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Respect those who serve, but pray for peace

During his third year of college at Flagstaff, my son Jeremy phoned home one weekend with some pretty sobering news. He said he was considering joining the U.S. Army to attend officer academy after graduation.

I was crushed. It seems his girlfriend’s father, an Army officer, was attempting to convince my son that “serving” his country in the U.S. military was a good career move. Had this man been successful, my son might be in Iraq today.

Fortunately, Jeremy is independent and ambitious. He graduated the following year and was recruited, not by the military, but by an engineering firm in Phoenix just prior to graduation. Phoenix isn’t the safest place to live, but as a mother I’m simply grateful that my son wears a shirt and tie to work these days, and not desert BDU’s.

We have a close friend whose son is currently stationed in Kuwait. He’s about the same age as my son. His name is Andrew and he’s a proud Marine. And I’m sure each night his mother says a silent prayer for his safety, and longs for the day when he returns safely to his young wife.

I don’t judge those who serve. It’s important to believe in what you do, especially if your job requires that you risk your life. I support our troops, especially those who are young and full of ideals, who earn the least and risk the most. Yet, part of me is skeptical that the people we are risking so much to “liberate” will ever embrace democracy as we know it.

No easy answers. And so I join my friend in her prayers for Andrew and all the young men and women in the Mideast at this time, especially those who serve under the added stress of “don’t ask, don’t tell.”

I pray for a swift and successful end to this war that I do not understand, for the safe return of our sons and daughters, and for leaders who will one day value diplomacy and peace above military might.

Teresa McPherson
Editor

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FADING

On the battle scarred field a lone soldier lies.
Wounded in a desperate fight for his country's freedom,
he can feel his strength waning as he wonders —
"Can I make it through this night?"

As his mind began to wander
through the meadows and
fields of his youth
he saw himself
on a beautiful summer day
running barefoot
through a field of yellow flowers
with a beautiful girl.

She began to run —
he followed, through streams,
over hills, around boulders,
under the beautiful green trees.

She began to outdistance him
as the sun began to set.
As the sky turned from blue
to turquoise
to purple

She became further and further away
as the sky turned from purple
to red
and slowly to gray —

He gave up any hope of ever catching her.
The girl was life
And the sky was suddenly
black.

The soldier was
no
more.

-- TIM PEARSON

(Editor's note: the above poem was written during
the Vietnam War era.)
Building peace, one e-mail at a time
by Diana Wolfe

Singer-songwriter Libby Roderick wrote during the first Gulf War entitled "They've Brought Out the Guns Again." She says, "They haven't a clue." I personally believe that is the case again in this Gulf War II.

Since the first rumblings of the President and his attempt to tie Iraq into the terrorists' attack on the World Trade Center, Bush has repeatedly made mention of his intent to see Saddam Hussein taken out. This is in spite of the clear evidence that the FBI could find no trail that led in that direction. Instead of pursuing Al Quiaida terrorists, he has poured all his resources into attacking a country that might, in five years or more, have some weapons of mass destruction. However, the United Nations' weapons inspectors could find no concrete evidence of any real potentiality for nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons. It is easier--I assume he thinks--to go after the so-called enemy he sees, rather than the one that is so covert that it has been almost impossible to find.

Before the war started, I was busy e-mailing various government officials, signing petitions, calling my senators, and attending nonviolence training. I also did a lot of reading on peace and nonviolence. What did that gain? A clear understanding that war is not an option we can afford.

We are at war, as I write. The President chose to go to war without a United Nations endorsement of the war, and with many nations throughout the world opposing a preemptive attack, while also ignoring outspoken protests within the United States. Bush tried to lead us to believe that he could walk into Iraq and finish within a few days, what he now says may take months. The resistance is much more than our military leaders indicated. Baghdad has fallen, but the country is in chaos. So far, there is no clear indication of how they--whoever 'they' are supposed to be--will bring back order to the war-torn land.

A Circle of Stone, by Susan Griffin, talks about how denial permeates our society. We are now in denial of the cost of war, our financial cost as a nation, and the siphoning off of funds for social services. We deny the collateral damage from our bombs and missiles, even the stark reality of our own dead, pretending that if we don't show the flag-covered caskets, we can ignore their deaths. This administration and the leaders of the war do not allow journalists to write or show the truth about the war. One journalist was fired by NBC news for telling the truth about the number of human casualties ('collateral damage') the bombing has inflicted in Iraq.

Griffin also says that to face defeat or to withdraw from one's stated goal emasculates the person. Once Bush stated he would oust Hussein, he could not back down without not only losing face, but also losing his very masculinity. Once he connected the dots in his own story, he could not change them. The public prefers the news to be productive and visual, and the search for terrorists is confined to spies and secrets, and doesn't play well on the six o'clock news.

As I sit here in the safety of my study typing this out, I am overwhelmed by the violence that has been shown in the taking of Iraq. I wonder what I can do, as one person, to bring about peace. Will the end of this war only bring about a rush into another one as Bush takes one Middle Eastern country or another, or North Korea, or some other target, down?

I will continue to make myself heard through e-mails and protests, and be comforted that each person doing the same is helping to build a network of people who oppose violence and war. 

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POST 9/11/01

Crocus bulbs pressed under
wet black dirt
just
unburied from the snow.
I wonder at this easy faith;
here will be flowers in the spring.

Peace planted cold in the middle of war,
would peace sprout in the spring?
Black, white, yellow, hard, smooth, rough or soft,
search for seeds.
Can peace grow wild among the people
or does it take special care:
hours and hours of meditation
or planting by a priest?

Or does it lay scattered before me
all along my path?

--ROZZ LIEGH

BATTLE

Morning sun ball stalks ahead,
over the razor-edged dunes.
I’ve sent the dog soldiers on the loose,
a-pounding through the red,
a-howling and a-spearing,
a-whirling and a-slaicing,
to slay the enemy dreaded.

But, aching of the blackness
And fighting away the madness,
The snakes still slither and bite.
So hurry, please hurry, oh soldiers
For I’m about to lose the fight.

--DEBORAH A. THOMPSON

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Available at Metro Music & Books.)

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A Lost Art
A monthly correspondence with men who help shape my life
by Brian A. Ridder

Dear Jarett,

This month you will be eleven years old. Wow! How does it feel to be eleven? I haven't seen you since you were nine, but I'm certain you are still the fine, loving boy I remember.

The last time I saw you was at your mother and stepfather's house, soon after they were married. There was a tension in that house, ever-present, that I hadn't realized until I saw you that day. I was in the kitchen when you came in through the side door, home from school. There was a short moment before you saw me, and in that moment I recognized the fearful, hesitant look on your face. It was the same look that I had, as a boy, whenever I entered the chaos and anger that inhabited my father's house.

When I tell people I'm not allowed any contact with my nephew, they most often assume it's because I'm gay. I take some pride in this, since my sexuality was never an issue in my family, and you have three gay uncles, although you may grow up only knowing two of them. I often wonder how your mother explains the sudden disappearance of Grandma Linda and Uncle Brian.

She will, I'm sure, one day explain the legacy of drug addiction that runs in the family. She may even tell you about the time your grandma and I told her how concerned we were about her drinking. She may tell you how hypocritical of me that was, considering my own ongoing battle with addiction, or how clumsy our attempt at intervention was—all of which is true. What she won't tell you but which you, no doubt, have already learned on some level, is that for some people unconditional love really means, "Keep your mouth shut." Your mother—my sister—is one of these people.

Our father, although an emotionally open and generous man, was never really honest with himself. He never truly faced the impact his addiction and the anger that comes with it had on himself or those around him. He was not willing to face what was at issue and refused to name it, which left him in a wicked kind of limbo, where he stayed busy dodging the consequences of his actions. The consequences were like bullets, a sort of friendly fire those around him found themselves caught in. The bullets would ricochet until they were exhausted or found a target. I never knew what to expect when I walked into his house, and once there, I lived in fear of being ambushed.

My gay brothers and sisters often find themselves in the same kind of crossfire. We are bullied into silence by our families out of fear for the unknown and the changes it might bring. Because to speak of it would be to name it, and to name it would mean having to deal with it, and having to deal with it would mean more uncertainty. This is one of humanity's greatest ironies, facing the unknown by keeping it a secret.

I realize that, at eleven, all of this might be difficult to understand, but since this letter would only be returned by your mother, I'll save it for when you are older: Even then you may not want to hear it. My intention is not to embarrass you or your mother, or even to warn you of the dangers of doing drugs, but rather, to simply be honest with you. As a gay man I've learned that keeping my sexuality a secret serves only the interests of those who expect me to keep their fear a secret, too. By coming out of the closet, I not only expose my sexuality but also their discomfort.

It was the same with my father, and so too with my sister. To discuss the problem is to reveal the weakness. When I saw the look on your face that day, I became unwilling to keep any more secrets. This process causes wounds of its own, and it's true that I am a long way from winning my own personal wars, but at least now my enemies are where I can see them, and with much less ammunition.

Invisible chains really do last longer, Jarett, and the truth really will set you free.

Unconditionally your Uncle,

Brian

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frank's VIEW

To Be Frank About Marriage
by Frank Tino

It has suddenly come to my attention that a great many people are married. It has also been made clear to me that an even greater number of people are planning to do so. Marriage is quite possibly the worst thing someone can do to his/her relationship.

Let's dissect marriage, shall we? Here we have two people who decide that taking each other's word to be monogamous isn't enough, so they get a legal document entitling them to a married bliss of financial arguments, parents-in-law, divorce, and in worst-case scenarios, children...EEAGH! The whole concept is just absurd. I can't understand why the gay community is lobbying for this right. It just isn't worth it!

Unfortunately, aside from a few others, I seem to be the only one who knows the horrible truths of marriage. I've tried to get my point across to others, but they're just too brainwashed. I have a couple theories on how all this got started. First, the evolutionary view.

Way back in something-something B.C., there was a guy named Bob. Aside from his sloping forehead, copious amounts of body hair, bad posture, and no grasp of the basic concepts of football, he was no different than today's average man. Bob had a great life. The hunting was good. No, it was excellent. His cave wasn't damp, but it wasn't too dry either. Which was good because the ensuing dust would have been murder on his allergies, you know.

He even had a girlfriend. Lolita, for that was her name, was very pleasant to Bob. He quite enjoyed her company. Of all the women in the area, her gathering abilities were superb and the casual sex they shared was unlike anything he had ever experienced. Well, with exception of one curious day he shared with a pygmy mammoth back in Caveman College.

Things couldn't have been better for Bob. Then, on a particularly unlucky day, he fell on his head while testing the world's first, yet highly unsuccessful ten-speed bike. While the fall in no way injured Bob, it did put him in a questionable frame of mine. One such that when Lolita asked him to marry her, he said, "yes." You see, he had thought she said, "bury" her. Imagine Bob's surprise when he arrived at the ceremony with a shovel, only to find Lolita surrounded by her family and friends for the big day. Bob's family would have been there too, had it not been for the poor choice of the tar pits for the family reunion some years ago.

Bob did enjoy his honeymoon. However, had he know that would be the last time he would have sex, he would have taken his time. That will be thirty seconds he'll remember forever.

Being a very sick and twisted individual, Bob would spend the rest of his years telling his friends how wonderful marriage is and how they should all do it. The suckers believed him. Only a few actually found marriage to be enjoyable, while the unhappy ones followed a course of action similar to Bob's: they perpetrated the myth. And that is why it is still with us today.

Of course, the Creationist side of me has a different point of view. You see, one terrible morning, God awoke with a hangover. He had attended a keg party with the Greek pantheon the night before. He looked at Adam and Eve, pointed a finger at them and said, "BANG! You're married. Deal with it."

Frank likes to write. He also likes to show off as a member of the improv group, Scared Scriptless. Frank is also a hypocrite and secretly wants to get married. Feedback can be sent to tobefrankfeedback@yahoo.com.

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A spruced up and silent GLCCA awaits participants of the April 12 Queer University workshop, where participants learned the basics of investing, followed by a meeting to stimulate political activism in the community. (photo by Dee Gould)

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Lesbian Happenings
by Diana Wolfe

This past month allowed lesbians, transsexual women, and bi/straight women (and a few honorary lesbians) to come together for our annual event: Celebration of Change. March 29th was our dramatic evening at the Wendy Williamson auditorium.

What a privilege it was for me this year to move into the performance itself. I’ve attended many C of C over the years, and last year I was an usher. This year I performed.

The planning for this year began in late December and January. Radical Arts for Women sponsors Celebration. They are a wonderful group of women committed to seeing a cross-section of women perform.

This year we had new acts: a play by Amy Groshek, directed by Tami Lubitsh, with Susan Niman, Liz Hunt, J.K. Duhart, and Wendy Parsons as actors. Women of the Drums played a tribute to Kris Snyder, who died last month, followed by Hilary Morgan on the piano, also in remembrance of Kris. The dramatic reading by Phyllis Rhodes, Liz Fullerton, and April Farrell, of “The Kiss,” written by Shelly Wozniak, one of the two mistresses of ceremonies, was striking. Stephanie’s humorous portrayal of her journey from male to female was both moving and hilarious.

Another highlight was the “Tool Rap-sody,” where dykes brought out their power tools and toolboxes to pound out rhythms with various tool ‘instruments.’ It was a scream as Lisa Parker rapped about finding her wife at Home Depot! We’ll look forward to more of their comedy another time.

I enjoyed all the acts, even my own “Beads,” in which I was backed up with Kippy Lanz on drums, and my granddaughter, Kaya, assisting me.

The two mistresses of ceremonies regaled us with loads of humor and quick wit. Shelly Wozniak and Rachel Hollander bounced fun and laughter against each other and the interpreter, Joy Hammock, who had to show Shelly again and again what the sign was for “orgasm.” If we could have seen her up close, I’m sure she was blushing vigorously.

We did have other things happening during the last month. Dining with Dykes was at the Mexico in Alaska, where some of the early arrivals were gently lectured about “real” Mexican food, not Tex-Mex. Salsa with chips is a culinary taboo, but the restaurant gives in to our American preference and brought us out some to try. Of course, it was too hot for some, not me, so more had to be brought out to soothe the palates of some of the women. A good time was had by all. And, we had a room all to ourselves!

No potluck again this past month, and I don’t know if one is planned for this month or not.

The April 5th Dyke Tea celebrated the beginning of spring. Dee Gould brought over hats that she collected in England and other places, and we all had a chance to try out our style of hat. Dee even got Susan B. to put one on (don’t tell her I told). We had a basket with eggs and bright yellow spring daffodils: reminder that summer is just around the corner and we have to enjoy this beautiful spring weather while we have it.

For more information about what’s happening in the lesbian community, women can contact the Grrlz List at grrlzlist@hotmail.com.
Lisa Parker and the women of “Tool Rap-sody” perform original rap by the ‘musically uninclined’ during Celebration of Change 2003.

Rachel Hollander gracefully signs lyrics for Kim Acuna, accompanied by Kippy Lanz.
Your hostesses for Dyke High Tea: Wendy Parsons and Diana Wolfe.

Participants at Dyke High Tea choose a favorite ‘Easter Bonnet’ for the event.
L-R: Ellen Magstadt, Wendy Parsons, Dee Gould and Diana Wolfe, and four-legged friends Daisy, Maggie and Shubert.

Hats off to one of our own!

The Municipality of Anchorage recently awarded Madeline Holdorf the 2002 Employee of the Year Award in the Diversity Individual category. Madeline is employed with the Department of Health and Human Services, SAFE City Program.

She is a self-described lesbian feminist activist who has lived in Anchorage for 24 years. Her volunteer work has been primarily with the Imperial Court of All Alaska, where she has been elected Empress IX and Emperor XXIII. She currently serves as Regent to the Throne of Emperor XXX.

As chairperson of the Scholarship Committee of the Imperial Court, Madeline believes strongly in the power of knowledge. She is a founding member of GLSEN Alaska, Inc. Throughout the years, many of us have worked with Madeline or called upon her candid insights regarding gay politics in Anchorage and nationally.

Her pride in receiving this award is reflected in the following comments: “My work with the Municipality has come in the sunset of my career. Finally, my initial degree in sociology allows a professional focus on the strengths of community and the value of individual members. This achievement is the pinnacle of my lifelong work accomplishments. I value the SAFE City Program staff, my municipal colleagues and supportive friends for allowing me the opportunity to utilize skills and creativity for the enhancement of diversity and individuality in our city. Thank you.”

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Can understanding happen?

Alaska Common Ground, Out North Theater and the Interfaith Council created a project called "Understanding Neighbors" to bring Anchorage residents together around the question, "What is the cultural, legal and moral place of same-sex couples in our society?" Over 100 participants met in small dialogue groups in February and March 2003 for four-two hour sessions.

Eleven people, men and women ranging in age from 30 to 80, arrived at the Anchorage midtown church for their first "Understanding Neighbors" group meeting. Some came with family members or friends but most came solo, curious about who else might appear. They were noticeably apprehensive and shy, a bit nervous about what they had gotten themselves into.

I too was apprehensive and nervous because I was the volunteer facilitator for the group. Although I had facilitated many gatherings over the years, I was new to the very structured dialogue process we were using for this project. Plus the topic was very personal to me and I wondered if I could remain neutral. Fortunately, I had a co-facilitator to lean on. We had both been through many days of training and hours of work designing the questions for the group discussions. We were as ready as we were ever going to be.

Prior to our first meeting, we interviewed all the participants by phone. We learned that we had parents of gay children, two (maybe three) gay participants, a retired Christian minister, and several people who were facing the issue of the role of gays in their church congregations. It promised to be a very interesting group.

"Speak with respect, don’t interrupt, ask questions that enhance understanding and request confidentiality if needed" were some of the agreements the group developed to guide our discussions. Agreements done, we settled in to watch the first art video called Being Different. One of our first questions to the group after the video was, "How do you decide what to share and what not to share with others about yourself?" Right away participants got the sense that this was a different type of discussion process, as they passed the watch from person to person, keeping each person’s response to two minutes or less.

With each round of questions, another layer of identity was revealed as the participants became more trusting of each other. We found that some of our "scrubbed" questions worked well and encouraged personal sharing; others elicited responses in directions we never expected. We introduced the inquiry process, the time when participants were able to ask questions of each other. This was the part that my co-facilitator and I were most concerned about. Would they ask respectful questions, would they attack each other, or even worse, would they ask any questions at all?

I struggled to listen (and not comment) many times. One older mother wondered aloud what she or other family members did to cause her daughter’s homosexuality.

Another mother of a gay son indicated that she was taking a class about gay culture to better understand her son. By the third session, questions such as, "What is the cause of homosexuality or heterosexuality?" and "Why do people fear homosexuality?" were being asked by the members of the group. Although the participants raised many more questions than we had time to discuss, the specific nature of the questions demonstrated an increased curiosity about each other and about gays and lesbians in our community.

While I will never know the depth of understanding that happened in these four Thursdays, I witnessed some profound moments. I heard two elderly parents share their love for their lesbian daughter, even though their life-long faith declared homosexuality a sin. Another man, who had been in a committed same-sex relationship for many years, told about the challenges of being accepted by his conservative in-laws. Recently they had asked he and his partner to be the guardians for their children, instead of their heterosexual siblings.

One man’s friend asked him why he participated. "Did you convince them of your position?" "No," he answered. "Did they convince you of theirs?" "No," he answered. "Then why do it?"

In the face of controversy, author Terry Tempest Williams asks, "How are we to find our way toward conversation? For me, the answer has always been through story. Story bypasses rhetoric and pierces the heart. Story... returns us to our highest and deepest selves, where we remember what it means to be human living in place with our neighbors."

Did understanding happen? I watched art and dialogue move people to share very personal and poignant stories. In those four Thursday meetings, several parents gained support from each other, family dynamics shifted, three gay people openly shared their lives, and minds were opened to new perspectives.

In the end, the best outcome was that eleven courageous strangers became "understanding neighbors."

Frankie Barker, a local trainer and consultant, was a volunteer facilitator for the Understanding Neighbors project.

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Be prepared for the worst
by Ron Swartz

Do you know what to do if terrorism strikes Anchorage? What if you’re in Fairbanks when a big earthquake comes along again? Or a tsunami, flood, oil spill, or wildfire?

A recent seminar at UAA brought experts in from Cooperative Extension, Denali Safety Council, American Red Cross, ENSTAR, and several other sources to share information we can all use to stay safe and alive in disaster in Alaska.

Where does our food come from? Well, we don’t grow much of it in the Last Frontier. Nearly all of it is brought up from Seattle on ships. With such a constant and reliable supply system in modern times, Anchorage now stores only about enough food to take care of the population for one week. Are you prepared to feed yourself if that Carrs or Fred Meyer supply line is stopped during a crisis?

The experts recommend keeping a supply of canned goods and non-perishables on hand, along with some clean water. And don’t forget the manual can opener, in case the power is out! Don’t count on your cell phone either, as they learned in Manhattan during the disaster of September 11th.

Does your best flashlight have good batteries? Do you have extra blankets and some wood in case the heating system is off for a while? It pays to have a box of emergency supplies, and to recheck it periodically. Are your fire extinguishers charged, and shaken once in a while?

What would you and your partner do if a wacky terrorist releases hazardous chemicals in a “dirty bomb” in your town? The Anchorage Local Emergency Planning Committee says we should know how to prepare in case an evacuation isn’t possible, by learning how to “shelter-in-place.”

Sheltering-in-place would be ordered if there is a greater risk to the general public if evacuated... so stay where you are! A chemical disaster doesn’t even need to come from people unfriendly to Americans. Anchorage has almost 700 facilities that use and/or store hazardous materials, and any one of them could potentially create an unwanted release!

Shelter-in-place uses the building you are in to protect you from the hazardous material that may be in the air. They suggest that you pick an interior room that can be sealed with duct tape or damp towels. Have a battery-operated radio there also, so you can hear public announcements on when it’s “all clear.”

A shelter-in-place emergency kit would include duct tape to seal doors, windows, and vents. Non-perishable food enough for several hours, a day’s worth of water, a flashlight, and games or cards to help pass the time are all good items to have available in that interior room. One presenter suggested that the shelter-in-place room chosen might best be (or include the bathroom!

For more information on what to do to prepare for a variety of calamities, contact:

- Denali Safety Council (denalisafetycouncil.org)
- American Red Cross (redcross.org)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (fema.gov)
- Alaska FireWise Program (firewise.org)
- U.S. Geological Survey (786-7011) for earthquake & tsunami details

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Anchorage PrideFest 2003 is June 22-29

Anchorage PrideFest 2003: Out in the Last Frontier is set for June 22-29. Each year, the Anchorage celebration of pride draws thousands to eight days of events. This year, the Celebrating Diversity Parade and the Pride Festival on the Parkstrip will be held Saturday, June 28. The Parade starts at 11AM and goes down 6th Avenue to the Festival grounds between I and L streets. The Festival starts after the parade and lasts until 5PM.

This year’s parade will be led by Grand Marshals Fred Hillman and Sylvia Short. Both of these giants in the local GLBTA community have been involved in the fight for GLBT rights in Anchorage for decades. Parade applications are available online and all area businesses, organizations, groups, churches, and individuals are encouraged to march or enter a float in this year’s parade. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and for the best overall entry.

The five-hour festival will include an expanded marketplace and a new location for the Main Stage. Vendor applications are now being accepted and applications are available online. Entertainers are also sought for the Main Stage as are roaming entertainers for the festival grounds (jugglers, mimes, musicians). This year, bigger crowds than in the past are expected as the Pride Parade and Festival are the only major citywide events taking place that day.

Anchorage PrideFest 2003 kicks off with the traditional Kickoff Party and Barbeque hosted by the Raven. The Kickoff Party and BBQ is on Sunday, June 22, and starts at 4PM. Other events during the week include a community-wide potluck, a special comedy show, Drag Queen Bingo, Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction, and more. Groups interested in holding an event during Pride Week should contact the PrideFest Steering Committee.

Anchorage PrideFest 2003 cannot happen without the participation of all GLBT persons in the Anchorage area and their allies and friends. Encourage everyone you know to attend the Parade and the Festival and other Pride Week events. Volunteers are also needed to help out before, during, and after Pride. Show your pride and do something positive for your community and volunteer.

For more information about Anchorage PrideFest 2003 or to volunteer or download applications, visit www.anchoragepride.com. You can also call the Anchorage PrideFest hotline at 224-8742. Anchorage PrideFest 2003 is a production of Identity, Inc, and is sponsored by the Imperial Court of All Alaska and cosponsored by Anchorage Press and ID Lubricants.

"In your Easter bonnet..."

You are cordially invited to join your friends and neighbors at MCC-Anchorage at 2:00PM on Sunday, April 20, for our Easter celebration led by Rev. Karen Lipinczyk

MCC-Anchorage meets every Sunday at 2:00PM at 2311 Pembroke Street — for a map, check out our website at www.geocities.com/mccanchorage

MCC METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ANCHORAGE

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SEASONAL SOUL

Time can pass lonesome, causing the heart to falter

Do we take the easiest path, leaving the soul

Painted with colors unwelcome - grey or coal

Daily routine becomes our shelter

OR

Holding in mind the promises given

Taxing freedom to live in our truth

Moving ahead with the daring of youth

Knowing the risks, but driven

SO

A canopy of blue, a phosphorous green

Start the rainbow of colors that herald in spring

So faith can prevail as another winter is gone

Granting us hope that our strides will be long

-- RUTH MITCHELL

Unknown Success
by Chuck Hart

In my December 2002 column I wrote about Devan & Roxi’s Oct. 29, 2002, morning call-in show. They defended a student’s use of the word, “gay,” as an insult. Calls aired were exclusively from people agreeing with them. Roxi quickly apologized. Devan not only refused, but went on to slam our community’s “overly sensitive response” in a seven minute on-air rant.

A few weeks ago I happened onto the GLAAD* web site and checked out their list of actions in the Northwest region, which includes Alaska. I saw the Devan & Roxi show as one of their successes, claiming apologies from both DJs. Roxi had apologized directly to me for my December 2002 article.

I contacted Monica Taher at GLAAD and asked to whom Devan’s apology was made, and were any local activists informed of the apology. The reply was that Devan apologized to GLAAD and the apology was relayed to one local activist, Pete Gregson.

I wanted to share this success with NorthView readers, and I hope this is the last chapter in this story.

* The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.
**WHAT’S NEW WITH THE 4As**

A’s program for HIV positives -

Last Tuesday Group - This group is held for HIV positive persons to discuss issues that affect their lives. The group meets the Last Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the United Way conference room. This month’s theme: Alcohol and Drugs and U

Nathan Rivas and Mary Elisabeth Ridder facilitate five workshops on Disclosure that use multimedia and an interactive format. The theme is “Stress and Triggers of Disclosure”.

Our HIV Positive support group meets every second Thursday at 5:30 pm at our office. We also offer several monthly social activities.

A calendar of activities and group meeting schedules are available at our office or the GLCCA. You can contact Nathan Rivas or Tamara Hart at 263-2056 for more information on the 4-A’s prevention with Positives Program.

**Up coming events for May:**
- Game Night
- Bowling Night
- Discussion Groups
- Pick-up the monthly calendar at 4-A’s front desk.

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**Community Wide All Ages Events**

**Fashion with Function**
Adam and Steve / 4As Fundraiser Event
263.2081 for more details
May 17th

**Drugs in Party land**
Wilda Marston Theater at Loussac Library
7pm FREE May 6th
A forum for the GLBT community on the Highs and Lows of drugs and alcohol
Hosted by:
Nathan and Gregg
Sponsored By:
Adam and Steve & Alaska Aids Assistance Association

**Adam and Steve**
Adam and Steve’s goal is to reduce the risk of HIV transmission through education and peer influence. For men between the ages of 18-29!

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is Core Group and every 2nd Tuesday is Volunteer Night. “Urge” is our Sexshop that is held the last Thursday of the month. All these events are held at the GLCCA at 7pm or at the United Way Building/ 4-A’s.

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**Up coming events for May**:
- Hiking
- Eklutna Picnic
- GAY-decathlon

Pick up your Adam and Steve monthly calendar at the GLCCA or look online at www.adamandsteve.org

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**HIV TESTING SCHEDULE**

Location: 4As
Date: 1st & 3rd Wed
Time: 1pm to 3pm

Phone 263.2050 1057 West Fireweed Ste 102 www.alaskanaids.org

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NIGHT WALK

The nightingale flew softly across the dark sky.
The moon shone brightly on the leafless trees.
Two people walked hand in hand down the well trod path.

Neither of them said a word.
They didn’t need to… they both understood.

-- TIM PEARSON

IMPOSSIBILITY

The impossible dream –
that unreachable dream.

Is it really that impossible
and unreachable
or
do people just not try?

You cannot catch a whale
with a bamboo pole.
Nor can you thread a needle
with a piece of rope.

But…
if You really wanted to…
if that was Your goal…
if You wanted to succeed badly enough…
YOU
would find a way.

-- TIM PEARSON

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PLATO’S PLAYPEN

Cybersex: it’s all in your head

Have you ever wondered what happened to romance? Those intense parting glances, the sparkle in the eyes, the in-person ignition of chemistry between two people seems to have vanished from the face of this planet. I have a sneaking suspicion that romance has been kidnapped on the information superhighway, placed in hyperdrive and left behind cyberspace dust.

The Internet was supposed to make our lives more manageable. However, it has become a hindrance in the province of personal affairs. Prospective dates, potential life partners and soul mates have been encapsulated by an epidemic of cold isolation on the Internet. There is an addiction called cybersex.

It’s an addiction because surfing web sites and chat rooms can be a response to stimulating, pleasure producing areas of the brain, which becomes a chronic compulsive behavior pattern. Often we hear stories of people finding their mates on-line. But the odds of being struck by lightning are more probable.

Two or more of the following symptoms are classic signs of cybersex addiction:
• spending increasing amounts of on-line time focused on sexual or romantic intrigue.
• the primary focus of sexual or romantic life becomes related to computer activity.
• tired at work or late due to previous night’s use of “the net.”
• intense engagement in collecting Internet pornography.
• decreased social or family interactive time due to on-line fantasy involvement.
• failed attempts to cut back on the frequency of Internet sexual or romantic interaction.
• frequently becoming angry or extremely irritable when asked to give up on-line involvement to engage with partners, family or friends.
• avoiding personal, face-to-face interaction in favor of hiding behind the secret veil and discourse via the Internet.

Personally, surfing the chat rooms is like strolling through a flea market. It’s crowded, it’s boring and tedious in the midst of hope. Eventually, it becomes a waste of precious time and you remain lonesome. For this addiction there is a remedy: get off-line, get professional help and get in touch with reality. Here are few of the serious real world consequences of cybersex:
• breaking off sexual intimacy with your primary partner.
• losing or declining personal friendships because you think there is a better opportunity on-line.
• engaging in sexual situations in which you would not ordinarily find yourself.
• financial losses from downloading pornography or racking up huge fees on web sites or scams.
• reliance on the Internet as a coping mechanism for relationship problems, stress and depression.
• opportunity to deceive by lying about age, physical characteristics, having a partner in life or digitally enhancing photography.
• loss of judgment: sexual arousal, lowering inhibitions, alcohol or substance abuse relapse by invitations leading to unsafe sexual decisions, environments or practices.

You work your way through 25 three-minute dates with a chat room full of women or men. You think you have electronically clicked with a special person. But you do not have the benefit of in-person personality and character screening. Good vibes and gut instincts aren’t worth a penny on-line. Then you’re dealt the unintentional and undesirable fate.

At what point in time do you discover the inner beauty or the ugly, unacceptable truth of people on-line? Time destroys all romantic opportunities and pleasures of social encounters of life.

Plato never indulges in the sins of cyberspace encounters. However, Plato has observed the scars of many friends who tumbled into the black holes of the Internet by compulsive behavior, destructive effects and disastrous results.
PLATO’S WAR PROPAGANDA

“Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulations, the triumphs and the sorrow that are the aftermath of war.” — HERBERT C. HOOVER, 1944

“One is left with the horrible feeling now that war settles nothing; that to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one.” — AGATHA CHRISTIE

“We are mad, not only individually, but nationally. We check manslaughter and isolate murders, but what of war and the much vaunted crime of slaughtering whole peoples?” — LUCIUS SENeca (4 BC- 65 AD)

The fighting patriotic spirits soar, and the blood in torrents pour; like rain, down the drain in vain, for war breeds war again and again.”

—AUTHOR OF ‘PLATO’S PLAYPEN’

Submit!

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

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

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

Submissions can be sent digitally to:

northview@identityinc.org

Or via mail to:

P.O. Box 200070
Anchorage, Alaska
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clubs, groups, organizations

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

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

Alaska Gay/Lesbian Association (UAF student organization)

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)
A locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersex people in all aspects of personal and public life. 907-566-ACR1 AlaskansforCivilRights@yahoo.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Joyous, & Free
AA group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgendered individuals and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays and Fridays 7 PM to 8 PM at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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: anchoragefronrunners@hotmail.com Web: www.fronrunners.org/clubs/anchorage.

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA)
The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space for GLBTAs to meet, hang out, hold or attend a meeting or group, or use the resource library or computers. Located at 2110 East Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 103 (between the Burger Cache & Don Jose’s). The GLCCA is staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. Current hours of operation are Mon thru Fri - 3 PM to 9 PM, Sat - 12 PM to 9 PM, Sun - 12 PM to 6 PM. You can reach the GLCCA at 907-929-GLBT. E-mail: glcca@identityinc.org.

Gay and Lesbian Helpline
Sponsored by Identity, Inc., this information and referral line is answered daily from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The Helpline is staffed by volunteers and provides information and referrals to businesses, professionals and service providers that are supportive of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. If you would like to be a part of this service or if you need information, please call 907-258-4777 or toll free (in Alaska) 1-888-901-9876.

GLSEN
(Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)
Anchorage: Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. We meet. 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.

Identity, Inc.
Founded to improve self and community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the expression of individual sexual identities, in order to promote positive attitudes and healthy ways of living for all people within the State of Alaska. Identity sponsors a statewide Helpline, the NorthView, PrideFest, Living Out Loud and more. For more information about these events contact the GLCCA, 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Suite 103, 929-GLBT. You can also call the Helpline at 258-4777, or visit the Identity website at www.identityinc.org.

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)
The ICOAA sponsors the Eklutna picnic Memorial Day weekend, the Fur Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, Pride on the Parkstrip, Coronation Labor Day weekend and numerous other events. Contact Information: PO Box 104032 Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. http://www.icoaa.org

IMRU2
The social group for GLBT youth meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the GLCCA. The group is for GLBT youth ages 13 to 18. We eat, chat, watch videos, plan events and do lots of laughing. There aren’t many ways for people this age to meet each other, so join us and tell your friends. Call 566-IMRU (4678) if you have questions, and one of us will call you back.

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

The Last Frontier Men’s Club
Social club for the Levi/leather/bear community. Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month for a brief business meeting & potluck social, 6:00 PM, at Mad Myrna’s, 530 E. 5th Avenue. In addition, we hold monthly “Dinner Night Out” and several campouts throughout the summer which are open to all. Check our website for complete information and list of community events. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK, 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. E-mail: info@tlfmc.com. Web: www.tlfmc.com.
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Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC)
MCC is a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL people are welcome to worship and compassionate God. MCC meets every Sunday at 2:00 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke (East of 24th Ave. and Boniface Parkway). For a map showing the location and a calendar of current events, check out our website at www.geocities.com/mccanchorage or contact us by phone at 258-5266 or email us at mccanchorage@yahoo.com.

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

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

OPAL
A social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks. Anne at 345-3818 or opal@gci.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 Fairbanks
PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. For more information, call 45-PFLAG for meetings and events in Fairbanks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT
Center for Drug Problems Provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis. Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4 PM. Anchorage: 907-278-5019.
Support Group (Soldotna)
A group of people with HIV or AIDS or families or friends.
Call Jan at 262-2589.

Women’s Music Fest
Happens the weekend of July 4th. Contact Gay Wolfenerger:
907-258-0312.

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

Publications

Alaska Women Speak
A publication by Alaskan women on topics for Alaskan
women. They can be reached at 907-689-7922.

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

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

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

E-mail lists

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

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

Alaska Gay Discussion
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion
This is an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to
Alaska, and provides a calendar of events. Participation
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Alaska GLBT News
A state-wide e-mail notification service distributing news
and information about upcoming events of interest to the
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To receive these notices or to submit an item for
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A mailing list for the Women’s Community. Event
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MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

(J) Social at Summit Lounge, after work.
(J) “Women’s Prerogative,” KTOO-FM Wednesdays, 9-10 pm.
(F) Dames on the Dial, KSUA-FM 91.5, 10 pm – Midnight.
(A) GLSEN, second Wednesday, 7pm, at the GLCCA
(A) IMRU2: every Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 PM, at the GLCCA, for more info leave message: 907-566-IMRU

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

(A) Lunch, 4As, noon-1 pm, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Ste. 102, Lori 263-2050. Everyone invited: HIV+, volunteers and friends.
(A) Gay, Joyous & Free, 7pm, The GLCCA
(A) Friday Night Divas Show at Mad Myrna’s, 9pm
(F) Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30-5:30 pm, IAA offices. 710 3rd Avenue.

FRIDAYS, cont’d.

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

SATURDAYS

(A) SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 12 noon, Unitarian Church, 566-1133.
(A) Frontrunners/Walkers: Meets at Westchester Lagoon May through October, 10 am, 337-3683 or anchoragefrontrunners@hotmail.com
(J) PFLAG First Saturday of each month, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Mendenhall Library conference room.
(F) Socializing and Dancing at Club G, mixed crowd, 9 pm – 3:30 am. 150 Farmer’s Loop.

SUNDAYS

(A) Metropolitan Community Church Services, 2pm Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke
(A) White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism, 11 am Sunday 1047 L Street, 258-1851
(A) Transgender Social/Support Group, 4-5 p.m., at the GLCCA, 929-4528.
(F) PFLAG, third Sunday, 4-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4448 Pike’s Landing Road
(A) Northern Exposure bowling league, Park Lanes, 4:00 pm 561-8744 for more information