we checked out from the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).

Victoria Shaver was the workshop facilitator. She taught us about the kind of person who becomes a leader and that a leader can be “just” the person who helps carry down the boxes and supplies to the car after the workshop, or the volunteer at the GLCCA, or a Help Line volunteer, or a participant at one of our events. A leader is one who has a vision of what they would like to see accomplished in their world and community, and the passion to carry that vision to fruition in whatever way they can.

My participation in the GLBTA community began when I attended the Pride Conference in October of 2000. I remember being so excited about the possibilities of becoming involved and helping to build GLBTA community in Anchorage. I talked long and hard with Lisa Jamieson after the conference, then co-chair of Identity and of the Pride Conference, about potential ways of building community. I told her I wanted to be an activist. She told me to pick something and become involved. Out of those discussions came the idea for the Winter Workshop’s series, now called Queer University, which I volunteered to coordinate.

In 2001 I joined the Board of Directors of Identity. One of our top priorities was the establishment of a community center. An advisory board was formed, and Laura Goss took the co-chair with Jim Mohr. Meanwhile, Victoria had done a feasibility study for a community center and Lisa had written a grant to the Gill Foundation, which we received. It was enough to open our doors for a year.

To be a true community-wide center, the advisory board invited representatives of all the GLBTA organizations to become part of the process. When the GLCCA opened, and the advisory committee was no longer needed, the Board opened its membership to the representatives of the various organizations that had participated in the committee and we became more inclusive. There are still groups out there who are not involved; one of our goals for this next year is to invite more people to the table.

Since becoming involved with Identity, I have come to know the GLBTA of GLCCA, and have own in my understanding of the “L.” My gay male friends have allowed me to move out of a separatist point of reference. I have as a good friend a gay man who is HIV+ and that has expanded my understanding of the
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AIDS experience, as I missed out on being there during the eighties when the height of the AIDS epidemic began. I have made friends with bisexuals and see that they are one of the more discriminated against groups, even within our own community. Two other good friends have opened up to me the world of the transgendered and exploded my concepts of gender. I have become very involved, as well, with the women’s community and take part in many events.

When I came out I was 43 years old and it was the nineties. I had been married to a man and raised four children. I watched the film, “After Stonewall,” and saw a clear picture of gay history in action. It is a story of the progress of gay activism from the 1976 Stonewall riots in New York City until the millennium. I watched how wave after wave brought step after step of progress, until we are here today and able to have an open GLBTA community, one strong enough to have created the GLCCA. My thought was – I missed all the fun. Then I remembered that we still have a long way to go. I do not want to miss out on any of the action now, and that is why I have committed myself to continued involvement.

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of Anchorage

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(between Burger Cache and Don Jose’s)

glcca@identityinc.org

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 3pm - 9pm
Saturday Noon - 9pm
Sunday Noon - 6pm

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The northVIEW is YOUR community magazine! It is a forum for dialogue on any subject related to Alaska’s gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allied community.

It is also a forum for personal expression and welcomes original fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drawings, comics, art, and photographs from members of the GLBTA community.

Photos should be in JPEG format, at 300 dpi to provide the clearest reproduction in print.

Submissions can be sent digitally to:

northview@identityinc.org

or via mail to:

P.O. Box 200070
Anchorage, Alaska
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www.identityinc.org

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Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.
QUEER BOOKS
by Gale Smoke

As I have said to my students in Sociology 387 (Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles), a straight man has as much
distance to travel to understand me, a gay man, as I have
to travel to understand a transgendered person. And that
was the primary reason I selected How Sex Changed by
Joan Meyerowitz (Harvard University Press, 2002)
as one of my ‘texts’ in the course, especially since the
course content guide indicated that the social lives of
transgendered persons were to be included.

The subtitle of Meyerowitz’s book reveals what
it’s about: “A History of Transsexuality in the United
States.” And it’s worth studying for some of us folks
who are comfortable with our biological gender, if for
no other reason than to develop some empathy for our
transgendered brothers and sisters.

I mean, in all honesty, my level of knowledge
about this issue sucked big time! Aside from Christine
Jorgensen and Renee Richards and a few people
I know locally, I was pretty clueless and thought
transsexuality—changing someone’s sex through
surgery—was exceedingly rare. Far from it! That’s what
I learned from Meyerowitz’s book. Thousands of folks
have changed their gender and it has brought comfort,
fulfillment and peace of mind to many of them.

European doctors took the lead, with some
courageous American physicians finally catching up
in the 1960s and 1970s. The book discusses medical
‘heroes’ as well as those brave souls who were willing
to take the plunge and finally get their sex and gender
in synch.

Of course, transsexuality is only one aspect of
transgendered, which is
the generic term. Cross-
dressing, or drag, is also
part of it, and another
book, Normal by
Amy Bloom (Random
House, 2002), deals
with transsexuality and
cross-dressing, as well
as hermaphrodites.
And Bloom fills in
a lot of the blanks,
especially for someone
like me who is starved
for information.

The transsexuals


Identity Helpline
GLBT Information &
Referrals
907-258-4777
1-888-901-9876
Daily 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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Four A’s Corner
The New and Review

The Alaska AIDS Assistance Association is off to a great new year.

Evening with Friends 2003. Here’s your chance to sign up and help out the 4 A’s. Host a dinner/party/fantastic bash in your home, invite all your friends, tell them to bring their checkbooks, and let everyone know it’s a fundraiser for the 4 A’s. For more information, contact Di at 263-2046. It’s party time!

4 A’s program for HIV positives. March’s theme for our Last Tuesday group is Serodiscordant Relationships. This group is held for HIV-positive persons to discuss issues that affect their lives. The group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the United Way conference room. Nathan Rivas and Mary Elisabeth Ridder will facilitate the five workshops on Disclosure that use multimedia and an interactive format. The theme is “Stress and Triggers of Disclosure”. Our HIV-positive support group meets every second Thursday at 5:30 pm at our office, in addition to our monthly social activities. A calendar of activities and group meeting schedules are available at our office or the GLCCA. Contact Nathan Rivas or Tamara at 263-2056 for more information on the 4-A’s prevention with Positive Program.

Adam and Steve. Are you gay, bi, or curious guy between 18-29 years old? There is a group just for you! ‘Adam and Steve’ is a way for young men in the GLBT community to 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 with that context. We have regular monthly events. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is Core group and every 2nd Tuesday is Volunteer Night of each month. “Urge” is our Sexshop, held the last Thursday of the month. Every Wednesday night is Movie Night. The guys of A&S can come and watch some classic/contemporary gay cinema. All events held at the GLCCA at 7 pm, except Volunteer Night and Urge, which are held at the United Way Building/4-A’s.

For Sale: The 2003 Adam & Steve Calendars are for sale. They guys of A&S put together a sexy-safe 12-month calendar which features all local guys and members of Adam and Steve. What better way to start each month than a picture of A&S? To place an order call 263-2081.

Happy Birthday Adam and Steve!
We are pleased to announce that we have been in existence for one full year. Adam and Steve is celebrating our birthday with a community-wide all ages event. “Adam’s Angels!” What better way to celebrate our accomplishments over the last year then to be hosting a birthday bash with a turn-about show? We encourage all to attend and help us in celebrating one year and for our continued success.

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Love is temporary, status is forever. HIV infections are on the rise in Anchorage. Until next month...be safe!

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Help us keep this section current!

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 GLCCA. 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)
Provides 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/Neice Center/University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-1136 fbagla@uaf.edu, Web site http://www.uaf.edu/agla.

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)
A locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersexual people in all aspects of personal and public life. 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 and Fridays 7 PM to 8 PM at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
3201 Turnagain St. GLBT-friendly liberal religious church, where people of all beliefs are welcome. Information line: 907-248-0715.

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 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: anchorage@frontrunners@hotmail.com Web: www.frontrunners.org/stand/anchoraged.png

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You can reach the GLCCA at 907-929-GLBT. E-mail: glcca@identityinc.org.

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) 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. We meet For 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.

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Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)
The ICOAA sponsors the Ekhutna 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  http://www.icoaa.org

IMRU
The social group for GLBT youth meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the GLCCA. 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. Call 566-IMRU (4678) 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 all. Check our website for complete information and list of community events. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. E-mail: info@tlfmc.com. Web: www.tlfmc.com.
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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). For a map showing the location and a calendar of current events, check out our website at www.geocities.com/mcanchorage or contact us by phone at 258-5266 or email us at mccanchorage@yahoo.com.

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. rosebethlevno@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 343-3818 or opal@gei.net.

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

PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)
Holds its monthly meeting at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship A U U F, 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: sitkafplag@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 GLCA at 929-GLBT or email prideonthepark@yahoo.com.

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@achmail.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. 907-683-5651, 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
Happens the weekend of July 4th. Contact Gay Wolfenberger:
907-258-0312.

Women’s Ultimate Frisbee
Gathers Sunday mornings 10:30 AM on the west end of the
parkstrip. Interested frisbee-headers 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 907-689-7922.

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
and events 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

FairbanksPride
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/fairbankspride
A mailing list for information concerning Fairbanks &
Interior Alaska’s GLBT community.

AnchoragePride
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/anchoragepride
A mailing list for information concerning Anchorage &
Southcentral Alaska’s GLBT community.

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.

Grrrz List
A mailing list for the Women’s Community. Event
announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant
topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday.
GrrrzList@hotmail.com

National and Political GLBT News
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ongoing events

MONDAYS

(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, The GLCCA

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 - October, 6:30 pm 337-3683 or anchorageftronrunners@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, at the GLCCA
(A) IMRU2: every Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 PM, at the GLCCA, 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) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, The GLCCA
(A) Friday Night Divas Show at Mad Myrna’s, 9pm
(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 am, 337-3683 or anchorageftronrunners@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) Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information

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