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Last Dance

It was December 1967 the first time I had something published. I was in fifth grade and, for an English assignment, we had to write an original Christmas story. All I can remember about that story was that it was about Santa Claus and that it was chosen for the school newsletter at C.A. Weiss Elementary. I also remember being tickled pink about it. The next time I was published was about ten years later when I assisted someone with an article for a Christian magazine for which I received a co-author credit. What can I say, it was a long time ago.

After that, I tried writing some very bad poetry, a handful of mediocre songs and a couple of short story attempts. I felt like I had something inside that just could not come out properly. Looking back, I can see that it was because I could not be honest with myself for a very long time. When I finally acknowledged that I was transgendered and dealt with it, things started to coalesce better. After I had my gender-reassignment surgery, I tried my hand at writing poetry again, due in part to the encouragement of my friend Barbara. The first fifteen were only so-so until one night in Dallas in the summer of 1996. I was working at a travel assignment and reading a mystery book titled "The Daughters of Cain" when something suddenly clicked in my brain. I wrote a poem titled "Muted" in about five minutes and my life experienced another change.

I let another friend at the time read the poem because she had published several poetry anthologies and she encouraged me to submit it to some publications. After six rejection letters, a small poetry journal titled "Illya's Honey" published "Muted" and I was ecstatic. I wrote poetry for several years and had about a dozen poems printed. The economy of words that you often need in poetry helped me to focus my writing.

I then moved on to other things. I was offered a chance to write a Xena fan-fiction story for a UK web site and wrote the story in about four hours. In 2000, I heard about a new web site called Technodyke that was looking for writers. So I offered to write a three part series on lesbian internet fan-fiction. I ended up writing for Technodyke for four years doing book reviews, movie reviews, humor pieces, political commentary, and interviews with authors, musicians, and even one actor. I really enjoyed the fact that I got to interview the actor who played the transgendered lesbian character of Judy Squires in the movie "Better Than Chocolate" as well as all four original members of Fanny, the first all-woman rock-n-roll band to have a major record deal. Unfortunately, Technodyke sort of folded in 2004 and

I drifted into a malaise.

I have always liked to believe that things happen for a reason, even though we may not see it at the time. When the former editor of *NorthVIEW* was looking for a replacement last year, a friend recommended me, though I did not know she had done so beforehand. I said yes

and then tried to do the best I could, even though I had never been an editor. I liked the challenge. I even recruited a few new writers along the way. My writers and I have gotten many compliments during the past eighteen months. However, this publication will be changing after this issue. You can read about the proposed changes in this issue.

Whether I agree or disagree with the decision is not important. What is important is my heartfelt belief that this town and this community still needs a creative printed outlet for the wealth of talented GLBTA writers, poets, and visual artists that call Alaska home. Although I will be leaving *NorthVIEW* as editor after this issue, I hope to return soon in another forum. One thing most people do is evolve in some fashion as time goes by. Hopefully, my fellow writers and I will be back in a few months with a new publication that will continue to explore gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered life in the last frontier. And when we do, remember the words of one of my favorite actresses, Mae West: "Too much of a good thing can be wonderful." Ta Ta For Now and I'll see you soon.

Though Nicole Blizzard has exited stage left, for the time being anyway, she hopes that you will stay tuned and stay in touch. She can continue to be reached at her email address of nicole-b92@msn.com.



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***NORTHVIEW* gets fresh new look in 2007!**

Around the first of the New Year, Identity members and sponsors will receive the new *NORTHVIEW* in their mailboxes. Others can pick up the newsletter at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, Mad Myrna's, the Raven, and the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association. Feel free to offer feedback about the newsletter's fresh new look and its content.

Identity's monthly newsmagazine has served the Alaska LGBT community for over two decades in various formats and under various names. Printing and postage costs continue to rise while ad revenue has dropped. Identity and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage compete with a number of worthy nonprofits in Alaska for the ongoing financial support to fund our six core programs and services.

We looked at the newsletters of other nonprofits of our size to understand how those organizations use newsletters to further their mission and goals. We also considered feedback we received from members of the community who want to know more about events and opportunities available within Alaska's diverse LGBT community.

After much discussion, the Board of Identity decided to restructure the *NORTHVIEW* as a quarterly publication that will feature news and announcements about the events, programs and services available in our community. This change is part of Identity's concerted effort to use all grant and donor dollars wisely. We value

our members and donors and will make every effort to deliver quality programs and services that honor your generous contributions.

Identity wishes to thank the writers, photographers, editors and layout gurus who have volunteered their services over the years. The current newsletter editor, Nicole Blizzard, and designer Tim Weiss have devoted countless hours to producing the *NORTHVIEW*, and we appreciate their service.

If all of those wonderfully creative contributors to NorthView would like to get together for an "e-zine" with a volunteer editor, the Identity web page may be a possible forum for their works (check it out at www.identityinc.org). We continue to welcome the energy and creativity of all our dedicated volunteers in helping organize and deliver quality programs and events.

We also appreciate our *NORTHVIEW* advertisers and will feature a sponsor page in the quarterly newsletter to help us defray printing and postage fees.

Thank you for your support to Identity and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. If you haven't dropped by the GLCCA in its new location, please do. We're located at 336 E. 5th Avenue, two blocks west of Mad Myrna's. Fifth Avenue has never been more colorful!

Sincerely,
Identity
Board of Directors

Helpline gets boost from Pride Foundation

What good is a Helpline if the people who need it most don't know about it?! That's why Identity applied for a grant from the Pride Foundation to market the services provided by the Helpline in both urban and rural communities throughout Alaska. The initiative is called Helpline Outreach: Bridging the Urban and Rural Divide for GLBTA (and questioning!) Alaskans.

Identity is pleased to announce the Pride Foundation accepted our proposal and provided a \$5,000 grant to help us do just that.

Identity is using these funds to place recurring ads in the *Anchorage Daily News*, the *Anchorage Press*, and several rural publications that serve Bush Alaska. We're also using the funds to print and make colorful flyers available at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, Mad Myrna's and the Raven.

The Helpline is one of six core programs of Identity, Inc. Twenty trained volunteers staff the Helpline from 6-11 p.m. seven days a week. "Our volunteers provide information and referrals using a Helpline Manual developed specifically for this purpose," explains Helpline Coordinator Christie Schultz. "Other times we

simply provide a compassionate ear when callers need to know there's someone they can turn to when things get rough."

Volunteers report that many calls come from rural Alaska, where GLBT services are scarce at best.

The Anchorage Helpline number is 258-4777. The statewide toll-free Helpline number is 888-901-9876.

Identity is grateful to the Pride Foundation for the funds to publicize and promote the essential services provided by the Helpline. Alaska is vast and largely roadless. Telephone is the only way many LGBT Alaskans can reach out for help. So the Helpline is there, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

If you'd like to receive training and join the Helpline team, contact the GLCCA at 929-4528 and leave a message for Christie. After receiving training, volunteers select their day(s) to answer the Helpline and use a special code to forward the Helpline to their cell or home phone number, which remains confidential.

The Pride Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that strengthen the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. The Foundation assists grassroots organizations and established agencies in making a difference and improving the lives of LGBT people. (from *Pride Foundation Gratitude Report 2005-2006*, see PrideFoundation.org for more info)



The Last NorthVIEW

A Short Story

Madison picked up the last issue of NorthVIEW and sniffed. She felt sad and a little angry. Such things weren't meant to make money. She liked to read about other members of the queer community. It wasn't as cool as her *Pages* magazine, but then little was. When she got back from Guatemala after things got shifty with her program, she was glad to have a stack of NorthVIEWs to catch up with what was going on.

Unfortunately, there was no news of Stephanie. Had she found someone else? Did she go back to that flirty ex-who always hung around just long enough to break Steph's heart one more time?

Stephanie's number had changed, and Madison's emails went unanswered. Communication had fizzled after Stephanie visited Madison in Guatemala. Madison had thought the visit was the start of a grand new beginning, but it was only the beginning of the end.

Madison was not going to be the girl sitting on the window sill, pining away for lost love. She got her job back at the hospital and joined her sister's family for a day at the fair. That's when Madison saw Stephanie in line for the Ferris Wheel with Hot Trouble, a girl Madison had only heard about.

"Go say hi," Madison's sister Lily prompted.

"Hey, when did you get back?" Stephanie's face was bright and her hug warm. She smelled good. Madison smiled uneasily at Hot Trouble, whom Stephanie introduced as Constance.

"About a month ago. ... I tried to call, but your number changed."

"Yeah."

"Yeah."

Constance coughed as the line moved without them.

"So, how have you been?"

Stephanie didn't make eye contact. "Okay. ... And you?"

A baby started crying, and a group of teenagers with funnel cakes sprinted past. Powdered sugar drifted in the air.

"I miss you," Madison said, wishing she hadn't. She didn't want to be the kind of girl who couldn't move on, but, really, what did she have to lose? It didn't kill her before to have her heart broken.

"I'd like to see you again. If, you know, you're not..." She looked over at Constance who was now alone in line a few paces away.

"Oh, we're just friends. Yeah? You wanna get together sometime?"

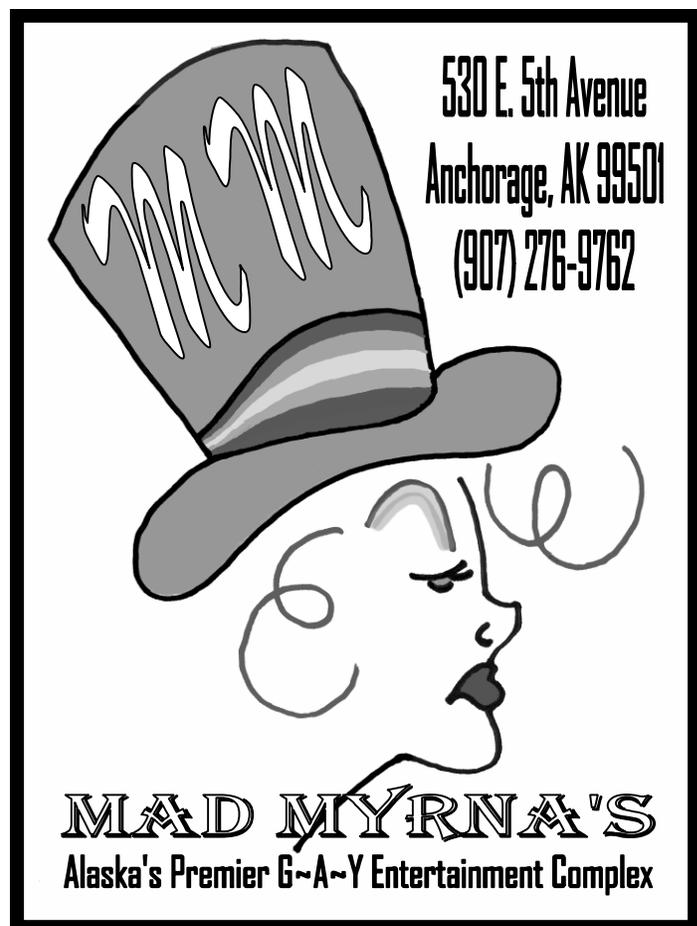
"I'd like that."

"Me too. ... You know, you look beautiful, Madison. I'd, shit. I don't know how to say this. I screwed up, but I promise that if you give me another chance, I'll be the best girlfriend you've ever had."

A dad and his son were staring at Madison. A mother with an American flag painted on her cheek stopped eating her ice cream mid-lick.

Madison didn't know what to believe, so she trusted her heart. It never led her too far astray. She planted a huge, wet kiss on Stephanie in front of the whole fair. "Let's do it!" she shouted.

Laura Carpenter has written for NorthVIEW since June 2005, when the characters of Madison and Stephanie first came to life. It has been a pleasure, and she can't wait until Nicole and Leslie step up to the plate and offer another queer publication for Anchorage.



IDENTITY

October 2006

Greetings!

Fall is here and that means members of the Alaska LGBTQA community will soon have two easy and convenient opportunities to take care of our own.

Each fall many businesses, agencies and organizations offer their employees the opportunity to participate in workplace giving campaigns that benefit local charitable and nonprofit organizations. If you've never participated in charitable payroll deduction programs like Alaska Community Share or United Way, you won't believe how convenient it is to give to the charity of your choice. And many employers offer matching gift programs. This year, please consider participating in your employer's workplace giving program and designating Identity, Inc. to receive your workplace contributions. If you do not see Identity on your employer's list, you can still designate Identity under the donor option policy, which allows you to specify where you want your money to go. For example, in United Way, Identity's code is 5214.

If workplace giving is not an option for you, please consider donating a portion of your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend to support the programs and services Identity offers to our LGBTQA community.

What would we do with your gift? For 30 years, Identity has served the Alaska LGBTQA community. Our mission is simple: to provide the infrastructure for a strong LGBTQA community where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. We do this through six core programs: the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, the Helpline, NorthVIEW newsletter, youth programs and the annual PrideFest Celebration (June) and the Alaska Pride Conference (October).

Identity is committed to using all donor dollars wisely and would use your donation to continue to deliver these six core programs that have helped to meet the needs of Alaska LGBTQA residents for three decades. If you'd like to know more about Identity and our programs and services, please contact us at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage at 907-929-4528, send us an e-mail at info@identityinc.org, or come by the Community Center at 336 East 5th Avenue.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Rhodes
Co-Chair of Identity

Matchmaker, Matchmaker

Rona is one hot mama. A goddess in her own right! Having personally worked with her, believe me, you want her on your side when she is hashing out the details between offers and repairs.

She is, after all, a modern day matchmaker. Not like in “Fiddler on The Roof”, which always comes to mind when I hear that, but someone who will indeed consummate the notion that you are ready to take the plunge into... homeownership!

Rona Florio is a realtor. “Specializing in your happiness” is her signature line, which sums up her attitude towards her work.

“After all,” Rona said in a recent interview, “our homes are our sanctuary. What I do with folks is sacred work. I am like a matchmaker, trying to find someone just that perfect place in our beloved ‘architecturally challenged’ town of Anchorage. You know, find that pearl in the oyster of Anchorage. Fun & challenging all at the same time.”

Rona grew up on the mean streets of L.A., attending UCLA and receiving her Bachelor’s degree in Dance, World Arts & Culture.

Rona exudes an electric personality and an infectious love for life. For the past twelve years, she has been hitching up many of our Alaskan neighbors with their dream homes. She knows what it means to support our

community and has been a long time advertiser in the *NorthVIEW*.

That is why it’s important to thank her for her support all these years. When I asked her why she chose the *NorthVIEW*, she said that her passion is making the perfect match and meeting so many different people in the process.

“I am sad to see the *NorthVIEW* go”, she said. “Some of my favorite clients have been individuals who came from my ad in there.”

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Goodbye for Now

I came out in 1998 in Seward, Alaska. I didn't know any other gay people yet, but on a sanity trip to Anchorage, I picked up a copy of the *NorthVIEW* at Borders. I read and reread that issue. It taught me a lot about the gay scene in Anchorage. I learned that not everyone goes to P-town or Fire Island for the summer. The *NorthVIEW* taught me that most GLBTA Alaskans are like other mainstream Alaskans. I didn't have to be strange to be gay. It was a source of pride that we Alaskans had our own monthly newsletter, written and published by us. We were a relatively small group of involved GLBTA people and yet we had such a high quality publication.

When I moved to Anchorage in 2000 to attend UAA, Pete Gregson (the editor then) talked me into writing for the *NorthVIEW*. That took some doing as I was nervous and honored, but mainly scared silly writing my first story. He was patient with me. My children were often my subjects. They have always insisted that I use pseudonyms instead of their real names. I honored their request as it enabled me to tell my side of the story and in the process let off a lot of steam. Writing for the *NorthVIEW* taught me many valuable lessons about writing. For one example, I learned that spell check can let one down and embarrassingly so. For all the terror and the errors, I was finally able to call myself a "writer" no matter how small the scale. It was and is satisfying.

Over the years, I wrote about my family, news in our community, and had some wonderful opportunities to interview various people, including my favorite author, Patricia Nell Warren. On a couple of the news stories, I had to deal with very angry people, but this taught me patience. Not everybody loved us. Mostly I wrote on the topic of the month which was frequently a challenge. Writing for the *NorthVIEW* stimulated my mind. It processed my emotions, and sometimes was a good vent for my frustrations.

In spite of a full page tongue-in-cheek "Man Seeking Man" ad one February, I never did find Prince Charming through my writing. (I really didn't expect to.) I had fun playing around with some topics.

The *NorthVIEW* has been my voice in the community. For some of my friends, it has been the only way they know I am still alive. I became somewhat of a hermit since I haven't been able to drive. Living in Spenard (where I was raised) took me out of the downtown scene. The *NorthVIEW* has brought the community to me. I have read from the listed events what events were coming up, from my fellow contributors what has been going on with them, and Gale kept me posted on good books to read.



The four editors I worked with—Pete, Jeff, Teresa, and Nicole—have had different working styles and as a result I learned from each of them. Most were laid back, but one was in a perpetual panic. I think they all had their panic modes, but some were better at concealing the edge.

I wish all of my colleagues at the *NorthVIEW* the best of good luck in finding an outlet for their talent. I will miss our association. This might sound narcissistic, but I will miss the readers who introduce themselves. You made my day more than once. I wish you, the readers, all the best, and hope that we can find a way to communicate again in the not too distant future.

I will dearly miss the *NorthVIEW*, but I am in complete agreement with the wise and difficult decision the Identity board has made to cease publication of this money-losing endeavor. They must protect the resources we have for the good of the entire organization. This is simply a case of fiscally sound, albeit painful, stewardship. It has been a good run, but now it is over. Goodbye for now.

Chuck Hart chuckh@alaska.net

GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

I was amused at some of the reactions that the movie “Brokeback Mountain” drew, especially by those who felt it somehow defamed or disgraced the ‘cowboy’. If we limit ourselves to the ‘traditional view of the cowboy’ I might agree, but if we are more serious in researching the history of the West, the idea of a gay cowboy is more than an idea. It’s real. Even today, there are a considerable number of gay men who are part of the Gay Rodeo circuit.

Even a number of fictional accounts of cowboys – especially during the historical period just after the Civil War to the beginning of the twentieth century, include homoerotic content involving these most ‘masculine’ icons. That’s what Chris Packard’s *Queer Cowboys* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2006) deals with, and the teacher of literature and writing at NYU and the New School University uses well-known authors of the nineteenth century to illustrate.

Packard’s book is part of the intellectual movement called The New Western History, which tries to balance the traditional view by acknowledging the great diversity that existed in the West. Although the author agrees that the cowboy was known for ruggedness, ingenuity and fearlessness, he also was misogynistic, made a mockery of religion and had lusty passions. And these ‘lusty passions’ were not restricted to periodic trips into town for encounters with women. Same-sex encounters were very much a part of his passion.

The author finds these homoerotic references in the work of James Fenimore Cooper, Owen Wister, Walt Whitman – and many others. Indeed, in the five novels which were included in Cooper’s *The Leatherstocking Tales*, the coupling of the frontiersman and the brawny, silent Indian partner was recurring, and Cooper gives homoerotic depictions of the Indian’s physical beauty and talks about how the frontiersman is a friend and ‘fancies’ his partner. This also allows for erotic encounters between those of different races without the worry of miscegenation that heterosexual encounters entailed. Moreover, traditional marriage is often ridiculed in Cooper’s works.

This ridicule is also very much a part of Owen Wister’s famous 1901 novel, *The Virginian* with a far greater part of the book being spent on the Virginian’s relationship with Steve in the all-male community of the West. Packard points out that this all-male community, focusing on the power of male beauty, is consistent with the work of a contemporary of Wister – Herman Melville in his novel, *Billy Budd*.

Although I was familiar with the poems – especially in

Leaves of Grass – of Walt Whitman, Packard reminds us that Whitman called such same-sex pairings ‘manly attachments’ and that he was very much taken by the super masculinity of the West. Indeed, Whitman’s work and real life involved partners with a decided working-class, macho bent.



Packard also makes reference to a handful of less-known writers – such as Frank Harris and Clyde Hartland – as well as discussing some unpublished work by Mark Twain and Bret Harte that is filled with homoerotic content. The latter was truly news to me.

Another inviting part of Packard’s book, making it accessible, is its easy-to-read writing style and short body – only 117 pages. That might inspire you to give it a look.

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Stories That Help Us Live

By Rev. Susan M. Halvor

I was talking with a mother at the hospital, who was trying to come to terms with her child's new medical situation, his new life. She asked if I knew of any books she could read, books that would tell her she wasn't alone, that she wasn't the only one going through this anguish.

I'm like that too. Reading and writing has helped to keep me sane. Before I knew I needed to be a pastor, I knew I would be a storyteller. As a child, I wrote simple mysteries illustrated in crayon, about girls making sense of the world. In college, I studied journalism and edited the school paper. I loved walking on holy ground with people as they let me into their worlds, shared their stories, and then permitted me to transmit that story to a greater audience. At the same time, I began to find my voice, to speak my opinions and make a difference with my own words.

Stories have given me my bearings, and, like that mother at the hospital, assured me that I'm not alone. The books that line my shelves have helped me become the woman I am. I return to them again and again. Thalia Zepatos convincing me that I could travel alone. Anndee Hochman suggesting new possibilities in community and relationships. A book edited by Meg Daly helping me take a necessary and difficult step toward coming out. And so many other books that have been lamps, guiding me toward life-giving politics and theology and relationships.

It isn't just reading that keeps me sane (or, in other cases, simply distracted). The forty journals I've filled that now sit high on my bookshelves have been a cheaper alternative to therapy at many times in my life. Telling and retelling and reflecting on my own story has helped me make sense of the world around me and my role in it. Often in hindsight, my writing has revealed far more than I realized at the time. I've preached series of sermons and finally looked back to discover a common theme that I simply couldn't hear, or a place of pain that I needed to address but didn't realize that was what I was doing.

It was a relief when I moved to Anchorage and discovered the *NorthView*. In Washington, D.C., when I was at my very beginning steps of coming out, *The Blade* gave me a glimpse into a world that I would eventually discover felt like home. In Portland, when my coming out became more real, *Just Out* was my reminder that I wasn't truly alone, no matter how alone I felt. In the Bay Area it was easier to find community, but still comforting to thumb through the *Bay Area Reporter*. When I found the *NorthView* in Anchorage, feeling more alone than I ever had in my life,

it, along with the Grrlzlist, helped me trust that I would find community here.

In her book *Kitchen Table Wisdom* (Riverhead Books: New York, 1996), Rachel Naomi Remen suggests that "Everyone's story matters. The wisdom in the story of the most educated and powerful person is often not greater than the wisdom in the story of a child, and the life of a child can teach us as much as the life of a sage."

As a pastor and chaplain, I am grounded in connecting my own life story to ancient, sacred stories of hope and courage, living, dying and new life. And every day at the hospital, I am witness to stories of hope and courage, living, dying and new life. Not necessarily in that order. It continues to be privilege to be a part of those stories that are not my own, and to sometimes aid in making connections, bearing witness, walking beside.

Writing for the *NorthView* has been another means of doing that, another opportunity to reflect on the stories that have gotten me here, and to hear from you who read my words that something rings true. The telling and hearing of our stories can be life-giving beyond measure.

I remembered again how true this was, talking with that anguished mother, and then later, watching her as she talked to my friend, my brave friend who was willing to share her own story. As I watched them connect across their similar fears and hopes for their sons, I saw this mother's tears change from tears of fear to tears of grief mixed with relief, to know, finally, that she was not alone.

May we always find those places as we need them, to know that we are not alone.

If her stories have touched your story, Susan Halvor would love to hear about it at shalvor@juno.com.



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Goodbye Grover's Corners

Four years ago, on New Year's Eve, I knew three things. One, I was bound for Alaska. Two, I needed to dance again. And three, I wanted to write.

By July, I'd accomplished the first with the purchase of an old Suncrest motor home, a hitch for my pickup, and enough gas for a one way trip up the AlCan. By fall, the second was in full swing; I'd secured a teaching and performing position with Alaska Dance Theater and had begun to recuperate my sore, long-neglected muscles. I mistakenly thought that the third was on track as well, as I entered my first semester of grad school, working towards an MFA in creative writing.

Graduate school, or at least this program as it turned out, was not for me, and I left after barely two years, disheartened, disillusioned, shelving my desire to write alongside the books I no longer felt like reading.

Enter Nicole Blizzard, and an invitation from the *NorthVIEW*. I'd read the *NorthVIEW*, a community paper for a community I shared, full of contributing authors I knew and liked as real people. The stress of high brow literary criticism, which I'd found lurking in graduate study, occasionally masquerading as pompous, self congratulatory, identity-seeking bullshit, seemed to be off the table, and writing began to feel possible again, almost enjoyable even.

But what had changed, besides Nicole, and the gentlest approach to editing I've ever encountered? Well, the change was you, actually. My reader. Or at least, my perception of you. In grad school, you stared back at me from the page, pinch faced, tearing the words out of my mouth and replacing them with ones I did not know how to use: exegesis, irony, singleness of effect. "Find your voice," you said. I thought you meant "find mine," and I tried. I tried to woo you with the all the new tricks I had learned, crafting stories I thought you'd appreciate, creating moments for you to get lost in. You were not impressed. I was the magic act at a seventh grade talent show, all elastic and strings, drowning in my daddy's borrowed suit jacket.

But through the *NorthVIEW*, I could see you. I mean really see you. And I was surprised. I knew you already. You were not waiting for me to "get it," to bury my feelings under layers of intellectual wrapping paper, to encode messages so you could struggle to understand them, feeling smarter and better in the process. No, you just wanted to know what I thought. And because it was you, I shared.



Now, I want to tell you that I'll miss you.

That I miss you already.

Find me again.

I'll be waiting.

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TEAM ALASKA: Local Athletes Attend International Sports Events

“I went to the cheerleading and drill core demonstration, which was a new exhibition sport,” said Anchorage resident Darl Shaaff, describing one of the highlights of the Gay Games.

“They did an evening concert with all the drill teams and cheerleading teams, and it was incredible. We screamed and laughed,” said Shaaff. “Nobody can flip a gun like a queen.”

There were two LGBT international sporting events in North America this summer: the 7th Gay Games, July 15-22 in Chicago, and the 1st World Outgames, July 26 through August 5 in Montreal. Alaskans participated in both events.

The Montreal Outgames

“I’ve never been with so many queers in my life,” said Laura Carpenter, a track and field competitor and gold medal winner at the Montreal Outgames. “We were the norm for once and it felt great.”

Carpenter, a copy editor with the Anchorage Daily News and a freelance writer, attended Outgames Montreal with her girlfriend and photographer Kenna Bates. She was the overall female winner in track and field and won three gold medals: 800 meters, 1500 meters, and 5,000 meters.

“The medals are heavy and shiny, and Kenna made me wear them all over Montreal.”

In addition to the races, Carpenter and Bates watched various sport competitions and attended nightly queer activities, including “Divers Cite”, Montreal’s famous Pride Festival.

“The Outgames were absolutely fabulous,” said Carpenter, who has competed in track and field for seventeen years. She trained one year for the Outgames, including weekly training this summer with Lisa Keller of MultiSport Training of Alaska.

Carpenter also organized the Stride for Pride 5K Run on June 24, which raised \$1,100 for local athletes competing in the Outgames and Gay Games.

The Chicago Gay Games

“Alaska kicked butt,” said Darl Shaaff, an event planner, decorator and martial arts teacher who organized the first official Team Alaska for the Gay Games. Shaaff and his students won all three of the gold medals for the overall male martial arts levels. Other Team Alaska medals include a gold in ice skating for a UAF student, a bronze in the marathon, and several silvers.

“The City of Chicago was fabulous. It embraced the Gay Games.”

This is the fifth time Shaaff has participated in the Games. He competes, runs martial arts tournaments and is on the board of directors, selecting sites for the next two Games in 2010 and 2014.

In previous years, “I was the Alaska team,” he said. “This year, there were eighteen people. When we made our entrance into Soldier Field in the opening ceremonies and were introduced as ‘Team Alaska’, we got a huge cheer.”

The teams were given LED lights and were divided into columns as they entered the stadium. When all the teams had been introduced, the stadium went dark, showing the approximately 12,000 lights in the shape of a huge rainbow flag.

“Several people on the team burst into tears.”

Three of the other Team Alaska members are martial artists like Shaaff, including one woman. He told her to imagine a place where there’s a couple hundred martial artists, they’re all gay, half of them are women, and everyone is treated equally.

She couldn’t imagine it, but that’s what she found at the Games.

“To see one hundred powerful women in a room working out together is life-changing,” said Shaaff.

Bringing It Home

“It’s essential that as many people in the world as possible can have these experiences,” said Shaaff. “That’s what the Games are about.”

Laura Carpenter would agree.

“I’d like Stride for Pride to become an annual event for both athletes and the GLCCA. The Outgames will have North American competitions annually and I think it would be great to send Alaskans every year.”

Next year’s event is the North American Outgames on April 1-8, 2007, in Calgary.

“It’s very important to raise money to take young athletes from all over Alaska to the Gay Games,” said Shaaff. “We raised several thousand dollars, enough to pay for five full scholarships.”

In addition to his involvement with Gay Games, Shaaff has been teaching karate for many years and recently took over the Shoshin Ryu Karate School, which meets at APU. Shoshin Ryu means ‘the way of the truthful heart’. Four of his students are gay, and Shaaff encourages both men and women to join. He’d love to bring a gay contingent to the Fur Rendezvous martial arts demonstration that he participates in every year.

“I’d have them be really good. Someone will say, ‘wow, that demo team is really good’ and that will be my lead-in line to say, ‘and they’re gay’.”

For information on Team Alaska and the Shoshin Ryu Karate School, contact Darl Shaaff at <darus@ak.net>.

For information on Stride for Pride and the Outgames, contact Laura Carpenter at <lcarpenter@gci.net>.

Contact Esther Ross at <lchaim@alaska.net>.

THE OUTGAMES AT MONTREAL

Laura Carpenter and Kenna Bates at the Montreal Outgames
Photos by Kenna Bates



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Goodbye *NorthVIEW*

Lying here, 5000 miles away from home, listening to the incessant buzz of a fish tank pump and looking at the ceiling aglow with stick-on stars, I am chewing on my Nightguard and thinking about life. After 10 hours of flying, this weary girl was happy to see her smiling sister at the airport! Making our way through the D.C. traffic was only tempered by a delicious Chick-Fil-A sandwich and my sister's laughter—two things that I have missed since moving away. Just a few weeks ago marked my tenth anniversary of moving to Anchorage.

At the tender age of 21, my then-girlfriend and I moved to Alaska, in search of adventure. All of these years later, I can absolutely say that I found it, though not in ways that I anticipated.

As a teenager I was stuck in the closet, unwilling to emerge, for a variety of reasons. Eventually, I kicked the door down and was 'queer as folk' in my VA Beach days. Although we were out to friends and family, we sort of stepped back in the closet and pulled the door shut behind us once we moved to Anchorage. A combination of my now-ex's job, my jobs in straight bars and the size of Anchorage contributed greatly. Well... jobs change and people change and now I am a virtual Lesbian Emissary and Ambassador of Gay Goodwill!

Over the years, I have read the *NorthVIEW* quite regularly. Before I was immersed in the hub of community activity, it was my only connection to 'family'. As a bartender, I am oftentimes the first point of contact that newly gay or questioning people may have. The first thing that I do is hand them a copy to plug them into gay life and give them a place to start looking for support and things to do. The *NorthVIEW*, in my mind, has always been part lifeline and part resource book for myself and others.

I like reading the wide varieties of stories and enjoy the diverse writing styles of the authors. I enjoy reading about other people and their lives and realizing that I'm not alone. We all go through the same things and 'no man is an island'. The sense of community that I have gotten over the years is tremendous.

As a recent addition to the contributing staff, I have taken much pleasure and felt enormous responsibility when developing and writing my stories. I try to keep my writing relevant and entertaining, hoping that what I have to say resonates with the rest of you!

It is important to remember that all of our readers are at different points in their lives. Twenty of us could see the same scene at the beach twenty different ways because of who we are, where we are, where we've been and what we have done. Our experiences are what make us, and we all see the world through different lenses. For me, reading the *NorthVIEW*, especially lately, has been like visiting with old friends and enjoying their company. Laughing, nodding in agreement, or saying to my wife, "Honey, you have to read this" has become part of the experience. To somebody else, who just left his wife of twenty years because he finally realized that he is gay, the *NorthVIEW* means something else entirely. Or to the kid who is reading it on the sly, wondering why he is different. How about the transgendered Slope worker who is new to town and looking for friends? The HIV-positive man looking for support; a college-aged lesbian looking for things to do; tourists who are considering moving up here and want to know what the community is like; a bear wondering if the other bears have hibernated; the teenager who just got kicked out.... The list is endless.

The *NorthVIEW* has been a lot of things to a lot of people over the years. I cannot pretend to speak for anybody else. I can only speak for myself when I say that the community is losing a wonderful resource and publication. If anything, the *NorthVIEW* should be growing, not disappearing! We are a wonderfully talented and diverse community, with a lot of members who care about other people. In the movie ending, we would ban together and turn it into a high profile, glossy edition with a wait-list for advertisers! Where is everybody?

I am so happy that I was able to be a part of this publication. Thank you, Nicole! Thank you to everybody over the years who worked to make it an informative and fun read!

I will miss the *NorthVIEW*...

National Coming Out

Community-wide Potluck

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

GLCC 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



OCTOBER 11

Beverages and a Ham Provided by Identity.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish of your choice. If you would like to call the Center, put your name and item on the list, that way we can give ideas out to people who might need

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Less than all days are adopted each month, but the rent at the GLCCA goes on. If you would like to adopt some special day but can't come up with \$50.00 at one time, give Phyllis a call for some suggestions on adopting your special day or days. 929-4528

- Aug 1 Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh — 29 years!
- Aug 2 Bert Mead
- Aug 3 Susie Burton
- Aug 7 Pam Richter remembers Docket
- Aug 8 Lyn, Karen, Rita & Monique for Julie & Gayle
- Aug 9 Kinksters Local 69
- Aug 12 Evelyn Doggett
- Aug 13 Tess Bensussen & Carol Rose Gackowski married in Vancouver
- Aug 13 The Last Frontier Men's Club
- Aug 14 Charles Hamilton for his nephew's birthday
- Aug 16 Jay Brause & Gene Dugan
- Aug 16 Mark Holmberg & Douglas Nelson
- Aug 19 Jim Bruce
- Aug 20 Corbett Mothe in memory of E.V. Mothe III
- Aug 21 Sandra Pace & Barbara Passikoff
- Aug 23 PFLAG of Juneau
- Aug 25 Michael Haase for Michael Kligel's birthday
- Aug 26 For GLCCA staff volunteers
- Aug 27 For Helpline volunteers
- Aug 30 For Identity Board of Directors

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Identity Programs

- Winter & Spring Living Out Loud Youth Program
- June PrideFest (6/17-25/06)
- October Pride Conference (10/14/06)
- Daily Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). 336 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage. 907-929-4528
- Nightly Helpline for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-901-9876

Fairbanks Events

- Tue PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnette Street, Room101, 907-45P-FLAG.
- Wed Bowling, 9 PM, Arctic Bowl, 952 10th Avenue.
- Thu UAF LGBT and Allies student organization, 6pm, usually on 4th floor Gruening Building on UAF campus
- Fri Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.
- "Outlooks," 5:30 - 7 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5
- Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Arctic Bears, first Friday, 907-479-8680
- Sat Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Sun Homophonic Radio, 3-5 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5
- PFLAG Fairbanks, 4 PM, third Sundays, 814 6th Ave. 907-45-PFLAG, Fairbanks Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4448 Pike's Landing Road

Juneau Events

- Wed Social gathering after work, Summit Lounge
- "Women's Prerogative," 9 - 10 PM, KTOO-FM
- Fri Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 907-789-6167 (Marsha)
- Sat PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room

Anchorage Events

- Tues PFLAG, 7 PM, third Thursday (except November & December), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St., 566-1813
- SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8 PM, 566-1133
- Line dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Wed IMRU2, 5:30 - 7 PM, first and third Wednesdays, GLCCA, 566-IMRU, leave message for more information
- Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 8:30 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Thu SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 PM, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
- Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050
- "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 10 PM; Mad Myrna's
- Fri Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A's), Ste. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050.
- "Friday Night Divas Show," 9 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Sat SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), Noon, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
- Sun Buddhist Morning Service, 11 AM, White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism, 4105 Turnagain Blvd., Suite G2, 334-9984
- Center for Spiritual Practices & Education Worship Service, 11 AM, 8050 Old Seward Highway, 522-0940
- Metropolitan Community Church Service, 2 PM, corner of Duben and Oklahoma.
- Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4 PM, Park Lanes, 4350 Ames Ave., 561-8744
- Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myrna's, 276-9762 (Jim)
- Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3201 Turnagain Street, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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Organizations

Adam and Steve, a social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men Weekly activities and fun community events. 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 Four A's at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. 907-263-2050. www.anchoragecore.org

Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's), provides support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families in 91% of the state (all areas except Fairbanks), and works to eliminate HIV transmission and stigma through prevention and awareness efforts. 1057 West Fireweed, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 907-263-2050. Statewide helpline: 1-800-478-AIDS. www.alaskanids.org

ACLU of Alaska, a membership based non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and defending the guarantees of individual liberty found in the Alaska Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights through litigation, education and legislative advocacy. We are the Alaska state affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). P.O. Box 201844, Anchorage, AK 99520-1844. 907-276-2258, Fax: 907-258-0288. E-mail: akclu@akclu.org www.akclu.org

Alaska Won't Discriminate (AWD) is dedicated to promoting true civil equality for members of the GLBT community in Alaska through political and legal advocacy and public education. There will be regular meetings in Anchorage but the dates and times have not yet been established. Address: AWD c/o ACLU of Alaska, P.O. Box 201844, Anchorage, AK 99520-1844. Phone: 907-258-0044; Fax: 907-258-0288. E-mail: awd@akclu.org

The Alaska Native Aurora Society is a social group for Alaska Native American Indian gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning men, and those who love them.

We have weekly gatherings, activities, cultural and social events every month. We strive to create a healthy gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning Native community in Anchorage. Membership is not limited to those who reside in Alaska's urban centers, but we welcome those who live in remote rural communities and those who live outside the state. Our activities are drug free, safe and supportive so that everyone feels welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, joyous and Free is an AA group for gay, bisexual, transgendered individuals, and their allies. Open non smoking meetings the first Monday of each month from 6-7 PM at GLCCA 929-4528.

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

Anchorage Woman's Political Caucus. Open to all women.

Arctic Bears, First Friday. Fairbanks. 907-479-8680.

Aquarian Foundation (Church of Tomorrow Here Today) - Address: 6140 Old Seward Hwy (cross street: Dowling) Sunday service: 11 AM; Wednesday night spiritual healing service: 8 PM. 907-349-9955.

Breast and Cervical Health Check, a cancer screening service offered by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services and Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. 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. Call the YWCA of Anchorage for eligibility guidelines, enrollment, and group presentation opportunities: 907-644-9620, 1-800-410-6266 (statewide).

Celebration of Change, a performance of woman artists for women.

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group. Call and leave message for more information. 907-457-3524.

The Family (a UAA Student Club), hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various other social, political, and awareness activities. You do NOT have to be a UAA

student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. E-mail: abfan@UAA.alaska.edu

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA), The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space to meet, hang out, hold or attend a meeting, or use the resource library or computers. Staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. 3-9 PM Mondays through Fridays, 12-6 PM Saturdays and Sundays. 336 East 5th Avenue (By the YWCA). 907-929-GLBT. glcca@identityinc.org

Gay & Lesbian Helpline, an information and referral line sponsored by Identity, Inc. The Helpline is staffed by volunteers and provides information and referrals to businesses, professionals, and service providers supportive of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. 6-11 PM daily. If you need information or would like to be a part of this service, please call 907-258-4777 (anchorage) and 1-888-901-9876 (statewide).

The Gay Club (A UAF student organization). c/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 99775. 907-474-6507. fbagla@uaf.edu www.uaf.edu/agla

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network), Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. Address: PO Box 200461, Anchorage, AK 99520-0461. Phone: Mike Travis, 907-272-5853. E-mail: mtravis@acsalaska.net Website: www.glsen.org/alaska Consult website for regular meetings and activities.

Identity, Inc., is a nonprofit Alaska corporation concerned with the issues of sexual and gender identity. Identity envisions a world where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. The mission is to build the infrastructure for a strong GLBTA community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and lesbian Helpline, NorthVIEW, Pridefest, Living out Loud Youth Conference/seminars, and the gay and Lesbian Community center of Anchorage. P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT. www.identityinc.org

OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Eklutna picnic, the Fur Rondy Parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. P.O. Box 104032, Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. www.icoaa.com

IMRU2, the social group for GLBT youth ages 13-18. We eat, chat, watch videos, plan events, and do lots of laughing. Join us and tell your friends. 5:30 PM, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at GLCCA. 907-566-IMRU(4678) to leave message.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks, offers medical and dental program assistance, "buddies" (volunteers who help HIV and People Living with AIDS), meal delivers and food supplement program, lending library, and counseling support. 907-452-4222 (for assistance or volunteering information).

The Last Frontier men's Club, a social club for the Levi/leather/bear community. Brief business meeting and potluck social at 6 PM second Sundays at Mad Myrna's, 530 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage. "Dinner Night Out" and several camp outs are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information and list of community events. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. info@tlfmc.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. Services are 2 PM Sundays at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, corner of Duben Avenue and Oklahoma Street. www.mccanchorage.com 907-258-5266.

Out North. Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 3800 DeBarr Rd., Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-3800. www.outnorth.org

PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Meetings: 7 PM third Thursdays except November and December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church: 2311 Pembroke St. Anchorage. 907-566-1813 (voice mail). Straight spouses seeking support call 907-566-1813 (voice mail).

PFLAG of Fairbanks promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. 907-45P-FLAG (for meetings and events).

PFLAG of Sitka (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Meetings 7 PM second and fourth Sundays. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall: 408 Marine, Sitka. P.O. Box 6515, Sitka, AK. 907-747-3674.

PrideFest Steering Committee of Identity plans and presents the Annual Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in September. The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBT.

Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA): a twelve step program.

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. 222 Seward Avenue, Suite 200. P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665 or 1-800-478-AIDS(2437).

Southeast Alaska Gay and 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. 907-586-GAYS.

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT. Center for Drug Problems provides educational 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 1-3 PM Mondays and Wednesdays. 907-278-5019 (Anchorage).

Women's Ultimate Frisbee. 10:30 AM Sundays, west end of Delany Parkstrip. 907-278-5179 (Jen or Karen). Jenkout@gci.net

E-mail Lists

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing and issue to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michaelh2001@gci.net or michaelh2001@palm.net <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion>

Alaska GLBT News, a weekly 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 please contact alaskaglbnews@yahoo.com

AnchoragePride, a mailing list for information concerning Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska's GLBT community. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anchoragepride>

FairbanksPride, a mailing list for information concerning Fairbanks and Interior Alaska's GLBT community. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fairbankspride>

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@gci.net

National and Political GLBT News. Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy announcements from national organizations. bsara.alaska@gci.net

Publications

Alaska Women Speak, a publication by/for Alaskan women. 907-689-7922

The Anchorage Press, an alternative weekly paper that is not focused on the GLBT community but is friendly. There is a large personals section. 907-561-7737.

The Perspective, a newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskan. SEAGLA, P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. 907-586-GAYS

The Pink Ink, a newsletter published in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks GLBT community. Interior Newsletter, c/o PFLAG Fairbanks, P.O. Box 82290, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-45P-FLAG.

You are invited...



Alaska Pride Conference

Saturday, October 14, 2006

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

University of Alaska Anchorage

"I see your true colors shining through

So don't be afraid to let them show

Your true colors

True colors are beautiful, like a rainbow..."

-- from "True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper (lyrics by Phil Collins)

Alaska Pride Conference 2006 is twelve innovative workshops, a special keynote speaker, fellowship, friends, food and fun, packed into one exciting day! Our keynote this year is Imani Henry, a writer/activist/performer and AIDS/HIV education and prevention service provider from New York City (see www.geocities.com/imani_henry/ for more info).

Conference Registration Form

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Mail registration to Identity, PO Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520, or drop off at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, located at 336 W. 5th Avenue in downtown Anchorage (two blocks west of Mad Myrna's).

For more information about Alaska Pride Conference 2006,
call the GLCCA at 929-4528.

