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Eye on ... Jack Klauschie

The man we know as "Country Jack", teaching and DJ’ing country dance at Mad Myrna’s, grew up in southern California. Jack Klauschie moved to Alaska eleven years ago, and now runs a performance arts company called The Character Workshop.

One of 4 children, Jack also spent part of his formative years living in New England. He earned an Associates Degree with honors at Santa Barbara City College as a Theatre Arts major, with a minor in Music. Jack graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor’s Degree magna cum laude in Drama, with a double emphasis in directing & musical theatre. In Anchorage he teaches dance at the gay bar on East 5th Avenue as well as privately, and works with other theatre companies as a choreographer and director sometimes.

When asked what he is passionate about, not surprisingly he claimed theatre, dance, music, animals, and food! He is impressed by: faith, people who are dependable, and Victorian architecture. He proudly told me that his parents recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

I asked him about his coming-out story. All 3 of his siblings had gay and lesbian friends, so telling them was easy. He came out to his parents about a year after the defeat of California’s Proposition 6, which would have made it illegal for homosexuals to teach in public schools. Both his parents had been vocal about the ridiculousness of keeping good teachers out of the schools just because of their sexuality. Knowing their understandings and acceptance of sexuality made telling them much easier. "They were surprised (which surprised me!), but okay with it." To Jack, a quality relationship is simply one in which there is open communication.

You may see Mr. Klauschie waiting tables at lunch time at Snow City Cafe, where he says there is great atmosphere and really good food. Thursday nights he’s working on the dance floor at Myrna’s. Much of his time is taken by running The Character Workshop for shows in libraries and schools. "Our varied programs include vocal music, dance, acting, readers’ theatre". You can see them perform at the Alaska State Fair during August and September. Other shows by the performance art company comprise the Christmas Around the World caroling program, Valentine’s revue, their Gilbert & Sullivan tour, and mysteries for the teen reading groups at various libraries.

When asked what he knows for sure, he replied, "I've got a lot to learn!"
I sat beside my friend attending her first women-only event and tried to recall how I felt the first time I went to the Fairbanks Women's Music Festival. Was it really only four short years ago?

And today I'm listening to a coven of cool women performers at Arctic Valley ski chalet during the 2002 Alaska Women's Music Festival. My friend beside me is beaming. Her makeup is impeccable, her hair gently smoothed back into place after the windy hike up the hill from the parking area to the chalet. Her long legs are crossed, her short black skirt hugging her trim thighs. She's one of maybe three women in the room in a dress. And she knows it.

It's a good day for both of us. I'm attending a women-only gathering by myself (my partner is home with a serious honey-do list). And she's here as herself at last, a woman in the company of women, enjoying the heady feeling of women-only space. We both traveled a different journey to be here in this room on this day, in the company of some 200 lesbians and a few straight allies. And we love it.

When I first heard the music festival was coming to Anchorage, I was excited. Then I realized I had a dilemma. Attending a weekend music festival is a lot more fun with your partner. But my partner Danny identifies male and has worked very hard to convince others, including our gay and lesbian friends, of this fact. So my options were to go without my partner, or opt out altogether. I decided to go alone.

A week before the fest, my friend, a lovely transgendered woman, asked if I planned to attend and how would other women feel if she also attended. I'd heard the Michigan Women's Music Festival has a women-born-women-only policy, so I thought I'd better check with the committee producing our local fest.

I was pleased when Kate Nilsson told me the committee had decided not to define women in such a narrow context. Maybe knowing my partner Danny before, during, and since his transition has helped many of us redefine what it means to be a man or a woman. My definitions of gender are definitely broader, more inclusive, more encompassing than a few years ago.

At any rate, I was happy to tell my friend she was welcome at the women-only music fest and pleased the committee could accept her for the person she is today.

We both had a great time. We listened to music, chatted about what makes a great...
A Friend, a Fest, cont’d.

haircut, cursed the wind when we had to make that trek down the hill to the "porta janey," and were both very glad we went.

A few people stared at us. Maybe they recognized my friend from her performances at Mad Myrna’s. Or maybe they just wondered why she wore a skirt to a lesbian gathering, when the apparent dress code was jeans and women’s fest t-shirts.

I like to think they stared because we made a striking pair—her long dark hair a contrast to my short red crop, her long legs in sharp contrast to my short, frumpy frame. Or maybe it was simply our smiles at being in the right place at the right time in the company of women on a breathtakingly beautiful mountain.

My friend enjoyed herself and asked if I’d let her know when other women-only events are held so she could attend. I promised I would.

A little later as I hiked down the hill one last time with my lawn chair and daypack, I passed Barbara Wish. She said to tell Danny hello and that he was missed. I told her I would and I gave her a grateful smile.
Local Flavor

Faerie Magic and Juneau’s First Gay Pride Parade

by Kevyn Jacobs

Yesterday was the 3rd annual Gay Pride Celebration here in Juneau, and lacking any sort of queer social life whatsoever up here, I decided to go. It was a smallish affair (I’ve been to house parties with more attendees than Juneau’s Pride Festival had in attendance) and most of them were lesbians (I’m not sure why lesbians seem to outnumber gay men 10-to-1 in Southeast Alaska), but of course I went to show my support. (And cruise.)

After I visited all 5 vendor booths in the parking lot of the SilverBow Bagel Bakery (did I mention this was a *small* pride festival?), I looked at the schedule of events on the stage for the day, and saw that under 5 o’clock there was listed "Radical Faeries & Feminists."

WELL!

If there were going to be Radical Faeries in attendance, then I was going to have to go home and change clothes! With Faeries there, it just would not do for me to be there in boy drag while they had all the fun. Oh no! I didn’t know who the Faeries coming to Juneau Pride were going to be, having had no luck in meeting them during my 6 months here in Alaska, but I was going to make a glorious first impression if they were here!

So I got myself home toot-sweet (yes I know the French don’t spell it that way but fuck the French they almost elected a radical right-winger as president) and dug out my MMF festival wear. I chose a frumpy green fat girl dress that I found on the rack at a Men’s Festival last summer (amazing that there was something there that would fit petite little me!) and a clashing bead necklace that I bought when I went with the Denver Faeries on a Thrift-Store crawl a couple of years ago, and a big floppy purple hat I got at Wal-Mart for just such an occasion, and voila! Sister WorldWalker the Socially Inept was ready to make her first public appearance in Juneau!

I drove down to the downtown parking garage at the cruise ship docks in and parked, and walked the 5 blocks to the Pride Festival, right up tourist row (two cruise ships were docked at the time), basking in all the glory as these shocked 80-something and Japanese tourists turned and gasped in awe of this giant vision in resplendent Green and Purple lumbered past. I smiled and nodded at my adoring fans, taking the adulation in stride (I have never seen so many jaws drop that far) as I made my way to the SilverBow.

Once there, I found that I was the only person in any kind of drag in attendance (still no sign of the promised Radical Faeries), and enjoyed the attention I got from all as I mingled with the crowd.

Soon, a butch lesbian approached me and explained that she was the organizer of the

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Juneau Pride Festival, and that the Radical Faerie (singular) who was going to give a short presentation on Radical Faeries at 5 o’clock could not make it and since I was obviously a Radical Faerie myself, would I be willing to step in?

    WELL!

    After hemming-and-hawing a moment, I said a quick devotion to Sister Clara Cum-Passionata and Sister Wilma Titzgrowing, summoned down the strength of Saint Charlene the Fearless, and agreed to do it. EEEP!

    Five o’clock came, and after the lesbian presentation on Radical Feminism, I got on stage and gave a very loud YOOOOOOOOOOOOOO-HOOOOOOOOOOOOO! That got their attention. I told them very quickly about Radical Faeries - about reclaiming our spirituality as gay men and being in that sacred space between male and female and our fabulous fashion sense (which I was so obviously showing off), yadda yadda yadda, and then went off on a tangent about “Why are we having a Pride Festival in Juneau without a parade?” (Juneau has never had one.) And without missing a beat, I announced that in 15 minutes we were going to meet out in the parking lot for Juneau’s first-ever pride march!

    So, the die was cast. Sister WorldWalker was now committed to leading this escapade. We hastily assembled our accoutrements - One guy found a feather boa that he put on and took down the big pink paper-maché “Q” that was part of the festival décor and wore it around his neck, and I took down the banner that proclaimed “Gay Pride Carnival” for our procession to carry. Then I got the assembled masses to give a rousing YOOOOOOOOOOOOOO-HOOOOOOOOOOOO! to get the stragglers ready, and all 8 of us set out on Juneau’s first-ever gay pride parade!

    We strolled down Front Street and Franklin Street to the cruise ship docks, greeting all the tourists we met with a rousing “Welcome to Juneau!” and then up to the state capitol building where we posed in front. One of the guys with us was videotaping the whole thing, and when we got back to the carnival (an exhausting 20 minutes later), we got the bakery (which is also a movie theatre with a video projection screen) we showed the video to the assembled turkeys who didn’t make the historic march with us.

    It was very well-received, naturally.

    And that, my sweeties, is the tale of how Sister WorldWalker the Socially Inept became the impromptu catalyst of the first Gay Pride March in Juneau, Alaska, by bringing just a little bit of Faerie Magic to Southeast Alaska!

    Love,
    Sister WorldWalker the Socially Inept

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Local Flavor
Living With HIV & Being Successful:
My Second Chance
by Sarah

I am a forty-two year-old woman living with HIV. In September 2000, I
became sick with a cold. I tried to work on the cold myself without having to
go to the doctor, but I became more ill. My family, Pastor and church family insisted that I go
to the doctor. I was afraid to be hospitalized.

I was in so much pain that I asked the doctors if they could test me for HIV. I never sus-
pected that I had HIV, but I wanted to know what was wrong with me. On October 3, 2000 I
was hospitalized after I tested positive for HIV. I had a T-Cell count of only seven, which
meant I'd had the disease for a long time and my immune system was vulnerable. My viral
load was 37,000, which is considered full blown AIDS. I was given five months to live. For
three days I was a mess. On the third day, a Case Manager from the Alaskan AIDS Assis-
tance Association came to my bedside to talk to me and to tell me about services that were
offered by the Four As. From then my life started to pick back up, because of the warmth and
caring of this Case Manager. Three weeks later, I was sent home on October 13, 2000. I planned
my funeral and contacted all my family and friends to let them know that I was HIV positive
and that I had five months to live. After letting it out, my burdens became lighter, and I knew
that I had my family, church family and the Four A's on my side. Thanks to the new medica-
tions, my HIV is under control. I remember how I had seven T-Cells two and a half years ago.
Now my count is 818, and my viral load is undetectable. I am now strong and healthy. I have
gained my health in what I call my “second chance,” so I’m going further with my future.

I have been spiritually inclined since childhood, and I deepened my faith three years ago,
before I became ill and receiving my diagnosis. My focus is now on Volunteering for the
Four's A's, to become more educated about my disease, and to help others. I am presently on
the Four A's Speaker' Bureau, and I also work at the tables. At Health Fairs. I also volunteer at
the Four A's office working at the front desk, answering phones, and greeting the public as
they enter the Four A’s. I have spoken to university classes, women’s groups, church congrega-
tions, and at many other forums. I hope to make an impression on others and help them
reach goals they have been trying to reach.

I have chosen abstinence until I find my chosen one. I
want to respect others and myself. I continue to seek out posi-
tive activities and places such as church, volunteering, conferences, caring for my family and
friends, and assisting other people with HIV.

You can make good choices too.

Keep the Faith and may God Bless, Sarah.
Anchorage PrideFest 2002-Unity in the Great Land was highly successful with thousands of people attending PrideFest activities including the Parade and Festival.

PrideFest 2002 took many months of time and planning. There are many people, businesses, and groups who deserve special recognition.

First, the PrideFest 2002 Steering Committee would like to thank the organizations and businesses who helped sponsor PrideFest including:

Identity, Inc. once again the lead sponsor for Anchorage PrideFest. Thanks to their Board of Directors and members and volunteers for their support.

The Imperial Court of All Alaska and TMIM, E-and-E 28, Kent and Eve who donated $7,000 to PrideFest from the 28th reign and TMIM, E-and-E 29 Eldon and Joanie and the Board of Directors and Title Holders of Reign 29 who made such important contributions to PrideFest 2002.

The Anchorage Press, and KFAT 92.9 and Retro 96.3. Thanks to Nick Coltman at the Press and to Jennifer, Meg, and Terry at New NorthWest Broadcasters for giving us great media coverage for PrideFest 2002.

The Raven for being both a major sponsor and for hosting the Kickoff BBQ. Thanks to Larry Kaiser, Russ Reno, and the crew for their continued support of the Anchorage GLBT community and Anchorage PrideFest.

Mad Myrna for being both a major sponsor and for hosting several events including the Date Auction which raised over $3,000 for PFLAG. Thanks to Myrna (Jeff Wood), Allie, Bear, and the gang for again being such strong supporters of PrideFest.

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Next, we wish to thank the many wonderful volunteers who helped make this happen. Our thanks to Gene Looman and Steve Gingrich for the wonderful stage, Larry Lowe, Nathan Rivas, Jennifer, Victoria Shaver, Wendy Parsons and Diana Wolfe, Brad Yeary, Mike Burgess, Scott Turner, JR Degala, Lori, and Jack and Chris at Stonewall’d.

Next, thanks to the organizations who sponsored PrideFest events. These groups spent great amounts of money, time, and effort to make the week’s events so wonderful. Thanks to the Raven, Out North, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, Adam-and-Steve, Identity, The Family at UAA, Mad Myrnas, Allie, MCC-Anchorage, The Last Frontier Men’s Club, and the Imperial Court of All Alaska.

Our very great thanks to the many groups who spent time, effort, and money to create wonderful floats and marching units for the Celebrating Diversity Parade. We had over twenty-five entries and 400 people in the parade. Our congrats to the category winners: Out North Youth Media Program-Most Enthusiastic, Mattias Flemsburg-Best Individual Marcher, Mad Myrnas-Best Motorized Non Float, Reyna-Best Costume, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association-Best Marching Unit, The Imperial Court of All Alaska-Best Float, and Adam and Steve-Best Overall.

We would also like to thank the over forty vendors at our Festival and the many entertainers who performed on stage. A special thanks to our emcees Kristara, Guy Johnson, Bill Skitt, Allie, and Steve Nolan.

A very special thanks to the many businesses who advertised in the program and who supported us with contributions.

Last, a huge thanks to the steering committee themselves who spent thousands of hours since last November to make PrideFest 2002 a reality: Jim Mohr, Pete Gregson, Michael French, Tom Rachel, Jane Schlittler, Norm Schlittler, Kurt Kleier, Guy Johnson. Also thanks to Bruno Hughes and Steve Gingrich for their contributions.

PrideFest 2002 was wonderful. Be sure to check out the website at anchoragepride.com. Our thanks to the webmasters Kurt Beck and Roger Crandy who volunteered their time and efforts and to the Last Frontier Men’s Club for sponsoring the site.

Thanks to everyone, and we will see you all again at PrideFest 2003!
FCA Launches Free Online Caregiver Support Group

Family Caregiver Alliance has launched a free online support group for members of the LGBT community who are caring for a loved one with a chronic illness or debilitating condition.

The LGBT Caring Community Support Group offers a supportive environment in which participants can share experiences, concerns and information with others facing the challenges of caring for loved ones no longer able to care for themselves. Participation is available 24 hours a day and open to an international audience. There is no cost to join the group; e-mail access is the only requirement.

To register for the group go to www.caregiver.org/lgbt-sptgroup.html.

Funding for the Caring Community Project is made available in part by the Older Americans Act, administered locally by the San Francisco Office on Aging.

FCA also offers other online support groups on general care issues and for Huntington’s disease caregivers, as well as a wealth of free information and advice.

Visit www.caregiver.org for more information.

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WINNING the debate

by TALMADGE W. BAILEY

Declaring War on the Ten-Second Sound Blight

You've undoubtedly heard about how the "ten second sound bite" has forever altered culture in general and politics in particular. Well, I think the "bite" has become more like a blight. I am constantly reminded of the blight because my email is filled with the same sort of stuff: highly questionable junk designed for the short attention span crowd. For example I received an exceptionally boorish bunch of blights in an email last week. I think it was the sender's idea of a joke and was titled "how to be good liberal." Here are the items of interest to us gibelts and our friends.

To be a good liberal:

1. You have to believe the AIDS virus is spread by a lack of federal funding.

6. You have to believe that gender roles are artificial but being homosexual is natural.

10. You have to believe that self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to earn it.

19. You have to believe that homosexual parades displaying drag, transvestites and bestiality should be constitutionally protected and manger scenes at Christmas should be illegal.

There were a total of twenty-one blights and I assure you the other seventeen were just as insipid and evil as these four.

One of the purposes of this column is to help make sure that we are prepared to counter homophobic drivel in an intelligent and informed way. So break out the antiseptic and latex gloves so we can get on with dissecting these four specimens.

Fiction: You have to believe the AIDS virus is spread by a lack of federal funding.

Facts: The AIDS virus is spread by unprotected sexual contact, shared needles, unscreened blood transfusions, and possibly other means that involve exchanges of bodily fluids. However, efforts to slow the spread of the AIDS virus are greatly hampered by a lack of federal funding. Efforts to slow the spread of the AIDS virus are also hampered by religiously motivated policies that suppress frank discussions of sexually transmitted disease. This prevents education in the prevention of HIV transmission and other STD's. Plus it certainly didn't help that Ronald Reagan would not even acknowledge HIV/AIDS until 1985. Meanwhile, experts estimated that as many as thirty-three people were infected with HIV each day due to federally mandated drug hysteria in the form of policies against needle exchange programs. It was not until April of 1998 that Donna Shalala finally admitted that needle-exchange programs reduced the transmission of HIV and did not in fact encourage drug use as claimed by needle-exchange opponents.

Fiction: You have to believe that gender roles are artificial but being homosexual is natural.

Facts: Gender roles are a function of human culture. Gender roles are passed from one generation to the next along with religious traditions and the rest of what we experi-
ence as human culture. Mother Nature also passes information from one generation to the next. Nature passes its information along in the form of genes. Our culture and genes often interact and this gets interesting because Mother Nature and human culture often work at cross purposes.

Laura Schlessinger (a.k.a. Dr. Laura) got in hot water with GLBT activists when she declared us all "biological errors." Her comments didn’t bother me so much. What bothered me is that she determined that we were all "biological errors" and then neglected to deal with the obvious questions of why nature was producing so many "biological errors" and why nature has failed to correct the situation.

I think the answer is easy. Human culture and technology create too many exceptions to "natural selection." Natural selection is what keeps most gene pools finely tuned. However, humans are now largely exempt. Let’s look at an example. If a moose is not ideally focused on procreation then its genes are not passed on. However, a human with other than optimum opposite sex attraction will reproduce anyway. Why? Because the religious part of his or her culture will very effectively force him or her into procreation despite the absence of an ideally modulated procreative drive. Remember that before the end of WWII there were virtually no "out" homosexuals and "gay pride" is a very recent phenomena. So, there you have it: willy nilly religiously driven reproduction has overwhelmed Mother nature’s gene pool filter for a hundred or more generations. What we are seeing now is that the accumulated "biological errors" have reached a critical level where religion can no longer enforce reproduction. I’m talking about more than a few homosexuals here. If you look around you will see guys with no sex drive, heterosexual gals with the maternal instincts of a rutting moose, and intersexed people who are not completely male or female.

From this train of thought it is easy to conclude that the rise and spread of homosexuality is a natural and predictable consequence of the rise and spread of religiously driven reproduction. So regardless of your beliefs about gender roles being natural or artificial, it should be clear that homosexuality is at least as natural as the rigid gender roles that created it.

As you can see, the exception really can prove the rule.

Fiction: You have to believe that self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to earn it.

Facts: This thought contagion provides cover for those people that belittle others based on characteristics that are largely beyond the control of the person being belittled. A young girl should not be made outcast because she is not genetically predisposed to look like Barbie. But she is all to frequently belittled if she doesn’t meet the expectations of others as to how she should be shaped. The same thing happens to young people who are perceived to be gay or lesbian. It is nothing

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WINNING, cont’d.

less than emotional assault and battery when young gays and lesbians are constantly harassed and called names like "faggit." There is a huge difference between simply not making an effort to build up young people's self esteem and actively tearing down any self esteem these young people might have. Like my mother always said "If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all." I would go would step further and say that if one is secure in his or her convictions, it is appropriate to intervene when some compassionately conservative bully is conducting an emotional assault on a relatively defenseless person. When you intervene against emotional assault, you are leading and teaching by example – and I can't think of too many things more noble than that.

Fiction: You have to believe that homosexual parades displaying drag, transvestites and bestiality should be constitutionally protected and manger scenes at Christmas should be illegal.

Facts: This thought contagion attempts to confuse freedom of expression with the establishment clause. Don't be confused. Here's what the "establishment clause" says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The Establishment Clause was intended to prohibit the federal government from declaring and financially supporting a national religion, such as existed in many other countries at the time of the nation’s founding. What liberals and a lot of other people believe should be illegal is government sponsored religious displays such as manger scenes. This belief is firmly based on the establishment clause. I think it is very significant that the words known as the establishment clause are the very first phrase in the Bill of Rights. But it is equally significant that the first amendment also guarantees freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. These guarantees allow all sorts of parades as well as privately sponsored religious displays such as the manger scenes in question. To recap: liberals are not trying to outlaw nativity scenes. They are trying to maintain separation of church and state - a concept that the founding fathers found important enough to mention before all else in the Bill of Rights. The same amendment protects everyone's right to peacefully assemble for pride parades, to "March for Jesus" and to display privately sponsored nativity scenes. Figuring out how to cram that into a ten-second anti-bite may be challenging, but we should at least make the effort. While you're at it, don't forget to compare the amount of bestiality on display in our parades versus the amount of bestiality on display at Mardi Gras!

The list of blights ended with following statement:

21. You have to believe that this letter is part of a vast right wing conspiracy.

I already knew I wasn't among the hated "liberals", but this last item reassured me of that fact. That's because I never thought the letter was part of a vast right wing conspiracy, I thought it was part of a vast right wing stupidity!

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Howdy everybody! Welcome to the August Four A’s Corner, a monthly update of current events within the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association. A brief background for those who are not familiar with our agency: since our inception in 1985, we began as a volunteer help-line service in Anchorage. Then, the Four A’s was the only HIV/AIDS support organization. As the AIDS epidemic has slowly formed a new face, the 4A’s has changed with it, growing to meet the constantly changing needs of our clients, and has greatly expanded our prevention and education activities. It is our mission to provide supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, and in the elimination of the transmission of HIV and its stigma.

I will be keeping you up to date on our departmental activities; client services, housing, prevention and education.

In our Client Services division, we have our weekly Friday Lunch. Four A’s offers a free, hot lunch for our clients, their families, volunteers, and friends. Community individuals and church groups provide these lunches. This is a great opportunity for everyone to interact and get to know one another. We also use this opportunity to provide prevention education to clients and their families. The Four A’s also operates a food bank, providing food, hygiene and nutritional products for our homeless and low-income clients. If you are interested in volunteering for Friday Lunches, or submitting in-kind or monetary donations to the food bank, please call 263-2046 or e-mail: development@alaskanaids.org.

Are you a gay, bi, or curious guy between 18-29 years old? There is a new group just for you! ‘Adam & Steve’ is a way for young men in the GLBT community of Anchorage to get involved with and build a better place for themselves and their friends in our city. It is also our goal to promote the good health of the young gay men’s community of Anchorage, and to support and promote safer sex as a major issue within that context. Every week we have at least two events. We have activities you can count on, all summer we’re meeting each Wednesday night, 7pm, at the west end of the Park Strip for a night of outdoor sports. Fear not, it’s all casual, just fun games like ultimate Frisbee or soccer. Aside from that weekly outage, there is always something else going on! The great thing about Adam & Steve is that you can help decide our calendar of events at our Core Group which meets every other Tuesday night at 7PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). It’s not a formal membership, just show up! Our next few meetings are August 13th and August 27th. For the rundown on the rest of the month’s events (which are always free), drop by the GLCCA for a calendar (available the first week of each month) you can take with you, or contact us at the Adam & Steve event hotline, 263-2081.

HIV infections are on the rise in Anchorage, especially among men under 30. Remember, protect yourself, you’re the only one who can. Until next month, be safe!! ▼
I recently watched with great fascination as 300 men (yes, all men) gathered in Dallas, Texas for the meeting of the US Bishops to address the growing scandal of child sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church.

I felt a sense of hope that the issue was being debated -- and a sense of anger that along with hundreds or even thousands of innocent children, truth has been another casualty of this scandal.

Let me quickly make a disclaimer. I'm not a dispassionate observer. I know something about this subject first hand. As a child, I was raped by a pedophile. So I'm not speaking out of theory; I know the pain, confusion and trust issues which arise from this type of sexual violation.

Here's what I know from my experience - - and from my 30 years of activism in both the GLBT and faith communities. There are three truths that we need to voice over and over and over.

Child sexual abuse is not a gay issue.

Every credible study has confirmed that pedophilia is not a gay issue. Five respected professional organizations have public policies stating that there is no correlation between homosexuality and child abuse: the American Psychological Association, National Association of Social Workers, American Academy of Child Psychiatrists, American Psychiatric Association and Child Welfare League of America.

Research study after research study has concluded that the overwhelming majority of child sexual abuse is committed by heterosexual men – the most often cited statistic is that more than 80% of all child sexual abuse involves a heterosexual perpetrator.

Repressive systems never lead to responsible sexuality.

The Roman Catholic clergy system is one of repression of the God-given gift of human sexuality. When human beings are forced to repress and deny God's beautiful and innate gift of sex, they will invariably find unhealthy expressions.

And that's the story with the current scandal. The story of the child sex abuse scandal has been one of repression, denial, cover-up, and moving predatory priests to new places of ministry without informing local parishes. That is a breeding ground for irresponsible and unhealthy sexuality.

All faith groups should learn from the gay community.

That's right. I believe with all my heart that the Roman Catholic Church and all organized faith groups could learn and benefit from the lessons we've learned in the GLBT communities. Openness, acceptance, and affirmation of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender orientations always lead to emotional and spiritual health. Always.

And in many ways, the gay community has been a leader in this regard.

-- In 1985, long before the current crisis, our predominantly GLBT Metropolitan Community Churches adopted a policy statement that all sexual activity between adults and minors is inherently evil, coercive, and not to be condoned.
During the 34-year existence MCC churches, there have been only two cases involving clergy misconduct with minors. Let me quickly say, I use the term "only" to draw a stark contrast with the scandal unfolding in some other faith communities -- not to excuse anyone's misconduct. And in both cases, MCC officials reported the abuse to civil authorities, fully cooperated with authorities -- and in each case clergy credentials were removed. That's a far different story than the repression, denial, and cover-up unfolding in the Roman Catholic Church.

- You have a right to know that the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches have never had a claim for child sexual abuse and never paid damages for child sexual abuse. Never. In the June 15 edition of "The Christian Century," Charlie Cutler of Tom Cutler and Associates, an insurance brokerage that serves 2000 churches of varied denominations noted, "I've worked with the MCC since 1978, and in that time there have been zero claims against the church. They have very, very aggressive policies on these issues, with police background checks and policies such as the two-adult rule when supervising minors."

- MCC has worked with the GLBT community to developed a healthy system of sexual ethics. Let's be honest: Far too often the Judeo-Christian culture has contributed to sex negativity.

MCC in conjunction with the GLBT community has developed a positive sexual ethic that balances desire with our emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual selves, while preserving and honoring mutuality and consent. Over the past three decades, GLBT leaders from every walk of life and from a wide range of faith backgrounds have contributed to MCC's policies for clergy sexual conduct. These extensive ethical guidelines recognize all sexual activity with minors as sexual misconduct, oppose sexual harassment, decry sexual activity that exploits positions of authority and emphasize mutuality, caring, consent and responsibility.

MCC has gone even further. We've adopted a Clergy Code of Conduct and a Sexual Misconduct Policy that not only embody these ethics -- it's also an open document available to everyone. (If you want a copy, simply write to me at info@MCCchurch.org.)

Sometimes you have to repeat a message over and over until people "get it." I'm asking my GLBT friends and their enlightened allies to join me in repeating these three messages: Child sexual abuse is not a gay issue. Repressive systems never lead to responsible sexuality. All faith groups should learn from the GLBT communities.

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In the aftermath of the Dallas meeting of the Roman Catholic Bishops, I'm feeling hopeful. But until a new breeze of openness, acceptance and affirmation blows through the Roman Catholic Church, and until we see the Church put actions to their words, I'm in solidarity with the millions of people who are casting a wary eye on all faith groups that continue to scapegoat God's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender children.

The Rev. Troy D. Perry is Founder and Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches, a Christian denomination with a positive, affirming ministry to gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender persons and their enlightened friends and families. Founded in 1968 in the months before the Stonewall Riots, today MCC is made up of almost 300 local congregations in 22 countries, and has 46,000 members and adherents. Information on MCC is available at www.MCCchurch.org.
Here, Queer, and ARMED

By Deroy Murdock

Originally published in the New York Post, June 30, 2002

With its world-famous parade going down Fifth Avenue at 2 o'clock, June's Gay Pride celebrations climax this afternoon. A group called Pink Pistols is among the worthiest organizations marking this month's national festivities. With 2,350 members and 30 chapters in 22 states, Pink Pistols encourages gays to use firearms for fun and self-preservation.

"Pick on someone your own caliber," declares its excellent Web site (www.pinkpistols.org). "We are dedicated to the legal, safe and responsible use of firearms for self-defense of the sexual-minority community," it continues. "The more people know that members of our community may be armed, the less likely they will be able to single us out for attack."

Such deterrence already may have prevented homophobic bloodshed. According to Doug Krick, the Boston Internet engineer who founded Pink Pistols in July 2000: "While I can't say that we are completely responsible for it, I can say that there has not been a 'fag bashing' in any towns where we have chapters after they were founded."

Pink Pistols is named after a March 13, 2000 Salon article by Jonathan Rauch, an openly gay writer now at the National Journal. He prescribed armed self-defense as a cure for anti-gay violence. He dramatically made his case with the story of Tom Palmer, a Washington think-tank scholar. Palmer and a male friend were in a rough section of San Jose, Calif., when a gang of 20 hoodlums started taunting them.

"Hey, you f---ing faggots!" one yelled. "When we're done with you, they'll never find your bodies." Palmer and his pal ran for their lives, with the thugs in hot pursuit. Then Palmer pulled a semi-automatic handgun from his backpack, stood and waved it beneath a street light. His tormentors swiftly retreated.

"There's no question," Palmer said, "that my friend and I would have been at least very seriously beaten, and maybe killed."

Bronx resident Jeton Ademaj is organizing a Pink Pistols club here, "so people can socialize and network and support each other's right to self-defense." Ademaj complains that Gotham's costly, Byzantine gun controls frustrate law-abiding citizens who seek firearms for personal protection.

Pink Pistols chapters hold monthly meetings and frequent competitions at shooting ranges, to promote marksmanship and camaraderie. It also endorses candidates who "support the Second Amendment as well as the rights of consenting adults to love each other however they wish." Based on responses to a detailed questionnaire, its Web site evaluates contenders in local, state and federal races in 14 states for 2001-2002.

Most intriguing is how straight conservatives respond to the Pink and gay liberals react to the Pistols.

"I know of absolutely no conservatives who have attacked us," says Washington lobbyist Austin Fulk. He often joins the group's Northern Virginia chapter for target practice at the headquarters of the Na-
tional Rifle Association, with which Pink Pistols has collaborated on issue advocacy before California's state legislature.

"The concept of 'out of the closet' is brilliant," says Michael Bane, a straight gun-rights activist who works with Pink Pistols. "Since we represent about 50 percent of the households in America, if gun owners would 'come out of the closet,' we would be unbeatable."

All of this makes gay liberals very nervous.

"I am, and we are, very anti-gun," Clarence Patton of New York's Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project told Philadelphia Gay News last July. "We don't think guns solve any problems, and may create more problems."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Sue Hyde told Southern Voice last month: "We are not going to settle our scores as a community by having a shoot-out at the OK Corral."

Doug Krick shrugs at these arguments. "There is a certain segment that believes that the world would be better without guns, therefore the message is to ban guns . . . and that would not be desirable, even if you could. As the saying goes, 'God made all men, but Colt made all men equal.'"

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www.alaska.net/~identity

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Submissions can be sent digitally to: thenorthview@hotmail.com

Or via mail to:
P.O. Box 200070
Anchorage, Alaska
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Mad Myrna’s
530 E. 5th Ave., 276-9762

Metro Music & Book Store
530 E. Benson Blvd., 258-8774

The Raven
708 E. 4th Ave., 276-9672

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GLBT Information & Referrals
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- GLCCA -
2110 East Northern Lights Blvd., Suite A
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
(between Burger Cache and Don Jose’s)

glccanch@yahoo.com

The 4th Friday
Dessert Social

A time for entertainment, event info and announcements, good conversation, and
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Every fourth Friday of the month.

6:30 p.m.

Gay and Lesbian Community Center
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907-929-4528 (GLBT)

For more information about this event, please call the GLBT Helpline @ 258-4777.

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Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's)
Mission is to be a key collaborator within the state of Alaska in the provision of supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of HIV infection and its stigma. They have many services that cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste 102, 907-263-2050. Statewide: 1-800-478-AIDS.

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

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

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

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)
A locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and 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 only 7 PM to 8 PM at the Alano Club, 3103 Spenard (the old Wave building).

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

Anchorage Women's Political Caucus
Open to all women, meets 7pm at Elmer's Restaurant, New Seward and Fireweed, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Arctic Bears
First Friday of every month. Fairbanks 907-479-8680.

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

Breakeven Productions:
Has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. For more information about upcoming events or Brokeven productions, call 277-5630 or akpups@alaska.net.

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

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

Committee for Equality
Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803 or e-mail bsara@gci.net.

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group
Leave message on voice mail for more info: 457-3524.

The Family (UAA Student Club)
The Family hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various
other social, political, and awareness activities. You DO
NOT have to be a UAA student to attend and many that do
attend UAA are non-traditional students. 907-360-0340 or
907-830-4497.

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

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is staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. Current
hours of operation are Mon thru Fri - 3 PM to 9 PM, Sat -
12 PM to 9 PM, Sun - 12 PM to 6 PM. You can reach the
GLCCA at 907-929-GLBT.
E-mail: glccanch@yahoo.com.

Gay and Lesbian Helpline
Sponsored by Identity, Inc., this information and referral
line is answered daily from 6:00pm to 11:00pm The
HelpLine is staffed by volunteers and provides information
and referrals to businesses, professionals and service

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providers that are supportive of the goals and objectives of
Identity, Inc. If you would like to be a part of this service
or if you need information, please call 907-258-4777 or toll
free (in Alaska, outside Anchorage) 1-888-901-9876.

GLSEN
(Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)
Anchorage: Membership is confidential. We welcome
educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the
problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. For meeting
times or more information call Fred, 907-562-7161 or
phillman@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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E. Northern Lights Blvd, Suite A. Call 258-4777 or 929-
GLBT for more information, or visit the Identity web page
at www.alaska.net/identity.

Imperial Court of All Alaska
(ICOAA)
The ICOAA is a non-profit organization formed in 1972.
They do extensive fund-raising for several diverse groups
in and around Alaska. The ICOAA sponsors the Ekuluna
picnic Memorial Day weekend, the Fur Rondy parade float
for the GLBT community, Pride on the Parkstrip, Coronation
Labor Day weekend and numerous other events. Contact
Information: PO Box 104032 Anchorage, AK 99510-4032.
907-622-2218.
Web: www.icoaa.org
E-mail: Eldon - emperor29@icoaa.org
Joani - empress29@icoaa.org

IMRU2
The social group for GLBT youth meets Wednesdays from
5:30 to 7:00 PM. We meet at Mendel & Associates office
on the park strip, 845 K Street. The group is for GLBT
youth, ages 13 to 18. We eat, chat, watch videos, plan events
clubs, groups, organizations

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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 about us. Call 566-IMRU if you have questions, and one of us will call you back.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks
Offers medical and dental program assistance, “buddies” (volunteers who help HIV & People Living With AIDS), meal delivery food supplement program, a lending library and counseling support. If you are interested in volunteering or need assistance, please call the IAA at 907-452-4222.

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

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

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

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

OLOC
(Old Lesbians Organizing for Change)
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 345-3818 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 AUUF, 3201 Turnagain Street.
Call 907-566-1813 for a recorded message.

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

PrideFest Planning Committee.
This committee plans the annual Gay Pride festivities.
Meetings start in November. Members are hoping for representation from as many local groups as possible. We are planning on attracting more corporate funding, having a parade, a larger vendor display, bringing up more entertainment, and planning more Pride Week activities. For more information call GLCCA at 929-GLBT or email prideonthepark@yahoo.com.

Queer Rap
Start your week off right. Weekly conversations among GLBT persons about issues that affect us and our community. Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2110 E. Northern Lights. 907-929-4528. Sponsored by the Four A’s and the GLCCA.
clubs, groups, organizations

RAW (Radical Arts for Women)
A non-profit group which supports and promotes women in the arts. Grant funding available for artistic endeavors. 907-566-3783. RAW@admail.net.

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

Shanti of Juneau
Offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. Offices: 222 Seward, Suite 200; Mail P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, Alaska 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 1-800-478-AIDS (2437).

Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA)
A non-profit volunteer organization that provides a support network for lesbian and gay people in Southeast Alaska. Publishes monthly newsletter, Perspective. P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. Phone: 907-586-GAYS.

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT
Center for Drug Problems Provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4 PM. Anchorage: 907-278-5019.

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

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

Women’s Music Fest

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

Publications

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

The Anchorage Press
This is an alternative weekly paper that is not focused on the GLBT community but is friendly. They have a large personals section and can be contacted at 907-561-7737.

The Klondyke Kontakt (The KK)
This is a every-other-monthly newsletter by and for the lesbian community in Anchorage and dykes in the Bush. For more information e-mail at: kk@gci.net.

The Perspective
A newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskan. News, events, and all can be found in this publication. For more information contact SEAGLA at P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, Alaska, AK, 99802-1452 or phone 907-586-GAYS.

The Pink Ink
A newsletter published in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks GLBT community. For more information contact Interior Newsletter c/o IAA, P.O. Box 71248, Fairbanks, AK., 99707. Phone 907-452-4222 or e-mail pinkink@alaska.com

E-mail lists

Fairbanks Pride
http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/fairbankspride
A mailing list for information concerning Fairbanks & Interior Alaska’s GLBT community, emphasizing in announcements, politics, information, etc.

Anchorage Pride
http://www.egroups.com subscribed/anchoragepride
A mailing list for information concerning Anchorage & Southcentral Alaska’s GLBT community, Primarily event announcements.

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

**Alaska GLBT News**
A state-wide e-mail notification service distributing news and information about upcoming events of interest to the Alaska GLBT community.
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**Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage**
The home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgendered individuals & our Allies.

**HELP WANTED:**
The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage is expanding!
We are in the process of obtaining adjoining space in the building at 2110 East Northern Lights Blvd. The space we are seeking will require that a wall be removed to provide a large conference room.

We would like to have the work done by a member of our community or a contractor friendly to our community. The building owner requires that the work be accomplished by a licensed, bonded, insured contractor.

If you or someone you know would be interested in bidding on this project for us, please contact Phyllis Rhodes at 346-2217 or 240-8224 to arrange to look at this small job.

We hope to have the lease signed for the new space in the next two weeks and would hope to have the work accomplished in August.
MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

(J) Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
(J) “Women’s Prerogative,” KTOO-FM Wednesdays, 9-10 pm.
(F) Dames on the Dial, KSUA-FM 91.5, 10 pm – Midnight.
(A) GLSEN, second Wednesday, 7pm, John Thomas Building 3rd & Cordova
(A) IMRU2: every other Wednesday, 5:30 – 7 PM 845 K Street, for more info leave message 907-566-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) Fourth Friday Dessert Social, 6:30 pm, AUUF.
(A) First Friday Fetish at the Raven, 9:00 pm
(F) Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30-5:30 pm, IAA offices, 710 3rd Avenue.

FRIDAYS, cont’d.

(F) Outlooks, KSUA-FM 91.5, 5:30 pm – 7 pm.
(F) Socializing and Dancing at Club G, mixed crowd, 9 pm – 3:30 am, 150 Farmer’s Loop.
(F) Arctic Bears meet first Friday, call 479-8680
(J) Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30-7:30 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marsha at 789-6167 for info.

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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