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## VIEW FROM THE TOP

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### The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of

I was a traveling nurse for close to five years before I took an assignment at a hospital in North Carolina. Several months later, I was assigned to take care of a patient who had already been there for three months. His name was Clark and he was born very prematurely at twenty four weeks. I was warned in the report that his parents might be a bit of a challenge. Dad was blind and Mom was bi-polar. They were told that they could never have children and then lo and behold, Mom got pregnant. They were very particular and finicky when it came to the care of their child. The nurse also added that if they took a dislike to me, don't take it personally, as they had quite a list of nurses who could not be assigned to him anymore.

Clark unfortunately had hypoplastic (underdeveloped) lungs and the prognosis was bleak. His mom still felt that he would get well and go home eventually. I told the nurse that I would treat them with the same respect that I showed all other parents but that I would not sugarcoat anything. When they came to visit that night, I answered their questions as honestly as I could without offering up false hope. At the same time, I did not volunteer my own personal opinions about his outcome. The funny thing was, they liked me, a lot. They felt that I would be truthful with them. The weird thing was, I kinda liked them as well. They were really sweet once you got to know them. However, I usually steer away from primary nursing, where you follow the patient through until they are discharged. When they asked if I would mind being assigned to their son as much as possible, I reluctantly agreed.

For the next three months, I took care of Clark quite often. He was tried off a ventilator once but only managed to be off a few days before he had to go back on again. At about four-and-a-half months, he got a trach, which is a breathing tube in the throat. He seemed to tolerate it well and was developing quite a personality. He would smile and laugh. I would tell Clark all about Mardi Gras and called him "Spy-Boy." I even have a photo somewhere of him with Mardi Gras beads and sunglasses on. With a trach, Mom and Dad were able to hold him easier. I learned a lot about Clark's parents, but I never discussed my personal life with them as it was not germane to his care. One Sunday

evening in late March, Mom was holding Clark and talking about her day when she said that her and her husband decided that they needed to find a new church to attend. When I asked why, she said that the pastor had said something disparaging about people who are gay. Her and her husband did not care for such comments, and they decided to find a new church. Then she smiled and moved on to another topic.



A couple of weeks earlier, there had been a care conference with all of the nurses who took care of Clark. There were some nurses who took care of Clark who continued to offer the parents hope for a miracle. One of the doctors wanted to be sure that we were all on the same page so there would be consistency in our approach. I left the meeting knowing that it would come down to me.

It was the first Monday in April when the time came. Clark had been breathing very hard all day, his little chest pulling in very deeply each time and his color was very pale. As his Mom held him, she asked me, "Nicole, should I let him go?" I told her that I could not make that decision for her, that she had to follow her own heart. With tears in her eyes, she asked that I call all the people on Clark's list and let them know it was time to say goodbye. It took about two hours to get everyone there to say "farewell." Then we disconnected him from the ventilator, attached a free-flow O2 device to his trach, and walked him and his parents across the hall to a private room. He passed away five minutes later in the arms of his mom.

The next day, I wrote a poem for him titled "Good-Bye Spy Boy" which I read at his memorial that Saturday. His parents loved the poem. As for me, I just thought of him as a little hero until the end.

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### **Eye On... Tanner Randall**

“My mission is to provide a trendy and more upscale and truly Alaskan brand that Alaskans can wear and be proud of.”

Tanner Randall was a vendor at the Girdwood Forest Fair, selling beautiful knit and crocheted garments. He designed and created the scarves and beanie hats, and was selling them under his own design label as a means to raise money to attend the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

“I want to provide men with more options, as the world of fashion is dominated by women’s fashion,” he said. “I plan to design with more edge and fun, yet keep it classy.”

Getting to know the handsome 20-year-old better in subsequent weeks, I learned that Tanner was born and raised in Anchorage, in the shadow of two-time Olympic skier sister Kikkan Randall. He speculated that he may have compensated for that by becoming focused, organized, and freely expressing his artistic talents. His lesbian aunt was also publicly athletic, competing at Lake Placid in the 1980 Winter Olympics. Tanner’s Anchorage family has always been close, and active. It’s not uncommon to find them hiking, camping, fishing, skiing, and spending holidays together.

While attending East High, Tanner felt a passion for the art of modeling and acting. He performed in “Enchanted World” for three years, practiced choreography in the school’s lip synch competition, starred as Romeo with the Alaska Theater for Youth in his senior year, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mister East body sculpture competition. Tanner always felt competitive, “wanting to look better than everyone else” by dressing well and keeping his body in top shape. Many students assumed that he was gay, and he learned that gay labels were “not a positive thing because of the way they were meaning it.”

By working at Skinny Raven Sports he saved some cash, and after graduation Tanner took his passion for fashion

(and his skills in speaking German) and spent a year in western Germany as an exchange student in their 13<sup>th</sup> grade. He found the European culture, art, and fashion centers to be inspiring, and eventually signed with EQ Models agency. A host parent taught him the art of knitting and crocheting, which Tanner began to use to create his own designs for men’s wear.

Back in Alaska, Mr. Randall produced his own fashion label called Nanuq of Alaska. In June the *Anchorage Daily News* published a feature story about his business as an example of young men challenging stereotypes regarding knitting. He’s a full time student at UAA for now, but intends to earn a menswear degree from the Institute in New York and perhaps work as an assistant to an established designer.

Who knows where his talents will take him from there?

I asked him about his thoughts on same-sex marriage in Alaska. He views marriage as “special” and is all for sanctioned marriage for gays in our state. He seemed proud of his lesbian aunt’s quality life with her two daughters. When asked what he has learned, for sure, in his 20 years, Tanner said that “Nothing really matters.” He views questions about school, who you’re dating, and similar topics as insignificant in the bigger scheme of things. “Do the best you can, and don’t take yourself too seriously.” Though he’s single now, he admits to realizing that it “would be great to share my life with someone beyond my family.”

His thoughtfully created hats, scarves, vests and headbands (of Egyptian cotton, rabbit mohair, alpaca, merino wools, nylon blends and other fibers) are being sold on-line ([www.nanuqofalaska.com](http://www.nanuqofalaska.com)) and at venues such as Anchorage’s Saturday Market. Tanner is hosting a fashion show on Friday September 1 at Her Tern downtown (8<sup>th</sup> and H Street), with doors opening at 6:30pm. It will not only feature his apparel, but will also be an exhibit of his fashion photography in Alaska. He feels that will be “kind of different for Alaska.” If you go to the show, dress warmly. The Alaska theme will include a room temperature down around 50 degrees!



*Tanner Randall, photo by Marc Ruibenska*

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## LAURA CARPENTER

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### Heroes and Heroines

A short story

Cheri wanted to be a hero to someone, but she didn't want to have a kid to do it. She'd prefer not to even touch children - just be revered by them. She thought she'd be a famous actor then give away millions (because she'd have millions to spare), but that didn't work out so she settled for opening doors for folks.

And then she met Brooke.

"Hiya, hunk," Brooke said to Cheri, handing her a drink before Cheri even checked Brooke out. (Cheri had a habit of noticing every woman who walked into that place, and Brooke, with her legs longer than the Nile and brunette hair thick enough to make any sane dyke wanna grab it, was not the type of dame Cheri would miss.)

Cheri took the beer with a cool nod of the head, but she was slowly melting into the pool table. She hadn't fallen this hard, this quick since she met Johanna, her last, mad love.

Brooke's quick wit, melodic laugh and silky hands were almost enough to make Cheri not hear "One of my daughters can't get enough of this song."

One of my daughters? So there's not only one, but more than one? That's it, good-bye. Cheri could handle chicks with kids—for a night or two—but Brooke was the type of lady who needed romancing and Cheri didn't have the time or desire.

Brooke slipped her fingers into Cheri's belt loop and pulled her back. "Hold on there, soldier. Where do you think you're going?"

Where did she think she was going? "To get you another martini, of course."

"Of course."

Cheri did not talk to a friend at the bar, didn't take her eyes off the sweat circles on the counter. She had to think. This had to be lust, pure and simple lust. A little loving wouldn't hurt anyone. Just get out before the kids wake up. Cheri wasn't about to make cutesy faces and pretend she was interested in Barney the Dinosaur. Lust, good. Cheri felt better. She took a shot of tequila and headed back. Lust. Perfect.

It was harder to convince herself it was just lust when three weeks later she was swatting Morgan's hand.

Morgan was Brooke's oldest daughter, and she was stealing Cheri's chips. Adult dates took turns with family outings. They were sitting in the balcony at the Bear Tooth. No beer here, and Cheri wasn't about to give up her chips to some 9-year-old in a lacy dress.

"Hey!" Morgan snapped, pulling her hand away in mock offense.

Cheri playfully pushed Morgan's shoulder, and Morgan pushed back, giggling.

"Hush," Dakota, Brooke's youngest, said. The movie was starting.

Brooke squeezed Cheri's thigh, cherry red nails gripping her jeans, probably in warning. Cheri knew she should be a better role model, but she didn't know exactly how to do that. Cheri took care of herself, always had, and took care of a lady when one was around. But with Morgan on one side and Brooke on the other, just taking care of herself and buying flowers for a pretty face wasn't enough anymore. It would take someone heroic to teach her new ways, and Brooke and her daughters could be the team to do it.



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## Silent Screaming

Am I comfortably numb? Probably. My meds jack down my screaming body, dull my senses. Yet lately, my brain is 'squirring like a toad,' trying to make sense of a world going mad. Screaming is everywhere: dumpster babies, teenagers firing guns, Mother Nature being raped and pillaged. Why is it we're the only predator who kills everything standing in the way of our greed?

Screaming...hear it? We are comfortably numbed, palliated by TV, drugs, violence and religion. We have a lot of excuses for not hearing or doing. How about the "I can't do anything because I'm just one little person who won't make a shit of difference" excuse? Or the one that goes "I don't know which side's right. So how can I make a stand?" I use them all. With confusion added in, you can be glued to your recliner for life!

Politically, the 60's left me paranoid of governmental power and uniforms. From there, it went downhill with the politicians: King Kennedy of Camelot, 10 Gallon Lyndon, Tricky Dicky, the Peanut Farmer, Hollywood Ronnie, Arab Terminator I, 'Blow Me' Billy and Arab Terminator II. (Yes, I missed Ford. So?) Then, Jeb Bush and his brown shirts took away my belief in the electoral process. That pissed me off. "Why even vote?" I ask myself, ballot in hand, as I wait for a booth. I mean, the Arab Terminator II hornswoggled his way into that second term on the back of Jeb, the War Machine and the Religious Right. And the man is a meat puppet! Whether he's drunk or sober, my neighbor's dog speaks better than him! But to whom do I complain? Try declaiming Bush to anyone. I'll bet you they 'uh-huh' you a few times then change the subject ASAP. If you aren't one with Bush, you're labeled a traitor (re: Clooney, Dixie Chicks). So bye-bye freedom of thought and speech!

How about another excuse: "If I speak up, what'll they do to me in retaliation?" Better known as Fear. Example: back in March, I called Sen. Murkowski on her public opinion line, ranting that she'd better stop the UAE from buying six American ports. Afterwards, it hit me. Shit! Did I just threaten her on public record? There wasn't any 'or else' to the message, but I quickly called back and amended it with a docile 'please' tone of voice. My wife laughed and said, "You are such a wimp nowadays." My macho feelings hurt, I whipped back with, "You didn't do the 60's like I did." Then it dawned on me. I'm afraid of the government again.

Remember when the FBI had files on everyone? Remember the police beating the crap out of those making anti-governmental stands? Or because you were different? Or just because they felt like it? Well, I'm afraid of what

will happen to me - to us - with a government that's consumed with world domination. It seems to be toppling into a Fourth Reich, ruled by a stuttering mindless man, spouting rephrased George Wallace: "You're either for us or you are the enemy" which is just this century's version of "Love it or leave it."

And what will they retaliate with? Another IRS audit next year? Tap your phones (oops... they legally do that now!) Freeze your bank accounts? They can make your life a living hell. Of course, worrying about it achieves their purpose. You'll get so paranoid, they'll put you away and lose the key! Damned if you do, damned if you don't.

Of course, age has eroded the youthful vigor and bravery I once used to protest American wrongdoings. I am more fearful now of consequences, and yes, I was wimpy on the second call to Murkowski. But you know what? I'm tired of being numbed by TV, depressed by newspapers, and of living with all these damn excuses!

Yes, my body's deteriorating faster than I can keep up with. However, my brain is still alive and listening. And by golly, this old lion came out of her numb state and roared in protest for the first time in years!

Results? No cops/FBI tore my door down. In fact, I received an informative letter from Murkowski along with appreciation for stating my opinion. I'm not even Republican. I called her because I figured she had more juice with the Puppet Master.

Special bonus? Must've been a lot of other people screaming at their Senators 'cause Congress stopped the Dubai sale. How about that?! (Of course, my chess playing, paranoid side is still trying to figure out what was really going on, was it all hype?) But, I gotta say I feel alive, useful and once more believing that I can do something in my country. How long will it last till I'm numb again? Who knows.

Tell you what though... open your mind up to the silent screaming. Then, pick a cause. If you're unhappy with our systems, let someone know. I can't say for sure that our people make the governmental changes anymore. But you might feel happier with yourself if you act like they do. Anyway, it's just one act following another.



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## My Heroine

When many of us think of a hero or heroine, we think of an older person or someone from history who made a significant impact on our lives. Folks such as Gandhi, Rosa Parks, my Aunt Ann, Libby Roderick and others.

I want to tell you about my daughter. She is my heroine. Recently she gave me a new perspective on the war in Iraq. She said good-bye with dignity to her soul-mate and husband Gabe when he was deployed.

Audrey is doing a marvelous job helping her children, ages two and four, adjust to change. She is a full-time parent and cares about every area of the lives of these little ones. The children can be a real challenge and she accepts that it is not an easy task. Audrey takes time out for herself when given the opportunity, but she is always there to give each of them a loving hug, squeeze or tickle. The oldest attends preschool part-time so that his needs for socializing with other children can be met. Their cousins live next to them, and Audrey creates opportunities for the boys to see other children at parks, in pet stores, and around town. She is going to a picnic with her children this week to meet other families who have been deployed. The children will enjoy the play opportunity. It takes a lot for some of us to step out of our shell and meet others in this way. I am happy for my daughter, having this kind of social courage.

It is a miracle to me that Audrey had the fortitude to seek me out and allow me back into her life. In the mid 1990's I adopted her legally. When she was of legal age, she moved out of my home because she could not live with the partner I had at that time. This partner was not good for either of us, it just took me longer to get out of that situation. My daughter, Audrey, is a brave and marvelous young woman to endure some of the things she has take on in her young life. (She no longer considers herself young, but I think that many of you would agree with me that if I am her mother then she is young!) A little more than two years ago, Audrey and I got in touch with each other. I met my new grandson. I was ecstatic. I was able to be at the hospital after my second grandson was born.

Thanks to Audrey's coaching, both boys call me Nana now. I chose that name in memory of my own Nana who died in January of this year. My daughter, Audrey, has people skills and knows how to communicate with others in ways I have yet to master. Last week we had a yard sale. She was able to barter and the people left feeling

like winners. It was because of her tactics that we had the sales we did. She had more fun getting acquainted with people and learning about them than selling. (Me, I just wanted the sale.)

It has impressed me since her teenage years that her heart goes out to reptiles and fish - she believes in animal and reptile rescue. Audrey passes her knowledge to others, including her children. I was laughing to myself while walking through a pet store because her oldest was naming off types of reptiles.

My heroine, Audrey, is not a lesbian. She supports LGBT rights and loves her mother. In times past she lived with a lesbian couple and they still love and care about her. They stay in touch with her. She knows transgender people and has felt their love and respect. Yes, Audrey is my heroine and I am thankful to have her in my life.

*Lynne Sangster is a lesbian and is back to writing a bit. Her dog Bear wants everyone to know that life is rough because he is having to learn 'manners'. There is no such thing as a free lunch (off the counter)! Bear wants his mom to sleep normal hours so that he can go to sleep, but she won't do it...*

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## DAD'S CORNER: CHUCK HART

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### Heroes

Heroes aren't hard to come by.

Locally, my heroes are those who organize and work at Pride Fest and Pride Conference. My heroes take part in the Pride Parade. They put on Coronation. They raise thousands of dollars for local charities. They show the bigots that we can't be wished away. They give hope to those hiding in the closet, by showing them that they are not alone.

Rev. Howard Bess, a straight man, helped many GLBT people, including me, to come out of the closet. His simple counseling can help undo decades of fundamentalist evangelical damage. He and his wife joined the lawsuits in the late 1990's to make marriage legal for us. I applaud his energy and efforts!

Phyllis Rhodes keeps our Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage staffed with trained volunteers so that we can use it seven days a week. She keeps the Center running smoothly and is quick with a friendly word or two. She also regularly contributes to the NorthView. Go Phyllis!

Fred Hillman quietly works long hours behind the scenes for GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight, Education Network) helping GLBTA youth in our public schools. Fred could be kicking back enjoying retirement. Instead he spends most of his week giving his time and energy to the youth of our community. Thank you Fred!

Rev. Johnathan Jones worked hard to quadruple the membership of a struggling church that welcomes GLBT people. He successfully confronted several local conservative radio talk show hosts. He started many activities such as bowling, dvd nights, and various picnics. Keep up the good work!

I admire the people who are out enough to put a rainbow sticker on their car. Those stickers cheer me up and help me feel less isolated. It is a simple act, but for many it requires too much courage, or violates an unwritten fashion code.

I admire our numerous straight allies. They go out on a limb time and again to associate with us. I know that their association with us has at times cost them "friends" and yet they remain our steadfast supporters, walking the walk with us.

Nationally, I respect all the Howards, Freds,

Phyllises, and Johnathans working to enrich their communities. They touch more lives than they know. With their efforts, gradual change is happening. Because of this transformation of society, life is more tolerable for all of us.

Historically, my favorite group of all is the New York City gang that rebelled in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn. They did not go quietly into that night. They defended themselves by resisting the inhumane treatment forced on them for so long by the police, who were supposed to be protecting them as citizens of New York. I almost wish we could do it again on a grander scale, but it would go against my belief in nonviolence.

Internationally, my heroes are the governments of the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Spain, and the Republic of South Africa for making marriage legal. They displayed political courage and fairness. I hope someday they refuse to recognize U.S. marriages until we recognize all of theirs. I salute our NATO allies who allow their GLBT citizens to serve openly in their armed forces. I wonder why our soldiers can serve overseas with a gay soldier from the UK but not a gay soldier from the US. Looking at other countries shows me how it can be, and gives me hope for this country.

My heroes are busy making everyone's lives better. They are working for change in our society and laws. They sometimes tilt at windmills, but they keep trying.



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## GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

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Most LGBT folks are concerned with winning our full civil rights so we may truly be treated equally in our society. But, probably, not that many of us are aware of the philosophical underpinnings and the key court decisions that paved the way for where we are now and will likely be in the future. This is what David A. J. Richards' book, *The Case for Gay Rights* (University Press of Kansas, 2005) addresses.

The author, a professor of law at New York University, became concerned with these issues thirty years ago when he met the man who is, to this day, his life partner—and it changed everything. He spent the intervening years thinking and writing about 'justice' for such relationships.

To Richards, the philosophical basis for modern gay rights stems from classic political liberalism or, more specifically, from utilitarianism and contractualism. Key figures in developing the former theory were John Stuart Mill and Jeremy Bentham - who advocated a rational basis for law - and in the latter, with Emmanuel Kant - a critical figure who gave weight to the idea of human dignity.

Gay rights came slowly to the United States, and it was only after World War II that court decisions began to open some doors. These decisions (1) narrowed what constituted obscenity in speech, and (2) challenged traditional gender roles. Cases involving racial minorities and women were critical. The Civil Rights Movement and Feminism were two important social movements in doing this. One of the pivotal decisions was *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) which supported a constitutional right to privacy. Although it specifically had to do with access to condoms, it gave credence to an individual's right to an intimate life.

The 2003 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Lawrence v. Texas* struck down anti-sodomy laws and extended the right to an intimate life to gay people (even though we got there in a circuitous and slow way, having to endure seventeen years of the *Bowers v. Hardwick* (1986) decision).

Richards does think that the *Lawrence* decision will eventually lead the courts to rule in favor of gay marriage, believing that gay people will ultimately be considered a 'suspect class' to the same degree as racial

minorities and women. (His judgment is that, right now, we aren't quite there.)

Despite being trained as a lawyer, Richards ties the future of gay rights to modern developments in psychology as well. He sees the work of Carol Gilligan as groundbreaking, especially in the area of gender differences and gender roles. Gay rights have been—and are—dependent on a rights-based feminism and a resistance to sexism and homophobia, which attacks patriarchy, demanding more flexible gender roles and a democratic manhood, with a society casting aside sectarianism as it resolves questions of basic justice by public reason and deliberate democracy.



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### A Black Woman Warrior Poet Doing Her Work

*“When I dare to be powerful—to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.”* – Audre Lorde (1934-1992)

Audre Lorde’s bold words give me courage as they both inspire and challenge me. I’ve read her essay, “The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action” (in *Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches*, 1984) so many times that I have parts of it nearly memorized.

*“Perhaps for some of you here today, I am the face of one of your fears. Because I am woman, because I am Black, because I am lesbian, because I am myself—a Black woman warrior poet doing my work—come to ask you, are you doing yours?”*

The challenge of whether I’m truly doing my work—loving, bearing witness to others’ pain and joy, naming truth—helps me keep focused. Lorde writes about how, as she reviewed her life, what she regretted most were her silences. She reminds us that our silence will not protect us. And she addresses fear.

*“And of course I am afraid, because the transformation of silence into language and action is an act of self-revelation, and that always seems fraught with danger. But my daughter ... said, ‘Tell them about how you’re never really a whole person if you remain silent, because there’s always that one little piece inside you that wants to be spoken out, and if you keep ignoring it, it gets madder and madder and hotter and hotter, and if you don’t speak it out one day it will just up and punch you in the mouth from the inside.’”*

At a meeting I attended at work this week, the facilitators asked us to introduce ourselves and share the greatest risk we’d ever taken. My heart sank. I could have shared about traveling in Guatemala during wartime, or working two years in Washington, D.C. with homeless women recovering from addictions. But those never felt like risks to me. Not like coming out as a lesbian to the Lutheran committee that would determine whether I could become a pastor. Or telling my congregation that I was in love with a woman. But to share that risk meant coming out again.

I sat in the middle of this group of colleagues, looking around the room wondering how each of them might respond to my honesty. The social worker who played hockey with my girlfriend and knows we’re a

couple. The woman who is also my neighbor and brought us meals while we were recuperating from our car accident. The ER nurse who only knows me as the chaplain. Those I’ve never met before. And those with whom I’ve been dropping hints, testing the waters by throwing in references to



my partner and watching carefully for a response. Voices battled in my head. The voice that could have been channeling Audre Lorde reminded me that every time I come out I make new connections and remind people that we are here, no longer invisible. The voice reminded me that I feel better about myself when I’m brave, and that it made a difference to me when others had the courage to say the word “Lesbian” out loud, carving out space where I could breathe.

But it was the other voice that won. The voice that said I was tired, and no one asked me if I felt like coming out this morning, and whose business is it anyway? The voice crying out, “I don’t want to take the risk this time. Not this morning. I don’t want to see the caught off guard looks, or listen to people tell me at the break how brave I was to come out, or wonder if nurses will quit making referrals to me because they don’t want to subject patients to ‘the lesbian chaplain.’”

Instead, I told the group about taking the risk to come to Alaska for my first call as a pastor, not knowing anyone, and simply left out the lesbian part. And I felt guilty, knowing I’d rather be the woman who’s brave than the woman who cops out. And I felt irritated, that I was spending so much emotional energy on a stupid five-minute icebreaker.

Other days I make different, braver, riskier choices. Other days I feel more connected to the truth Audre Lorde speaks when she says, “...that visibility which makes us most vulnerable is that which also is the source of our greatest strength.”

I know in my bones she’s right. I’ve lived visible and vulnerable and strong. And tomorrow is another day, another day to be doing my work.

*As a distraction from doing her work, Susan Halvor occasionally checks her email in between games of freecell and spider solitaire. You can reach her at [shalvor@juno.com](mailto:shalvor@juno.com).*

## Should You Buy Insurance on the Internet?

Since the onset of the Internet, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of people who opt to buy products online. This can be convenient when you know exactly what you want, but may not always be the best route when more information—or even advice—is needed. While many consumers frequently buy commodities like CDs, books and clothing on the Internet, some shoppers harbor concerns about purchasing financial products, such as life insurance, online. While the Internet can be a valuable resource for information and comparison shopping, it does not replace a face-to-face meeting with a trusted insurance professional.

### The Value of a Relationship

In general, many people have mixed emotions when it comes to inputting personal information into the Web, especially information pertaining to insurance and financial products. Some people worry that their privacy will be violated once their information is entered into a Web site. An additional issue for people is accountability: In the event that a claim is made and not satisfactorily met, whom can one talk to? With an Internet purchase, there is not always an identifiable person to back up the sale—nor a salesperson to stand behind that purchase. Insurance and financial professionals are trained to build strong bonds with their clients. They offer guidance and make specific recommendations, as well as provide



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up-to-the-minute information about new insurance and financial products.

### The Internet as a Research Tool

This is not to say that the Internet can't be a valuable resource for research and comparison shopping. In fact, the Internet is emerging as a major educational tool for consumers, presenting the opportunity to learn about insurance and financial products and prices online—and at your own leisure.

### An Agent's "Added Value"

The added value of an agent's in-depth knowledge and personal touch has been shown throughout the history of the insurance and financial industry. The benefits of a personal relationship with a trusted agent are tenfold—not only because of the complexity of many insurance and financial products, but also because of the important needs which such products meet. After all, what could be more crucial than issues of life, death, health, taxes, estates, retirement and inheritance? The Internet is an astonishing informational tool—but is still no substitute for face-to-face contact. By talking with an insurance or financial professional, you can find the insurance and financial products that best meet your specifications, and tailor it to your ongoing lifestyle and needs.

For more information on insurance and other financial products that can be used to help you prepare for your future, please contact Alisa R O'Kelly, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, 907.257.5286

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## The Greatest American Hero

America is chock full of heroes. In a culture which embraces both individuality and cutthroat capitalism, this should come as no surprise. Heroes are, after all, both powerful and highly marketable images. Which, incidentally, explains why my mind ran the gamut after being given this month's topic. Any number of possible heroes scrolled through my tiny brain, a veritable slide show of Wheaties box covers. From the unnamed masses of military personnel, 9/11 rescue workers and volunteer firefighters, to the poignantly heartfelt choices of family and close friends, to the world renowned, if painfully obvious selections, like Mother Theresa, Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Jr, or Mohammed Ali. I thought of my childhood heroes, Wonder Woman, Mary Lou Retton, Dorothy Hamill, She-ra. I thought of every important person in my life who has passed on, and realized that a single page of accolades would seem to be, if you'll pardon the expression, a grave injustice. I dredged the obscure, looking for a laudable unknown whom I could pluck from obscurity and place upon a pedestal for all to see, to praise, and to think me wittier for the discovery. I scanned gay history and culture in search of a worthy icon: Margaret Cammemeyer? RuPaul? Judy Garland? Myrna? If I were more sports minded - if you are a faithful reader and/or happened to get a peek at the March issue you'd remember that I am about as athletically inclined as a day old prune - I could look to my sports team of choice and select an MVP, or maybe an underdog. If I were Catholic, I could pick a saint, any saint. If I were Bette Midler, I'd be living fat off the royalties from a song I wrote some ten plus years ago about heroes that you are probably singing...right...now. (Did you ever know that. . .no? Sorry.)

At any rate, heroes are absurdly prevalent in American culture, and our need to attach ourselves to them is both inspiring and disheartening, depending on your perspective, and/or your choice of hero. Heroes tell us as much about the chooser as they do the chosen, no doubt also part of the draw of their selection, much like personality quizzes, astrological inquiries, and band t-shirts. I, personally, struggled quite a bit with my choice. Writing for a community which prides itself on

the strength of its diversity, I was understandably reluctant to attach marked significance to any one person, and claim him/her to be my hero, even for a single page in a monthly publication.

Instead, I have decided to start a list, and leave it unfinished, of those who inspire me to live without complacency. You may agree with my choices, or you may not. You may recognize the names, or you may not. Just know that this is barely the tip of my own heroic iceberg. If it helps, picture the following people on the covers of Wheaties boxes, scrolling like a slide show to the tune of Bette Midler's infuriating melody that you finally stopped singing thirty seconds ago. Or don't. It's really up to you. So, without further ado, in no particular order, my (highly abridged) heroes... (cue lights, music)...

Nicole Blizzard. Melissa Gee. Anais Nin. Grandma Yaguchi. My mother. Josephine Baker. Misty Dawn. Alice Sullivan. Catherine Ward. Bear. Ani DiFranco. Kiara Gee. Shelley Wozniak. Kristen Vierthaler. Oprah. Marilyn Monroe. Kenna Bates. e.e. cummings. Jesse Myers. Joseph Alexander. Myrna. Eddie. Laurie. God bless me, I've forgotten your boy name, (did I ever know it?), but we greeted you on a Sunday morning waiting for a table at my favorite restaurant, the Village Inn. Salma Hayek. Seven year old Matthew Bradley... lights dim, music fades, leaving only the whirring click of the advancing slide projector...



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## GOODBYE SPY BOY

*Good night my little one  
good night  
fall asleep in the arms  
of those who  
loved you most  
they are here to see you  
safely into  
a land of peaches  
and licorice whips*

*You never saw much  
beyond  
four walls  
in  
three rooms  
never got to see  
the lands we  
talked about  
you never saw  
the Alaskan glaciers  
or Mardi Gras  
in New Orleans  
singing Iko-Iko  
but you would have  
made a great  
spy boy*

*I hide my tears  
for you tonight  
but you know that  
there will be some  
so good night  
sweet prince  
good night  
fall asleep in  
the arms  
of those who  
love you  
and awaken in  
a place  
where you are  
free  
to fly with the winds  
and visit  
the stars  
beyond the mountains*

*Dedicated to Clark  
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- 1 Julie Schmidt & Gayle Shuh - 3rd anniversary of arrival in Alaska
- 2 Bert Mead
- 3 Bert Mead & Steve Cook
- 4 Phyllis Rhodes
- 5 Tim Stallard of "Out in Alaska"
- 7 Kinkster's Local 69
- 9 J.R. Delgala
- 9 The Last Frontier Men's Club
- 11 Happy Birthday to Mikel Haase
- 12 Bert Mead and Steve Cook
- 12 Michael French for Mark's Birthday
- 12 Evelyn Doggett
- 13 Jen Kohout & Karen Konopacki "Every day counts"
- 14 Phyllis
- 17 Happy Birthday to Denise Trujillo
- 18 Pamela Miller & Lorraine Eckstein in memory of Robert Miller
- 19 Jim Bruce
- 20 Mari Jamieson for "My big sister's birthday!"
- 21 Kirt Beck & Roger Crandy's anniversary
- 21 Laura Carpenter for their 2nd anniversary
- 22 Dan and Al Carter-Incontro for their 3rd wedding anniversary
- 22 Steve Gingrich
- 23 Susan Klein & b Mary Lu Harle celebrate their anniversary
- 25 Tim Stallard for "Out in Alaska"
- 26 Phyllis
- 29 Laura Carpenter for "First Day of the Out Games"

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## EVENTVIEW

### Identity Programs

- Winter & Spring Living Out Loud Youth Program
- June PrideFest (6/17-25/06)
- October Pride Conference (10/22/05)
- Daily Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). Ste. 103, 2110 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage. 907-929-4528
- Nightly Helpline for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-901-9876

### Fairbanks Events

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

### Juneau Events

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

### Anchorage Events

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

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### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

**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. [AKCR@yahoo.com](mailto:AKCR@yahoo.com)

The **Alaska Native Aurora Society** is a social group for Alaska Native/American Indian gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning men, and those who love them. We have weekly gatherings, activities, Alaska Native cultural events and social events every month. We strive to create a healthy gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Native community in

Anchorage. Membership is not limited to those who reside in Alaska's urban centers, but we welcome those who live in remote rural communities and those who live outside of the state. Our events and activities are drug free, safe and supportive so everyone feels welcomed. You can subscribe to our Yahoo group at [ANMensgroup-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:ANMensgroup-subscribe@yahoo.com)

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

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

**Anchorage Women's Political Caucus.** Open to all women. 7pm, first Wednesday. Elmer's Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

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

**Aquarian Foundation** services. 8 PM Wednesdays, 11 AM Sundays. 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-349-9955.

**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. Free breast and cervical cancer screening is available to women ages 18 - 64 who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover these services. Call the YWCA of Anchorage for eligibility guidelines, enrollment, and group presentation opportunities: 907-644-9620 (Anchorage), 1-800-410-6266 (statewide).

**Celebration of Change**, a performance of women artists for women. [celebrationofchange@email.com](mailto:celebrationofchange@email.com)

**Committee for Equality.** Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. [bsara@gci.net](mailto:bsara@gci.net)

**Fairbanks Gay Youth Group.** 907-457-3524 (leave message for more information).

**The Family (a UAA Student Club)**, hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various other social, political, and awareness activities. You DO NOT have to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional

students. [www.uaa.alaska.edu/clubcouncil/thefamily](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/clubcouncil/thefamily)

**Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).** The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space to meet, hang out, hold or attend a meeting, or use the resource library or computers. Staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. 3 - 9 PM Mondays through Fridays, 12 - 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays. 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste 103 (between the Burger Cache & Don Jose's). 907-929-GLBT. [glcca@identityinc.org](mailto:glcca@identityinc.org)

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

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

**GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network).** Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. Anchorage 907-562-7161 (Fred) [fhillman@alaska.net](mailto:fhillman@alaska.net); Fairbanks Lisa Slayton or Jeff Walters c/o GLSEN, PO Box 85315, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-457-2787.

**Identity, Inc.**, a nonprofit Alaska corporation concerned with issues of sexual and gender identity. Identity envisions a world where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. The mission is to build the infrastructure for a strong GLBTA community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and Lesbian HelpLine, NorthVIEW, PrideFest, Living Out Loud Youth Conference/Seminars, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT. [www.identityinc.org](http://www.identityinc.org)

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

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

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

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

**Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC)**, a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. 2 PM Sundays. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St. (East of 24th Ave. & Boniface Pkwy.). See website for location map and calendar of current events. 907-258-5266. mccanchorage@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/mccanchorage

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

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

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

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

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

**PrideFest Steering Committee** of Identity plans and presents the annual Anchorage Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in Sept. The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBTprideonthepark@yahoo.com

**Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA):** a 12-Step program. Meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. 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. 222 Seward, Ste 200. P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 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. 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. 1 - 4 PM Mondays and Wednesdays. 907-278-5019 (Anchorage).

**Support Group (Soldotna)**, a group of people with HIV, AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2589 (Jan).

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

### E-MAIL LISTS

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

**Alaska GLBT News**, a weekly state-wide e-mail notification service distributing news and information about upcoming events of interest to the Alaska GLBT community. To receive these notices or to submit an item for distribution: [alaskaglbnews@yahoo.com](mailto:alaskaglbnews@yahoo.com)

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

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

**Grrlz List**, a mailing list for the Women's Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. [GrrlzList@gci.net](mailto:GrrlzList@gci.net)

**National and Political GLBT News.** Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy announcements from national organizations. To join, send an e-mail to: [bsara@gci.net](mailto:bsara@gci.net)

### PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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