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Mothers and Daughters

When I finally made my decision to pursue gender reassignment in January 1992, my father was dying of pervasive widespread cancer to which he would succumb in June of that year. My father was not a nice man and in many ways I wondered if he was not getting back some of the bad karma that he had put out into the world during his life. Still, he was dying and so I did not tell him of my decision prior to his death. His approval was not needed and I figured my mom had enough on her plate at the time.

My mom and I had a tenuous relationship for many years when I was growing up. I often felt like she kept me at arms length as though she was either afraid to get close to me or just afraid of me. She never hid the fact that she had gotten pregnant in high school in the early 50's before she ever met my dad. That child, a girl, was given up for adoption as was often the custom for unwed mothers of that era. As I grew older, I came to believe that this was the reason she was so distant with me. She longed for her first child, the one that society said was unacceptable. So, she sort of took out her frustration and longing on me by being cold and inaccessible.

In 1982, I happened to have a small part in reuniting her with her now-grown first child. Her name was Suzanne. She had gotten the adoption records unsealed three years earlier and had been trying to track my mom down. She had found her marriage certificate with my dad's last name on it and that he was from Pensacola, Florida. Since it was during one of my dad's feuds with Southern Bell, his last name was not in the phone book, but mine was. Though she had called and used a pretense of genealogical research to come visit me, I quickly figured out who she was because she looked just like my mom. After I was certain that she was not going to hurt my mom, I took her over to my parents house, introduced them, and then left. It was a special moment and I only would have been in the way.

Afterwards, my relationship with my mom improved greatly although we had spent so many years in disagreement, we found that we often run out of things to say within a few minutes. Still, I do love her. And sometimes, she can be surprising.

A few months after my dad's funeral, I decided it was time to approach my mom about my decision. I had been in therapy for several months by then and the time was drawing close for me to start living as a woman full-time. I was on hormones, had pierced my ears, grown my hair longer, and often wore a bra, though I would wear a very loose-fitting and baggy shirt when I visited her.

I arrived at her home that day with fear and

trepidation. She had not handled the news of my youngest brother being gay a few years earlier very well, but had mellowed a little since then. Still this was something a lot bigger. After entering the living room and taking a seat, I started to stammer a little, stare at my feet and said something like, "Mom, I have some-



thing to tell you and I'm not sure how you're gonna take it (gulp), but it's something I have to do. You see, for the longest time, I have felt like I was living a lie and trying to please everyone, but being miserable in the end. I would really like for you to be supportive of me but if you cannot, I am still going to do this." It was then that I finally mustered up the courage to look her in the face.

She had a sphinx-like look on her face as she replied, "So, you've finally decided to have the sex change operation then." And with that, she smiled. I was stunned speechless. Finally I said, "You've know all along?"

"Honey, I've felt the bra you were wearing whenever I've hugged you for months now, but I'm not surprised. You always were different."

"Are you okay with what I plan to do?"

"I may lose a son, but I'll gain a daughter."

And she has been supportive ever since. She's gone to a gay leather bar with my brother a couple of times. They call her "Mom" there. She even reads the NorthVIEW. Sometimes, your parents can surprise you.

Nicole Blizzard calls her mom every couple of weeks. She can be reached at either northview@identityinc.org or nicole-b92@msn.com

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The Mystery of Misty

(by Teresa McPherson)

I remember the first time I saw her. It was the spring of 1998 and my first visit to The Wave, and I noticed her immediately. I was newly out and very into people watching, and she was worth watching. She had the longest eyelashes I'd ever seen and a generous bosom that swayed gently as she moved about the crowded bar with the grace of a dancer.

Years later I would see her again, this time at Mad Myrna's where my partner's band plays regularly. I learned that her name was Misty Dawn and that she was the first transgender Empress of Alaska's Imperial Court. By this time, I was familiar with the word transgender because my partner Danny had shed his old name and gender to assume a new identity as male.

One day Danny came home from Myrna's and handed me a card that read "The Grand Aurora Firebird Empress XIII Of All Alaska." Misty's phone number was on the card, so I contacted her and she consented to this interview at her home.

When were you Empress?

I became Empress XIII in 1985 and I stepped down in 1986. The theme of Coronation XII was "Madam Butterfly Goes to Broadway." My Emperor was Jack Licciardo [Emperor XI and XIII]. We did a lot of work for AIDS awareness, a lot of fundraising. There were more gay bars in Anchorage then, they were smaller though, and there were no signs, you had to know where they were. It's different now.

Why did you become involved with the Court?

I've been involved with The Imperial Court for 35 years, in California and later here. It's great experience, you learn leadership, and you teach younger kids how to look good, how to dress appropriately. Drag is an art form...

Where were you born?

I was born in Chicago and I grew up in Minnesota. Some kids there challenged me to dress up as a girl and enter a contest. So I borrowed a wig and made a sarong from my bedspread. I entered the contest and won. My boyfriend said, "You look good, but don't do it again." But I did. We broke up and I moved to California.

When did you come to Alaska, what brought you here?

I moved to Alaska in 1977 to work at a club called Embers, it was a strip bar. Before that I worked at clubs in California, Oregon

and Washington, they were mostly straight clubs. I danced and I designed some of the shows. In the 70's I was on "The Gong Show." I did a strip act dedicated to Anita Bryant, I stripped to "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

When you danced in straight clubs, did they know you were transgender?

No. I've been on hormones [estrogen] a very long time and I wore a g-string and pasties, we made them ourselves. But I don't strip anymore, it's more classy if you leave something for the imagination...don't show them ALL the goodies!

Have you ever experienced transphobia or homophobia?

Occasionally, but it's rare. I don't get mad because of stupidity on their part. If someone is rude, it's about their homophobia, it's not about me. If you maintain your dignity, people will usually treat you with respect.

Do you work out?

Yes, I work out at the Alaska Club three times a week. And I walk, I walk a lot, summer, winter, all year round. And I've never been into drugs. I like my body too much to do that.

Do you own a car?

No. I was not put here to drive. I walk, and sometimes I get a cab or ride with a friend.

Are you dating anyone?

No. I do things with friends, like going to movies.

Have you ever been in love?

Yes, I was 18 and he was 30. We broke up when I began dressing as a female.

What do you like about entertaining? What's a good night?

When people are attentive, when they appreciate the show. It takes a lot of work to give a good performance, so it's nice when an audience appreciates the show.

What do you plan to do in the next ten years?

I've been performing with the Friday Night Divas at Mad Myrna's for six years now. I plan to continue entertaining and working with the younger ones who want to learn drag.

You know, we've done a lot to make it easier for them. In the 60's in California, to be legal when you did drag, you had to wear three articles of men's clothing in case you were arrested. Lots of younger people today don't know that, they don't know how it was. We paved the way.

What's something about you people might be surprised to know?

Well... Oh, I know. I like to collect four- and five-leaf clovers. I'll show you. [Misty went to get a notebook filled with pressed green clover.] I found this one at Big Lake...

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Coming Out to Family and Church

I often wonder what my coming out process would have been like if it had *not* been so closely tied to the church. I was born and raised Lutheran, and my family is Lutheran as well, generations back. I'm grateful that by the time I realized my own strong attractions to women, I had no doubt that whoever I was, God loved me and had hopes for my life, whether I was lesbian, bisexual or straight. I wrestled with God over my call to ministry at the same time that my attractions to women grew stronger and more persistent. I dated wonderful men, but it's been women who have drawn me more deeply into becoming who the Sacred intends for me to be.

I reached a crisis point in 1999. I'd left my male partner of four and a half years, after finally realizing that what we had was a deep and true friendship but not a romantic partnership. I'd returned to Berkeley for my final year of seminary. I remember walking Berkeley's streets and being pleasantly startled by flirtations from attractive women who seemed to *know* who I was, to recognize that I was gay. With great apprehension, I was anticipating a final "approval interview" with my Lutheran candidacy committee, a meeting where I expected to be rejected by my church. It occurred to me that perhaps I'd better come out to my parents before that interview rather than afterward. I couldn't see telling my parents, "The candidacy committee said I couldn't be a pastor, and by the way, did I mention I was a lesbian?"

Ironically, I came out to my parents by phone during my very first visit to Alaska. I was visiting good friends, a lesbian couple. As I worried about the impending phone call, I told my friends that I was afraid to make the call because it would change things for my parents, and me, forever. But M. wisely pointed out that everything had *already* changed; my parents just didn't know it yet. The night before I called, I wrote in my journal, "I hope in the end I'll be relieved, but this is hard, the death of a face of our relationship, albeit a face that wasn't true."

The next night I called home, and it went well. My mother assured me that she and my dad would always support and love me. She told me "You can't hide who you are." We even laughed a little during the conversation, to my surprise and relief.

Over the next few months I had more conversations with my family, and came out again and again – to seminary classmates, professors, pastors, friends, family. Most of my

"coming out conversations" went well, though they often left me feeling very vulnerable, and sometimes frustrated and angry. With my approval interview on the horizon, I journaled a lot, cried intensely, prayed, wrote poetry, cursed, played loud music and had many in-depth conversations with people I respected about what to do. Some told me not to come out to the committee, recommending I wait until I was "in" and "safer" before acknowledging I was a lesbian. Others told me to come out but promise to be celibate. Others recommended I come out and clearly state that I would never be celibate.

The week I flew to Seattle for the interview, a group of beloved friends gathered around me for a blessing, and we prayed and sang, ate cake and ice cream, and went dancing at a small gay bar near UC Berkeley. They reminded me of the words of Audre Lorde -- "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." They reminded me of the power of water – gentle, fierce, eroding rock, never the same, always changing. They reminded me of Biblical stories that inspired me. They reminded me I was never alone.

And much to my surprise, two days later, a panel of four people approved me for ministry, lesbian and all. Later that day I wrote, "The best, best part was having my panel affirm clearly that the church needs me, that they want me to work in the system as long as I can."

As I write this nearly six years later, I'm aware of the ways the closet seems to have a revolving door at times, and how coming out can still leave me feeling incredibly vulnerable. I continue to exist in a gray area in the Lutheran church, not kicked out yet, no longer "in compliance," still doing ministry, but less and less sure of what the future holds. I've had more painful experiences coming out, with ample grief and loss. And yet through all that's happened, I wouldn't trade the journey, its companions or the wisdom, growth and healing.

Susan Halvor is a Lutheran pastor, working as a chaplain. Despite trying to keep her eyes and ears open to what the Holy is up to, she tends to be surprised and caught unawares on a regular basis. Generally, that turns out to be a good thing.

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LYNNE SANGSTER

Coming Out

This morning I came out to some neighbor children. Okay, well I really did not come out to this 4 year old. Becky just saw the rainbow on my shirt and told me that she liked rainbows also. We then talked about what kind of animals and wildlife we enjoy. She agreed with me that rainbows are her favorite.

I am not 'out' to most of the little children in my life they just know me as the lady with the dog named Bear. (If Bear wore a label I believe he would identify as bi-sexual. However, he is anxious for the world to know that he is not in need of Viagra.) Yesterday I did not have to come 'out' or do anything as delicate as coming 'out' to a neighbor. No, I had to explain to a 4 year old child what a penis is, young Becky was curious about Bear and his unusual body parts. Most of my neighbors know me as Lynne, the one who is Bear's mom. Many of them know that I am a lesbian because I don't hide it. I have lived in this home for over two years and the first year I flew a rainbow flag. Now I have other symbols around. I have taken a few neighbors and other gay friendly people to the Center to see what we have to offer. I want them to know that we are people friendly and have a lot to offer.

I first discovered that the LGBT\A community had a lot to offer in the late '80's. I found people at the AK Women's Resource Center and at the AK Women's Bookstore owned by Mariah and Joanne. When I met Annie in 1989 and fell in love I knew there was know backing out. I wrote about our love and we sang about it and I spent many months head over clouds in a space I never dreamed possible.

After my initial love with Annie I found my way into an even keel with life and began to live happily as a lesbian. I had a wonderful longerterm relationship that lasted just as long as it was supposed to with another

woman. We shared our lives for many years. In that relationship I learned to live as a woman not just a lesbian with a label.

These days I prefer to see myself as a lesbian who is 'out' not just because of a relationship with another individual. I am 'out' as a lesbian because I know who I am and what I believe to be true about myself. I am a loving, caring individual. I am consciously a feminist and voting member of society. I see God in all of us.

Lynne Sangster writes regularly for NorthView as her faithful dog Bear snores by her side. Bear is a satisfied three-year-old lab/St. Bernard mix. He would prefer to live in Chugiak where the neighbors don't care if he runs wild. Bear still dreams of running constantly.



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GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

One year ago, I wrote a review of Jonathan Rauch's book on *Gay Marriage*, asserting that it laid out all of the favorable arguments for same-sex marriage quite well and that if someone wanted to 'do battle' over the issue, this was an excellent source. A year later, the issue of gay marriage is still with us, and I have found another book that does an excellent job addressing the issue, but it is so very, very different.

Tired of polemics and legalism about what marriage is and why gays deserve it – but still want exposure to some fine writing about the issue? If your answer is yes, then Kathy Pories' edited book entitled *The M Word: Writers on Same Sex Marriage* (Algonquin, 2004) is for you. Drawing on some excellent writers – both gay and straight – Pories puts together eleven well-written accounts that will make you laugh and bring tears to your eyes. And most of them are more stories than essays.

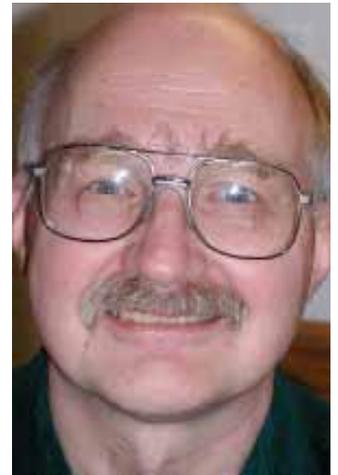
I don't want to ruin the book for any of you – I really do think it is worth a read – but here's a sampling of what's included. And I'm even willing to talk about the weakest offering in the lot first – the one by the only author I already knew, David Leavitt. His essay, "Notes Toward an Opinion toward Gay Marriage" is about as interesting as the title. I've always thought Leavitt was over-rated as a writer, and I only mention him in passing to say his article is the exception – probably the duller and most pedantic of the lot. There is another author who offers an essay that could also put you off unless you have a sense of humor. When George Saunders writes in "My Amendment" that he is opposed to same-sex marriage, one eventually realizes that the whole thing is a put-on. He creates what he calls a 'Manly Scale' and would make couples take it and they could get married if their scores diverged enough. The problem is, of course, that most heterosexual couples would also flunk and be denied marriage licenses.

Francine Prose has a fascinating entry called "Vows" in which she imagined what it would have been like if Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas (Bosie) would have actually been able to get married. If you're unfamiliar with what happened, this would be a good place to start.

Alexander Chee in "40, 41, 42" brings in multi-generations and the expectations of Asian cultures about marriage and what it implies. I think, too often, we forget about how ethnic heritage interacts with sexual orientation and how it affects so many parts of our lives.

By far, my favorite selection in the book is the very first one, called "Jamie's Wedding." It's a true story written by Wendy Brenner, who describes herself as a "perennially single straight woman." Jamie is a friend and gay man who entered her life some years ago, while she was teaching a course in fiction writing. My impression is that Wendy pretty

much fell in love with Jamie – especially his creativity and energy – and they remained friends. She learned about Jamie's family, too – "the family I wished for" – and she was thrilled when Jamie asked her to walk him down the aisle at his 'marriage' ceremony. Her heart ached for him when his parents – part of this 'valued' family – refused to attend. But she treasured the ceremony and, in particular, the pictures from it. Indeed, the picture of Jamie embracing his seven-year-old nephew after the ceremony sustained Wendy during a health crisis years after that.



I don't want to tell you anymore about the book. Get a copy and enjoy!

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Oops! I'm out!

When we parted, my wife and three children went to Michigan, and I came home to Alaska. Ours was a hostile separation from a fifteen year marriage marked with more war than peace. After fourteen months of separation my wife decided to reconcile our marriage by herself. In late January she brought the kids with her from Michigan and stayed with a Southern Baptist minister in Soldotna. I continued to live and work in Seward.

My wife was a fundamentalist who liked to be in control, and made life unpleasant when things didn't go her way. One afternoon in March I drove to Soldotna to see my kids. My wife insisted on riding along with us. She talked to me the entire time; so I didn't get to visit with my kids. As I drove them home, my wife asked one prying question after another. Finally she asked, "Are you gay?"

"YES, I am!" I inadvertently exploded in absolute frustration. For a few moments there was only the sound of the kids squabbling over a video game.

"Does your sister know?"

"Yes."

"Do her kids know?"

"Yes"

"Do your parents know?"

"Not yet." She became very quiet and said nothing more to me for two days. This unnerving silence wasn't golden. I received the call from her that I had dreaded.

She informed me, "The kids and I are moving to a state where you and I have never lived. They are in church homes right now so you won't find them. Don't send packages or letters, just child support checks to my sister. It would be best if they never see you again. I don't want them to turn out gay like you so I don't want them around you."

The next day I went to Anchorage and met with a lawyer I knew, filed for divorce, and got a court order keeping the kids in Alaska. I slept easier that night.

The next night I returned home to an answering machine message. Mom said, "We now know that which you did not want us to know for so long. You know who told us. Please do not let her know that you know that we know. Oh! And by the way, we still love you!"

I learned later that my wife had called my sixty three year old mom at work to tell her, "I just can't keep the secret from you any longer, your son is gay."

Mom nonchalantly replied, "Oh, is that all? Thank you for calling. I have to get back to work now."

That night at bedtime Mom asked my sister dozens

of questions about me being gay. Mom took the next day off to break the news to Dad at breakfast. I have recently learned that Dad's reaction was confusion, self-pity, anger, disgust, and other intensely negative emotions. He stewed for days. He asked my sister and her kids various questions, but they all stood by me. Some questions were ugly, others were innocent, but all were from a wounded heart.

For months we rarely spoke, but within a year our relationship was even better than before. I let him start conversations until he was comfortable again. At sixty seven that ex-Marine drill instructor came around remarkably well.

My oldest daughter discovered I was gay by finding a gay themed magnet I accidentally left on my refrigerator. She read her bible and cried all weekend.

At a parent-teacher conference my son's teacher and my wife asked me to stop this gay lifestyle for the sake of the kids and just move back in with them.

I came out to my six and eleven year olds after the conference in the school hallway. They both cried, and then hugged me. Judging from their reactions, I had reconfirmed what they overheard their mother discussing with adults. Their mother came out of the bathroom and was livid that I had told them. A few minutes later at McDonalds, I ran to my car as my wife chased me across the parking lot yelling, "At least other kids don't have fathers who stick their penises up other men's butts!"

The kids quoted scriptures from their pastor for months. Their concern was touching, but disturbing as they frequently were so passionate that they cried.

My younger kids are not happy that I am gay, but as long as we don't discuss it everything is fine. It will take years for them to come around, and I have the time. My being gay is now a non-issue with my oldest, at twenty two she is pro-GLBT everything, marriage, military, and nondiscrimination. I regret not telling my oldest and my parents myself. I wish had had the courage.



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Coming Out

Madison came out to her parents in an email. The keys clicked as she wrote about her attraction to a girl named Sophie. She sent the message then went and ate an orange before her next class.

The next morning over waffles, her mother read the email out loud. Madison's father raised his head from the newspaper. "Isn't Sophie a girl's name?"

Her mother agreed that it was and sipped her coffee with half and half. That afternoon in her weekly phone call to her college daughter, Madison's mother said, "So tell me about Sophie."

Several states away, Madison looked at her roommate painting toenails over homework of logarithms and wished she had a cordless phone. "I met her at a poetry reading. She's nice. We went for a walk along the river."

"Ah huh," her mother said. "And how do you feel about this?" Madison's mother was a psychiatrist and very concerned about feelings.

"Fine," Madison said, then changed the subject to her logic professor who could mumble so much she fell asleep in her class and dreamt about construction.

Once her father accepted that his little girl dated, he didn't see much difference between males and females. His criteria was that the partner made his daughter happy, was good to her and took care of him in his old age. Sophie wasn't good enough. She kissed a boy and dated him instead when Madison refused to send valentines.

It seemed so natural for Madison to be queer that she forgot to whom she had 'revealed' herself, as if she had to disclose her sexuality.

Coming out was like wearing pink all her life and someone saying, "You know, green is a much more flattering color." And she tried green and liked it, and realized she had been thinking about wearing it for quite some time.

Madison told her sister in the car. Lily was visiting a friend, a born-gain Christian who felt naughty when her fiancé saw her bra. They were driving Madison to the bus station and talking about love. Madison said that there were all types of love and that she was attracted to men and women. Lily started, and the friend was quiet until they reached the station. Lily was surprised, but not shocked. Her sister was a free spirit who, a couple years previously, casually dropped that she would live in Peru before going to college.

What seemed odd was when people didn't know Madison's sexuality. Some made jokes in front of her. When Madison started one job, a dyke coworker kept wondering

whose car had the rainbow sticker.

Sometimes coming out was hard.

"Are you gay?" an athlete on Madison's college field hockey team asked.

"No," she said. She didn't add she wasn't straight. She was the captain of the team and showered with them in the locker room. She also had a huge crush on the girl that asked. She wasn't ashamed, but she wasn't completely comfortable with who she was.

She had friends for which coming out wasn't easy. Friends with parents who threatened to stop paying for college if the student participated with the campus's gay-straight alliance. Parents who stopped anyway and left their child dangling. Kids, grown-ups now, who didn't go home for holidays, who worked for the education Madison almost took for granted.

Madison knew she was lucky, lucky with family and friends. They accepted her love of women as they did her vegetarian diet, choices of outdate fashions and habit of living in foreign places—with a few, well-meaning jokes, a little worry about her happiness and support.

"I wouldn't want any of my children to be gay," her mother said when Madison was in high school, wondering about but not probing her sexuality, "I wouldn't want them to deal with anything that made their lives harder. But I wouldn't love them any less."

And she didn't. When her church decided to form a committee to make gays and lesbians feel welcome, Madison's mom was a prominent member and listened to Madison's advice.

All in all, Madison felt her coming out story was rather dull. Even her fundamentalist Christian friend still wrote her letters. Madison didn't even think she had come from anywhere to become 'out.' It was more crossing a room from tile to carpet. And she liked it like that. She had enough struggles; everyone did.

Madison had approached Sophie at the poetry reading and complimented her on her poem. Sophie, no stranger to dating girls, invited Madison for a walk along the frozen river. As they twisted their scarves tighter, Madison watched Sophie's cheeks pinken. She wanted to kiss Sophie. "Oh," she thought. "I like Sophie. I like girls." She nuzzled her smile into her wrap, and thought that was pleasant, very pleasant indeed.

Laura Carpenter comes out each time she introduces her girlfriend or discusses some past relationships; most people don't seem surprised.

Coming Out As Transgendered

Coming out as transgendered has been at times as hard as when I came out as a lesbian and at other times, it has been easier. Of course, the biggie was coming out to Barbara. After all, we have been together for almost 13 years and I am as crazy about her as I was when we got together and I was afraid of losing her. Don't get me wrong, Barbara doesn't necessarily hate men, she just didn't want to be in a relationship with one.

Other times, it has been easier because unlike when I came out as a lesbian and had to rely on books and didn't have any lesbians to talk to, I knew several FTMs (female to male transgendered) and I was able to call and talk about what was happening and what I was feeling and confirm that this was all fairly normal stuff I was feeling and I wasn't crazy. Plus I very quickly found a lot of information on the internet, which wasn't around when I first came out as a lesbian. I was able to get a lot of information there.

So far, I've been fortunate. Barbara is still here and not planning on going anywhere, my friends have been great and they are starting to get used to calling me Cam. I had to feed my counselor at the Veteran's Administration information about transgenders since I already had a rapport and a trust built up with her and she was willing to learn. Since then, she has gotten another FTM client. My job has been supportive and though legally paycheck-wise I'm still Candace, nobody there calls me Candace and they never knew me as Candy. I work with teens and if they ask my name, I tell them Cam and that it is short for Cameron which it is and I long for the day, when that's legally so.

I have been writing every month in the Northview about my transition as a way of coming out, to educate people and to let them know that who I am really hasn't changed. Now sometimes not being part of the women's community anymore is hard, when there are women only events that in the past I took for granted and didn't think about it at all when I went, that I can't go to anymore and that I miss. But I haven't lost any of my lesbian friends, they've been supportive of me and haven't treated me any differently. My straight friends were a bit surprised and there was some confusion in the beginning but now they just don't think about it. I send copies of these articles to them. My friend Joy in Pennsylvania was even bragging that none of her friends had a transgender friend which I found amusing.

The one person I haven't come out to, is my mother. The truth is, I don't even know how to go about it and I'm not sure I want to. My friend Karen in Australia came up with a great line for me, "The good news Mom is that I'm not a lesbian anymore." You can guess the rest. And while I did

laugh at that line, I'm not emotionally ready to come out to my Mom as transgender and so I'm putting it off at this point.

I don't come out to everybody of course. I often run into people I've known from other jobs, other times in my life, most of them just casual acquaintances, I don't feel like I have to come to the whole world and so I don't. I'm still entitled to some privacy in my life. I'll share one story and then I'll shut up for this month.

I was at the VA the other day for an appointment, I had just been to a service station and gotten one of my tires replaced and so my hands were filthy and I had some time before my appointment and I decide to go wash up. At work, there are several single rest rooms that are gender neutral, however at the VA, they only have two rest rooms, men and woman and so I went into the men's bathroom to wash up. A man who works there and knows me from when he worked the desk at the Mental Health department walked into the bathroom and saw me there. The first thing out of his mouth "One of us is in the wrong room." I was finishing washing up and just casually told him, that it wasn't me and so of course, he immediately went to the door and opened it and looked at the sign which of course read "Men" and then looked back at me. I didn't try to explain, I finished drying my hands and walked to the door, which he held open for me and I walked out with a smile and left him puzzled. Admittedly I got a kick out of it and not only shared it with my counselor who knew the guy but had to call several friends later on and tell them the story. Everyone was duly amused.



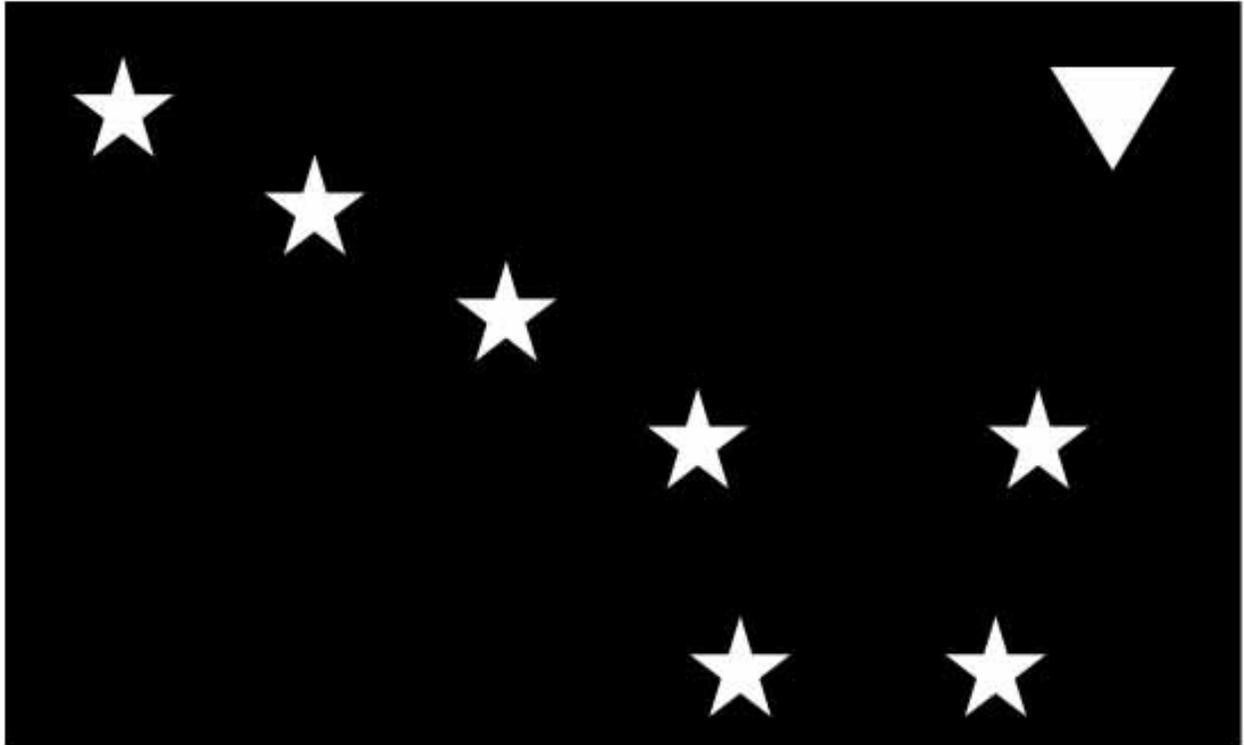
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For more information about Alaska Pride Conference 2005, call the GLCCA at 929-4528.



PHYLLIS RHODES

Greetings!

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

Each fall many businesses, agencies and organizations offer their employees the opportunity to participate in workplace giving campaigns that benefit local charitable and nonprofit organizations. If you've never participated in charitable payroll deduction programs like the Combined Federal Campaign, Community Share or United Way, you won't believe how convenient it is to give to the charity of your choice. And many employers offer matching gift programs. This year please consider participating in your employer's workplace giving program and designate Identity, Inc. to receive your generous contributions.

If workplace giving is not an option for you, you might consider donating a portion of your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend to support the programs and services Identity offers. What would we do with your gift?

For over 25 years, Identity has served the Alaska LGBTQA community. Our mission is simple: to provide the infrastructure for a strong LGBTQA community where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. We do this through six core programs: the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, the Helpline, the monthly *NORTHVIEW* newsmagazine, the Living Out Loud youth program, and the annual PrideFest Celebration (June) and Alaska Pride Conference (October).

Identity is committed to using all donor dollars wisely and would use your donation to continue to deliver these six core programs that have helped to meet the needs of Alaska's LGBTQA residents for over two decades. If you'd like to know more about Identity and our programs and services, please contact us, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage at 907.929.4528 or send us an e-mail at info@identityinc.org.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Rhodes
Identity Co-Chair and
GLCCA Coordinator

MARY PARKER

PFLAG Begins Medical Survey

I wanted to let you all know about a project our local PFLAG chapter has taken on, and ask for some help.

Over the past year our chapter has realized the need for specific information about local doctors, counselors and other health professionals who welcome patients and clients with LGBT family members and are informed about issues that may concern them. We wanted to do something to increase our awareness of local resources. The idea of contacting every medical professional in town was a little overwhelming to us, so we broke the project down into what we hope will be more easily achievable tasks.

As a first step, we are attempting to identify resources that would be useful to families with young children and teenagers. In August, we sent a mailing to local pediatricians; in September we have to general practitioners and family medical doctors. In the coming months we hope to contact nurse practitioners, counselors and therapists. In our letters we are asking about awareness of GLBT issues and asking if practitioners wish to be listed as a resource by PFLAG. Of course, we will be sharing all results with Identity for reference through the Helpline.

Here's where we could use your help. Do you have a doctor, nurse, counselor or dentist you have found welcoming? Well informed and able to work comfortably with a non-tradition family, with a teen who is struggling with identity issues, or someone with transgender issues? Please, let us know. You can do so by emailing me (marymparker@yahoo.com) or Jane Schlittler (schlittler@ak.net). We will not divulge any personal details. However, your personal reference is important information that could help us provide the information that an individual or family struggling with crisis would find vital.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our project. And thank you for any help you can provide.

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Phyllis Rhodes,
Coordinator, GLCCA

Thank you,
August Adopt-a-Day Sponsors!

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

- 1 Doran Vaughan & Steven Jacquier
- 1 Colleen Morris for Tim & Colleen's Anniversary
- 1 Happy Anniversary to Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh
- 3 Victor Carlson
- 4 Victor Carlson
- 5 Phyllis Rhodes
- 7 Pam Richter in memory of Docket Richter-Rhodes
- 7 Michelle Moran
- 9 Melba Cooke & Mad Myrna's Fetish Ball
- 11 Tim Pearson & Brian Chen for Gilda Person-Chen's birthday
- 12 Jen Kohout & Karen Konopacki toast to the next 9 years!
- 15 Phyllis Rhodes
- 17 Phyllis for Pam's Birthday
- 19 Jim Bruce
- 26 Metropolitan Community Church for Women's Equality Day
- 26 Barbara Garrison missing her friend
- 29 Jo Neumaier for Elanor's birthday
- 31 Brian Chen & Tim Pearson for Gretel's adoption

Your GLCCA staff volunteers appreciate the financial support given to the Community Center—it takes the entire team to have a safe place for our community. Since there is now a sign on our building, more visitors are finding their way to our Center. It is especially nice to see more young people coming in (or is that "coming out"?).

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- 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
- Monthly *NORTHVIEW* newsmagazine

Fairbanks Events

- Tue PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnette Street, Room101, 907-45P-FLAG.
- 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

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

- Mon AA Gay, Joyous, and Free, 7 PM, GLCCA
- 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
- GLSEN, 7 PM, second Wednesday, GLCCA
- "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 8:30 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Thu SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 PM, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
- Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050
- Country Dance Night, lessons 7-8 PM, open dancing 8-10 PM, Mad Myrna's
- "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)

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OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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ORGANIZATIONS

Adam and Steve, a social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men. Weekly activities and fun community events. Also offers the monthly M-group, a fun workshop on sex and dating. Run by a Core Group (meets every first and third Tuesday at Four A's at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. 907-263-2081. 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. Many services cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste 102, Anchorage. 907-263-2050 (Anchorage), 800-478-AIDS (statewide).

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.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Joyous, & Free. AA group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered individuals, and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays 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

Committee for Equality. Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. 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

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

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, 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; 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

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.org

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).

OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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 Myra'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

OPAL, a social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks. 907-345-3818 (Anne) opal@gci.net

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 support group** meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

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-GLBT prideonthepark@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@aol.com

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

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

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

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.

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