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Saying Good-Bye to a Legend

BY O'HARA SHIPE

Three weeks ago, RJ Johnson waltzed into the Press office while I was finishing up a business meeting. He sauntered over to the couch, flipped his glasses up, and in characteristic fashion, tapped his foot as he impatiently waited for me to hang up the phone. The instant I took off my headphones, the office filled with his booming, gravelly voice.

"First off, congrats," he said with a huge smile. "So, now that you're the editor, what are we doing about Prism because I have ideas."

Before I could answer, he continued.

"Also, there's a lot is going on with the bar scene right now. Oh, and there are a lot of people breaking up right now. I have so much gossip! And my birthday is coming up. We have to do something for it. Oh, and have you seen my signed copy of 'The Book of Mormon'? But anyways, I'll let you get back to work. Love you!"

It was the last classically one-way conversation I would ever have with RJ. On Sunday, May 22, he passed away at 42 years old.

The news ripped through Facebook, and within hours of his passing, two things were clear. One, he touched the lives of people from all different walks of life. And two, he would not be forgotten.

In five short years of freelancing with the Press, RJ founded the Prism Press, which featured stories from the LGBTQIA+ community. Involved in every step of the process, RJ attended every photoshoot and wrote most of the first edition by himself. He also researched and created in-depth glossaries of queer terminology to help promote conversation and understanding. His hope was that his efforts would inspire the next generation of queer journalists to get involved.

But promoting the robust LGBTQIA+ community wasn't his only passion.

RJ believed in the freedom of sexual expression. As a kinkster, he was always ready to provide a judgment-free environment to



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A life that touches others goes on forever.

talk about exploring new avenues for pleasure, so long as they were consensual. However, RJ didn't stop at just talking – he also created a safe space for Anchorage to gather and try on new fetishes. At ACAL, RJ hosted "play nights" that opened the door to self-expression and self-love.

Eventually, he turned his love of kink into a dating column called "Ask an Alaskan." Truthful, entertaining, and more than a little bit dirty, RJ's column was the perfect written representation of his spirit.

But RJ will be remembered for so much more than his contributions to the Press. For those of us who had the privilege of knowing him, he will be remembered for his kind heart. More than once, he saved a life simply by answering the phone and reminding the caller that there was value in living. He will also be remembered as a tireless warrior for the disenfranchised.

The world will never be the same without RJ, and though our hearts are broken, we at the Press will continue to cling to the moments of joy that we shared with this incredible human. We think RJ would want it that way.

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3 Barons Renaissance Fair returns next weekend

BY JOE SLOWINSKI

With intermittent swigs from a shiny commemorative tankard of nonalcoholic mead, an inspired patron rips a bite away from a freshly deep-fried turkey leg. As he devours his fowl, the stocky, bearded man remains engrossed in watching the physical contest just yards away. Two knights are embroiled in a faux fight replete with sword clanks and vocalized grunts with each swing. In the town square, down a muddy path, covered with straw, a large group of patrons, in pairs, are prancing a Saltarello dance to a festive composition played by musicians playing the lute, a hurdy-gurdy, and a tambourine. In one corner of the square, sparks fly up from a blacksmith's forge as she hammers and shapes metal adjacent to patrons posing for photos in the stocks.

The 3 Barons Renaissance Fair opens June 4th and will run Saturday and Sunday over two consecutive weekends. With 300 cast members, 66 craft booths, and 20 food vendors, the 2022 edition offers family and friends a memorable participatory experience as they are transported back in time for a day of sword fighting, royal promenades, jester storytelling, and throwing tomatoes at Shakespearean actors.

"We pride ourselves on making our event immersive from the moment you walk in the gate," shared Kevin Hall, Public Relations Director for 3 Barons. "You'll be greeted by the sights and sounds of the festive little village of Hillshire. Colorful costumes and jovial town folk strolling about the day, Royal guests and their entourages encamped around the fair with plays and activities for all."



"Cameras cannot properly convey the level of intensity you find in a 360 theatrical experience," added Board of Director member Rhiannon Fleener who also serves as the vendor coordinator. "You can only truly experience the wonder of it by bringing yourself to the space where it takes place."

Uncertain if this year's attendance will match pre-pandemic numbers that saw 12,000 ticket holders visit in 2019, fair organizers are optimistically planning on an attendance topping 10,000 as Alaskans and tourist visitors alike are getting out more and more.

"There is something entertaining for all ages and for those more historically minded," continued Hall. "There is a wonderful 'living history village' where you can talk with over 30 reenactors about their wide variety of skills and trades and how things were done long, long ago."

As with all Renaissance fairs, visitors experience a splash of historic truth paired with embellished legend and folklore in this 360-degree immersive performance. "For many, the fair only comes to life when they hear the first notes of 'Ren Speak,'" shared Hall. "The language-based loosely in history, but humorously evolved into something truly unique. It is characterized when the cast takes the most verbally circuitous route to answer your question that they can."

With 3 Barons, legend states a creature continued to wreak havoc in the community of Hillshire, stealing food, destroy-

ing property, and carrying off children. A brave knight, Hillthelstan, dared to confront the beast fighting it for three days and three nights. With his victory over the creature, he became Hillthelstan the Bold, and the annual fair is held in his honor.

Each day, cast members representing the Blue, Red, and Green courts compete to win a ceremonial relic of Hillthelstan the Bold. Those who hold this relic are said to receive prosperity and are guaranteed a good harvest for that court. In addition, patrons are given wooden tokens from cast members to cast their vote for the court of their choice that best exhibits "noble deeds, great combat, wise rule, and exciting entertainments."

For those adults who want a reprieve from all of the sights and sounds, the Crooked Toad Tavern (21+) offers an opportunity to interact with pirates "who curse, loot, plunder and offer the finest ales and wines."

"But be warned, it is so wonderful you just might want to stay and do this for decades," added Mitchell.

Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test are not required, but mask-wearing is optional and appreciated by the cast and organizers.

Tickets are available at 3barons.com. Adult (13+) day pass admissions is \$10, kids \$5, military (with ID) and seniors (60+) are \$9. The show takes place June 4-5 and 11-12, noon to 8 PM, at 3400 Tudor, with the first-weekend pirate-themed and the second fantasy-themed.



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ConocoPhillips brings new North Slope oil with its Fiord West project now on-line

ConocoPhillips is ramping up production at its newest North Slope project, Fiord West, in the Alpine field. A company official said that an initial horizontal production well reached 10,000 barrels per day on Monday, May 23. Plans are to bump up the output to 20,000 barrels per day through 2022.

The initial well set a North American record for horizontal drilling with a total measured depth of 35,526 feet, which means the location of the drill rig on an established production pad in the field was almost seven miles from the reservoir being tapped.



BY TIM BRADNER

Fiord West has been long known in the Alpine field but was undeveloped because it was isolated from the existing field pipeline and road infrastructure by a channel of the Colville River.

Building bridges would have raised capital costs and made development uneconomic. ConocoPhillips chose to drill the deposit with long horizontal wells from existing surface facilities, in this case, the nearby CD2 production pad.

The one well drilled so far is being used for initial production and will be converted to an injector well for reservoir pressure maintenance as other wells are drilled, ConocoPhillips spokesperson Rebecca Boys said.

“This project opens a new era we call ‘growth without gravel’ where we can use extended-reach technology to access 60-percent more acreage from a single pad, dramatically reducing our footprint and enabling us to safely produce from environmentally sensitive areas,” said Erec Isaacson, president of ConocoPhillips’ Alaska subsidiary.

Doyon 26, the largest mobile land rig in North America, is a technologically advanced rig capable of drilling in excess of 40,000 feet, which substantially extends the lateral “reach” from a single pad. As a result, the rig will be able to develop 154 square miles of the reservoir from a 14-acre drilling pad, compared with 55 square miles with wells drilled laterally with conventional drill rigs. The rig is owned by Doyon Drilling Co., a subsidiary of Doyon, Ltd., based in Fairbanks, Alaska, owned by Indigenous Alaska Natives.

While the Fiord West well set a new record, several other record-breaking horizontal wells have been drilled on the North Slope, most of them at CD 5, another drill



JUDY PATRICK

Doyon Drilling drill rig on North Slope exploration well. Judy Patrick photo courtesy ConocoPhillips.

site in the Alpine field also operated by ConocoPhillips. Doyon also drilled those wells.

Conoco Phillips also drilled horizontal production wells to tap Narwhal, another reservoir south of the Alpine field. The company said a production pad would eventually be built at Narwhal because parts of the reservoir cannot be drained efficiently with horizontal wells.

While companies have long drilled production wells horizontally on the North Slope, the process doesn’t always go smoothly. The new Fiord West well, for example, experienced technical difficulties and was late being completed.

Eni Oil and Gas, which operates the small offshore Nikaitchuq field north of the Alpine and Kuparuk River fields is drilling a long, extended-reach exploration well to test prospects further offshore but has suffered delays in drilling the well due to geologic conditions.

BP also attempted to develop the offshore xxx field, five miles north of the Alaska coast, with long horizontal wells drilled from onshore and built a costly specialized drill rig to do the work. However, the project was aban-

doned due to technical challenges in drilling the wells, some of which were planned to be eight to nine miles long.

In an interview, Richard Garrard, an independent exploration geologist familiar with northern Alaska, said that geologic conditions can vary within fields on the North Slope, making horizontal drilling a challenge in some locations.

Still, ConocoPhillips has high hopes for long horizontal wells. “Extended reach technology has been a game-changer for ConocoPhillips,” said Vincent Lelarge, vice president, Alaska Asset Development.

“It’s how we are able to responsibly develop fields like Fiord West Kuparuk with minimal footprint on the tundra and the surrounding environment.”

Lelarge said ConocoPhillips has been working with Doyon on its new rig since 2011, when the use of an extended reach drilling rig was being evaluated for Fiord West. The rig was built in Canada and moved to Alaska in 2020, but work was suspended that year due to the COVID-19 pandemic but resumed in 2021.

Candidate Sarah Palin has yet to come clean with Alaskans about who is paying her multi-million-dollar legal bills

Who is paying Sarah Palin’s enormous legal bills?

She lists no liabilities on the financial disclosure form she filed as a candidate for Alaska’s only seat in the U.S. House.

Palin lost her libel suit against the New York Times in February, but she is appealing it, with someone on the hook for legal fees in the millions. The eventual price tag could top \$5 million.



BY DERMOT COLE

By any standard, the debt to her lawyers or to a secret benefactor is a liability that Palin should reveal to Alaskans.

Palin’s Florida attorneys have filed for a new trial and an appeal to the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Alaska news organizations have yet to write about her legal bills or even raise the question.

In 2008, when Rep. Don Young refused to say why he had spent more than \$1 million on attorney fees, Palin called on Young to explain what the money was for. At the time, Young was under

federal investigation and said it was not the public’s business how he spent campaign funds.

“Personally, I would like to see more information not less,” Palin said at the time.

Alaskans need more information now from Palin.

In her case against the New York Times, one of the main reasons to believe that Palin isn’t using her own money is that the lawyers hired for her lawsuit are the same guys who helped get a \$115 million verdict against Gawker on behalf of former wrestler Hulk Hogan, a decision that put the website out of business.

Only after that lawsuit did the public learn that Hogan’s estimated \$10 million in legal bills had been secretly paid by billionaire Peter Thiel, a co-founder of PayPal, an early investor in Facebook, an ally of former President Donald Trump and a major GOP donor.

Thiel’s lawyer was Charles Harder, who sat in the courtroom in Palin’s case taking detailed notes. Harder was not working with Palin’s attorneys—Shane Vogt and Kenneth Turkel—but he was the chief attorney and worked with them on the Gawker case.

Palin’s income is based largely on her celebrity status, according to her filing with the U.S. House.

Last year she made \$211,529 from Cameo, a website on which celebrities sell a few moments of their time to create personalized video messages.

When she started on the site in December 2020, she said, “We can spread some Christmas cheer for your loved ones. Perhaps a lump of coal for your not-so-loved ones. Either way we can have a ball with this one on Cameo, look me up.”

Palin charges \$199 for individuals and \$1,000 or more for businesses. She promises a response within 24 hours. A sample video on the site shows clips of Palin walking outside her house to the tune of “These Boots are Made for Walking.”

People send talking points to Palin so she can wish the recipient a happy birthday, a happy retirement, a Merry Christmas or whatever.

Other politicians selling their voices and videos of themselves are Michael Cohen, Trump’s former attorney, and Roger Stone, who both charge half as much as Palin. Rudy Giuliani wants \$325 for a few minutes of his time, while Don Trump Jr. asks \$500 and up.

Palin’s second-largest source of income last year, \$88,578 was from Young Conservatives LLC for “website advertising.” This 2017 Salon story referred to the LLC as a “clickbait factory.”

Her third-largest source of income was a \$70,000 salary from Pie Spy LLC, the company she created before quitting her job as governor in 2009.

Under liabilities, her filing says, “None disclosed.”

Alaska Redistricting Board unanimously approves court-ordered fix for 2022 election map

BY MATT BUXTON
THE MIDNIGHT SUN

Despite previous grousing over the Alaska Supreme Court’s decisions, the Alaska Redistricting Board voted unanimously today to follow the court’s latest ruling and approved revised Anchorage-area Senate districts for the 2022 election.

The revised Anchorage-area Senate map does away with what critics said was an attempt to boost Eagle River Republicans’ influence in the Legislature, essentially repeating the gerrymander identified by the courts in the original round of litigation. The Alaska Supreme Court today found the board “again engaged in unconstitutional political gerrymandering to increase one group’s voting power at the expense of others.”

With the June 1 candidate filing deadline a week away, the Alaska Supreme Court approved Superior Court Judge Thomas Matthews’ unusual step of ordering the board to adopt a specific alternative, known as Option 2 (the board’s conservatives adopted 3B).

“The board presumably believed option 2 fulfilled constitutional requirements, or it would not have adopted it for public presentation and consideration for a proclamation,” the Alaska Supreme Court said of the option they ordered to be adopted. “We are about a week short of June 1 and the board has made no known effort to prepare or present to us an interim plan other than option 2.”

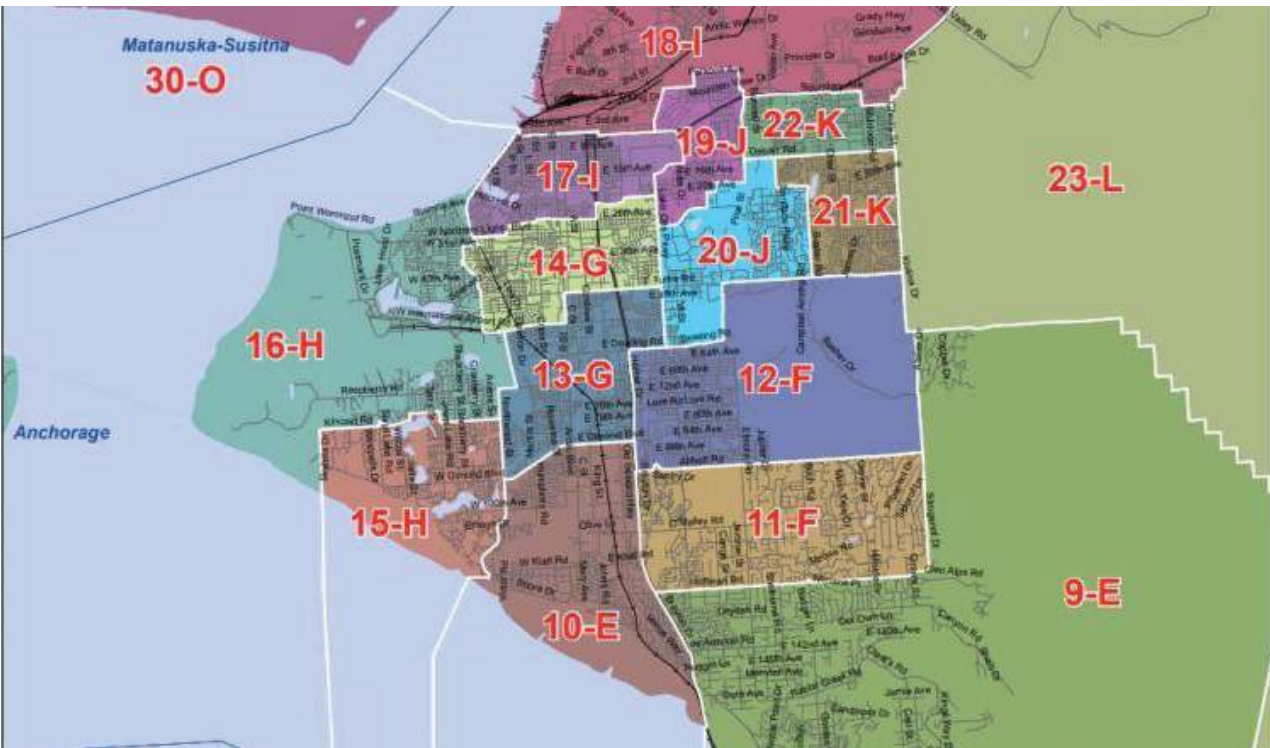
It’s not immediately clear what will happen after the 2022 elections.

The Alaska Redistricting Board’s swift approval of the court-ordered fix wasn’t a given. Following the Alaska Supreme Court’s orders from the original round of redistricting litigation, board chair John Binkley accused the court of being “very inconsistent” and voted against resolving a clear-cut issue with the so-called “Cantwell Carveout.” At that hearing, he suggested there might be other ways for the board to address the court’s ruling but was shot down by everyone involved.

However unhappy they were to see their work labeled as another partisan gerrymander, the board’s conservative members—Binkley and members Bethany Marcum and Budd Simpson—didn’t suggest anything other than following the Alaska Supreme Court’s order at today’s hearing.

“Simply out of respect for the authority of the court,” Simpson said. “I intend to support the motion.”

Marcum, who was the key architect behind the Anchorage-area Senate maps, was more blunt in her disappointment. She called it a “travesty” that the voters in the JBER



and Government Hill district would be paired with the liberal voters in Downtown Anchorage.

“It’s ironic that those who have given the most to secure our freedoms—our uniformed service members—are having their voice taken away,” she said. “Hopefully this travesty can be rectified.”

The representation of the military voters was the foundation of the board’s latest map that maintained the Republican advantage by splitting Eagle River into two Senate districts. They argued, largely without evidence, that the military voters fit best with the deeply conservative Eagle River voters, worrying both in public statements and private emails that anything else would advantage Democrats.

Neither Judge Matthews nor the Alaska Supreme Court found the arguments convincing, finding that the fairest pairings were ones that kept Eagle River together, South Anchorage together and East Anchorage together. The JBER district is set to be paired with the liberal Downtown Anchorage district.

Board members Nicole Borromeo and Melanie Bahnke, who voted against the board’s conservatives and in favor of the map that the Alaska Supreme Court ultimately

ordered be adopted, were largely reserved in their comments today, especially when compared to the bitter exchange over the weekend.

“I’m just really grateful that we have some clear guidance from the Supreme Court and grateful that it’s very clear here this time what we’ve got to do,” Bahnke said.

Whether it’s the end of the line isn’t entirely clear, however. While Judge Matthews had ordered the board to adopt a specific map for the 2022 election, he had left the door open for further revisions to the maps that would impact the rest of the decade. It appears that part was put on hold, at least for now, by the Alaska Supreme Court.

Just what the hold means wasn’t immediately clear to even the board’s counsel, Matt Singer, who said “We have to guess a little bit as to what the court meant on that last part.” Singer said it’s likely they’ll know more once a full decision from the Alaska Supreme Court explaining its rationale is published at a later date. He conceded it’s possible that this interim map may become the final one for the rest of the decade but advised they label this one as “interim” for now.

As far as the 2022 election is concerned, the map is now fully locked in.

Dunleavy finally announces his running mate: Nancy Dahlstrom

BY MATT BUXTON
THE MIDNIGHT SUN

It’s been so long since Gov. Mike Dunleavy called it quits with Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer, leaving a blank space on his 2022 reelection campaign, that it started to become a running joke whether the governor would find anyone willing to run with him by the June 1 filing deadline.

Today, precisely a month after he said he’d have a run-

ning mate announced in roughly a week, the governor announced that now-former Department of Corrections Commissioner Nancy Dahlstrom had joined his ticket.

The two made the announcement by filing to run as a combined ticket at the Division of Elections office in Anchorage followed by a brief question-and-answer session with reporters. Dunleavy said the search for a running mate was wide and he felt Dahlstrom had the right combination of experience for the job.

Dunleavy, continued on page A10



Relaxing into Your Freedom

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

In defining the essential elements at play in a typical Aries person’s agenda, I’m not inclined to invoke the words “sometimes” or “maybe.” Nor do I make frequent use of the words “periodically,” “if,” or “ordinarily.” Instead, my primary identifying term for many Aries characters is “NOW!!!” with three exclamation points. In referring to your sign’s experiences, I also rely heavily on the following descriptors: pronto, presto, push, directly, why not?, engage, declare, activate, venture into, enterprising, seize, deliver, and wield. You are authorized to fully activate and deploy these qualities in the next three weeks.



FREE WILL
ASTROLOGY
BY ROB BREZSNY

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

I like Joan Didion’s definitions of self-respect. As you enter a favorable phase for deepening and enhancing your self-respect, they may be helpful. Didion said self-respect is a “sense of one’s intrinsic worth,” and added, “People who respect

themselves are willing to accept the risk that the venture will go bankrupt, that the liaison may not turn out to be one in which every day is a holiday. They are willing to invest something of themselves.” And maybe the most essential thing about self-respect, according to Didion, is that it is “a discipline, a habit of mind that can never be faked but can be developed, trained, coaxed forth.”

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

“Reality is not simply there; it does not simply exist,” claimed author Paul Celan. “It must be sought out and won.” I think that is excellent advice for you right now. But what does it mean in practical terms? How can you seek out and win reality? My first suggestion is to put your personal stamp on every situation you encounter. Do something subtle or strong to make each event serve your specific interests and goals. My second suggestion is to discern the illusions that other people are projecting and avoid buying into those misunderstandings. My third suggestion is to act as if it’s always possible to make life richer, more vivid, and more meaningful. And then figure out how to do that.

CANCERIAN (June 21-July 22)

Wilma Mankiller was the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. She said, “The cow runs away from the storm, while the buffalo charges directly toward it—and gets

through it quicker.” Political analyst Donna Brazile expounded on Mankiller’s strategy: “Whenever I’m confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the torment. I become the buffalo.” I recommend Mankiller’s and Brazile’s approach for you and me in the coming days, my fellow Cancerian. Now please excuse me as I race in the direction of the squall I see brewing in the distance.

LEO (July 23-August 22)

The New Yorker is an influential Pulitzer Prize-winning magazine that features witty writing and impeccable fact-checking. In 2017, its stories exposed the extensive sexual misconduct committed by movie mogul Harvey Weinstein—and helped lead to his prosecution. How did the magazine get its start? It was co-founded in 1925 by Harold Ross, who had dropped out of school at age 13. He edited every issue for the next 26 years. I’m sensing the possibility of a comparable development in your life, Leo. In the coming months, you may get involved in a project that seems to be beyond the reach of your official capacities or formal credentials. I urge you to proceed as if you can and will succeed.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22)

Virgo-born Jocko Willink is a retired naval officer and author. In his book Discipline Equals Freedom: Field Manual, he lays down his manifesto: “Become the discipline—embrace its cold and relentless power. And it will make you better and stronger and smarter and faster and healthier than anything else. And most important: It will make you free.” While I don’t expect you to embrace Willink’s rigorous ethic with the same fanatical grip, I think you will benefit from doing the best you can. The cosmic rhythms will support you if you make a fun and earnest effort to cultivate liberation through discipline.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

“Some nights you are the lighthouse, some nights the sea,” writes Libran author Ocean Vuong. According to my astrological analysis, you are better suited to be the lighthouse than the sea in the coming days. Lately, you have thoroughly embodied the sea, and that has prepared you well to provide illumination. You have learned new secrets about the tides and the waves. You are attuned to the rhythms of the undercurrents. So I hope you will now embrace your role as a beacon, Libra. I expect that people will look to your radiance to guide and inspire them.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)

“Movie people are possessed by demons, but a very low form of demons,” observes author Edna O’Brien. She should know. She has hung out with many big film stars. Since you’re probably not in the movie business yourself, your demons may be much higher quality than those of celebrity

actors and directors. And I’m guessing that in the coming weeks, your demons will become even finer and more interesting than ever before—even to the point that they could become helpers and advisors. For the best results, treat them with respect and be willing to listen to their ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21)

I’m all in favor of you getting what you yearn for. I have no inhibitions or caveats as I urge you to unleash all your ingenuity and hard work in quest of your beautiful goals. And in the hope of inspiring you to upgrade your ability to fulfill these sacred prospects, I offer you a tip from Sagittarian author Martha Beck. She wrote, “To attract something that you want, become as joyful as you think that thing would make you.”

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19)

According to author Caroline Myss, “You should see everything about your life as a lesson.” Whoa! Really? Each trip to the grocery store should be a learning opportunity? Myss says yes! For example, let’s say you’re in the snack foods aisle and you’re tempted to put Doritos Nacho Cheese Tortilla Chips and Lay’s Barbecue Potato Chips in your cart. But your gut is screaming at you, “That stuff isn’t healthy for you!” And yet you decide to ignore your gut’s advice. You buy and eat both bags. Myss would say you have squandered a learning opportunity: “You’ve harmed yourself by blocking your intuitive voice,” she writes. Now, in accordance with astrological omens, Capricorn, here’s your homework assignment: Regard every upcoming event as a chance to learn how to trust your intuition better.

AQUARIUS (January 20- February 18)

An Aquarian poet was disturbed when a suitor told her, “I’m really very fond of you.” She responded, “I don’t like fond. It sounds like something you would tell a dog. Give me love, or nothing. Throw your fond in a pond.” I don’t advise you to adopt a similar attitude anytime soon, Aquarius. In my oracular opinion, you should wholeheartedly welcome fondness. You should honor it and celebrate it. In itself, it is a rich, complex attitude. And it may also lead, if you welcome it, to even more complex and profound interweavings.

PISCES (February 19-March 20)

“I need a playlist of all the songs I used to love but forgot about,” wrote Tumblr blogger Yuyuuyuyu. I think you could use such a playlist, too, Pisces. In fact, I would love to see you receive a host of memos that remind you of all the things you love and need and are interested in—but have forgotten about or neglected. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to recover what has been lost. I hope you will re-establish connections and restore past glories that deserve to accompany you into the future.

Quickies

SAVAGE LOVE
BY DAN SAVAGE

In the mountain climbing community there is a backlash against a route at a particular climbing site that’s named Gangbang. Critics say it refers to a non-consensual sex act. Your thoughts?

Missionary position in the absence of consent is not sex, it’s rape; a gangbang with consent is not rape, it’s sex. That said, most representations of gangbangs in film, porn, literature, etc., portray non-consensual scenarios with women as the victims, and it’s understandable why some would want the name of that route changed. So, change it.

What do you do when you’ve told someone who is supposed to be a friend to stop making sexual comments but they keep saying sexually charged things?

You realize this person isn’t a friend and hang out with your actual friends instead.

British fag here. (I mean, cis gay guy in his mid-30s in the U.K.) I am living in Germany. My question: You had a British caller living in the USA on the Savage Lovecast a few episodes back and he said his accent alone unbuckled belts there. Is it true? German guys do not find my accent sexy. But if I moved to the States would I be drowning in cock?

Cock is a solid (ideally), not a liquid (although with a powerful enough blender, anything is possible), so you would be choking on cock over here, not drowning in it. And, yes, a British accent is a plus in the USA – because unlike Europeans, Americans don’t have to put up with

mobs of English tourists hopping on cheap flights, terrorizing our city centers with their drunken bachelor/bachelorette parties, and puking on our doorsteps.

How do I tell my friends and family that I’m poly now?
Use your words.

Best way to tell your hubby his armpits have started to smell? (He’s never needed deodorant before!)

Use your words!

How do I tell my boyfriend nicely that he needs to brush his teeth more often? He’s very sensitive to this kind of feedback, but I don’t want him to have stinky breath in a work meeting!

USE YOUR WORDS! When my breath stinks or I need to take a shower or use some deodorant, I’m grateful when my partner says something to me – because I’m a grownup. If your partner can’t handle this kind of feedback, you need to ask yourself why you’re wasting your time on someone who isn’t a grownup.

I’m a 40-year-old woman. I was sexting with a guy (29) who started sending me nude/sex pics (including face shots) of another woman he had been with, without her consent. He thought it was sexy, but I was repulsed. Teachable moment or trash him?

If you ghost him, he’s likely to assume the photos he shared (and the massive consent violation they represent) weren’t the issue or even an issue. He needs to know. So, teach then trash.

Can you please explain the difference between transgender and transsexual? A lot of arguments happen online about the semantics of these foundational definitions, so some clarity would be appreciated. Thank you!

Definitions and redefinitions come at us so fast these days – to say nothing of redefining old definitions as hate speech – that there’s no point in attempting to answer this question. Because by the time this column is published, odds are good



that whatever I write today will be out of date and/or a cancelable offense. But so far as I know right now . . . all transsexual people are transgender but not all transgender people are transsexual. I hope that clears things up.

Do you think we will keep seeing significant changes in sexual-orientation-self-labeling in the future?

In the future everyone will have their own niche sexual orientation for 15 minutes – and their own neo-pronoun and their own pride flag. And it’s going to be even more confusing than it is now, and everybody is going to get everybody else’s orientations, pronouns, and flags wrong all the time, and absolutely everybody is going to be upset with absolutely everyone else, all the time. The oceans will rise and the planet will bake and we will be arguing about whether “cake” can be a pronoun as the meteor hurtles toward earth.

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How much time do bottoms really douche?
“You can douche all of the bottoms some of the time, and some of the bottoms all of the time, but you can’t douche all of the bottoms all of the time.” – Abraham Lincoln

Will you marry me?
I will not – while I am sure you’re lovely, I already have a husband, and a boyfriend in the on-dick circle. (That is a baseball pun just for my older brother. Hey there, Billy!)

My S.O. is good friends with a number of their exes. I know it’s probably a good sign that they are mature, but it keeps me jealous and paranoid. How to get over that?
Keep telling yourself that being friends with exes is a good sign about your S.O., and then carry that thought to its logical conclusion: being jealous and paranoid about your current being friends with his exes is a bad sign about you – not a fatal sign for this relationship, but definitely something you should work through with a shrink.

I’m that rare thing: the one-minute woman. How do I delay orgasms?
Every time this subject comes up, someone recommends low-dose SSRIs. Ask your doctor if they’re right for you.

I’m on anti-depressants and my libido has been ZAPPED! How to brainstorm sexy time when you don’t feel sexy?
Talk with your doctor about adjusting your meds – that’s the first step. While you work on finding the right dosage, e.g., the dosage that alleviates your depression without killing your libido, a little going-through-the-motions with your partner will keep you in the groove and may even help you catch a groove.

At what age would you recommend I point my teenager to your column and your podcast?
I think 15-16 is a good age to start reading and listening – but if you really want your teenager to read my column and listen to my podcast, don’t point them toward Savage Love and the Savage Lovecast. Forbid them from listening and reading!

We are moving to a new house next month, and looking forward to making new sex memories. If you were moving to a new place, what would your first sex act be to break in the new place and what room? We can’t decide where to start.
For me it would be a toss-up between the conservatory with the candlestick and the library with the lead pipe.

Parenting young children during the pandemic has not resulted in much sexy time in my marriage. How do we get the sexy back? So far exercise and time apart seems to be helping. Any other ideas?
Exercise and time apart will definitely help. One additional suggestion: time together in a place (a bar, a club, a party) where people routinely flirt with strangers. The point isn’t to go home with someone else or to take someone home together, but to see your spouse through other people’s eyes. Seeing someone who wants to fuck your spouse will remind you of all the reasons why you wanted to fuck your spouse...

Fun things to do with balls? Sucking ‘em, caressing ‘em... what else is there? I worry my testicular game is getting stale.
Pressure – gentle to start – can feel great, so add squeezing and tugging to your game. (Tugging does not mean yanking! Yanking is not recommended!)

Husband recently discovered he likes to be punched in the balls. How to do it safely?
Punching and kicking – more fun things to do with balls. But when it comes to balls and impact play, a little impact goes a long way. Balls can and do rupture, and the risk of doing real harm can’t be eliminated. So, you’ll wanna pull those punches, and make those kicks more symbolic than they are forceful.

The most important thing to remember when you’re starting a new relationship?
New relationships rarely “work out,” in the together-for-the-rest-of-your-lives sense of “working out.” And while LTRs are great, and while LTRs are what most people are looking for (but not all people), STRs – short-term relationships – are what we usually get. We’re likelier to feel good about them, we’re likelier to look back at them and regard them as great, if we don’t think of them as failed LTRs but as successful STRs.
questions@savagelove.net



Arctic Brewing Company owners Lisa Peltola and Pete Dohm (R) with staff (L).

Thirty Years of Brewing at Home

BEER
BY JAMES “DR. FERMENTO” ROBERTS

I started making beer because I had a glass fetish. I was a serious beer drinker in the mid-1980s when I was invited over to a friend’s house to help him bottle a batch of beer he’d made. “GAK!” I thought to myself. “Homemade beer? Gross!” I envisioned strange coiled apparatuses and a bathtub full of bubbling beer.

Instead, I was greeted with a sterile environment – neat and orderly – just the way I like it. I assisted with pulling squeaky, sparkly-clean brown bottles from my friend’s dishwasher. I love nothing more than clean glass. I don’t know why.

After bottling the beer, it had to sit for a couple of weeks before we could sample the fruits of our labor. I can’t say I was smitten, but I was decidedly enamored of the process. After all, I was a process kind of guy, and the mixture of science, art, and alchemy that goes into making beer appealed to me. Especially the bottling part.

I was smitten and, within a week, had taken a homebrew lesson from then, the original Great Northern Brewers Homebrew Club president Randy Oldenberg. I was directed to one of the few places in Alaska where homebrew equipment and ingredients were available – Alaska Mill, Feed, and Garden. After plunking down what I considered a sizeable chunk of change, I had everything I needed to brew at home. I made my first batch of beer on an electric stove in my kitchen.

I instantly networked with other homebrewers, and we collectively grumbled about the scarcity of homebrew stuff in Alaska. To enhance our beer, we consistently ordered ingredients from outside. What was available through mail order matched the rapidly evolving proliferation of homebrew equipment and gadgets in step with the increasingly explosive popularity of making stuff at home. Making stuff at home is especially popular in Alaska, where, in many cases, it’s as much a necessity as a nicety. Unfortunately, when it came to homebrewing, Alaska was again behind the times, and as homebrewers, we felt left out.

A guy named Dave Snow was ahead of his time. He’d immigrated to Alaska with an agribusiness background and applied for a job at Mill and Feed. He was turned down, not that it matters, but during the process took note of the paltry, expensive homebrewing stuff on the shelves. Snow didn’t shrug it off with a “beggars can’t be choosers” and an “oh well,” like the rest of us. In 1992, Snow opened Alaska’s first homebrewing supply shop – Arctic Brewing Supply – in the little strip mall where the post office is on Lake Otis and Dowling.

Snow brought in anything and everything that was available in the Lower-48, and he brought in a lot of it! He offered grain and malt extract in bulk in addition to tin cans. I’d bring in my own jugs and containers and buy by the pound. He brought in the newest and freshest hop varieties, including whole flower hops, which were somewhat of a novelty back then.

Snow was an avid homebrewer and brought in another facet missing from Alaskan homebrew supply sales: knowledge, expertise, and personal customer service.

With this simple recipe, Snow brought in customers.

When I first started hanging out at Arctic Brewing, I was blown away at how many people frequented the store and how much merchandise was moving through it. I thought my circle of homebrewing buddies was all-encompassing. I thought I knew everyone that made beer. I’d underestimated the other half of homebrewing’s social structure. There are many people who make stuff that don’t necessarily like to rub

elbows with other people and stick to themselves.

Like many lifelong patrons, I stuck with Arctic Brewing Supply. I was there to help Snow kick the wall out between his industrial space and a vacant space next door. The business was robust, and Snow expanded. I actually worked part-time at the store, not because I needed the money or a discount on homebrewing stuff, but because I loved the store, I loved Dave, and I loved the people that came in.

In May of 2001, Snow turned the business over to two aspiring, proficient homebrewers that shared the same love for the craft as Snow. Lisa Peltola and Pete Dohm took over on May 21 that year, and the transition was seamless. Everyone in the homebrewing scene had been brewing and partying with the duo for years already, so the progression was natural, and the business has been unwavering ever since.

“Pete’s a writer, and I’m a biologist,” says Peltola of the situation back then. “Dave offered the shop to us. We didn’t have work up here, and we were at the point of leaving the state. Dave wanted to see his business continue to be successful and thrive and saw that we had the passion for it. That’s why we’re still here. He made it happen for us, and we love every bit of this just like we always have,” she says during the business’s 30-year celebration days.

Homebrewing continued to grow in popularity. Despite expansions at the original location, Dohm and Peltola moved the business to its current location at 8401 Sandlewood Place, with the Long Branch Saloon just to the south of it.

Peltola and Dohm are as visionary as Snow was. Homebrewing is just one thing that self-sufficient, DIY Alaskans love. Arctic Brewing also sells wine, mead, cider, and cheese-making supplies. Want to tinker with cold brew coffee? How about building a professional seltzer water draft system? Arctic Brewing’s got you covered.

In the 20 years since I’ve made beer, I’ve visited the store many times and can’t even name, let alone describe much of the homebrewing equipment anymore. Still, I’m as fascinated as the first day I laid eyes on those brown bottles in my friend’s dishwasher, and Pete and Lisa remain lifelong friends. It still feels like home.

“We had some rough times during the pandemic, but it’s been so inspiring that we came through this with the genuine help and support of the brewers in this community. These aren’t just our customers, they’re our friends, and we get through everything together,” says Peltola.

“What surprises me is how many people walk in here and say, ‘wow, I didn’t even know this existed; this is so cool,’” says Dohm.

Arctic Brewing has seen the return of people who support local and have moved off the internet to source supplies from small businesses. This isn’t just sustaining for Peltola and Dohm; it’s warming. “We often wondered what ever happened to the Buy Alaskan mantra. I think it came back,” says Peltola. “People come here for customer service and an engaging experience. That’s what we’re all about.”

Dohm summed it up the best. “When’s the last time the internet gave you a free beer?”

On Saturday, May 21, an open house at the store helped celebrate 30 years. Pete and Lisa dispensed homebrew, homemade wine, and homemade root beer to make floats for the kids.

Arctic Brewing’s not done celebrating. “We’ll be doing something bigger this fall,” says Peltola.

In the meantime, want to home-grow some new friends? Start making your own beer. Friends and homemade beer go hand in hand. Need a friend to help you get started? Go introduce yourself to Pete and Lisa at Arctic Brewing Supply. You won’t be disappointed, and you’ll be back.



Get direct links to the event details at AKconcerts.com
Or read below if you just want to know the time & place.

Thursday, May 26th

The Alaskan Hotel & Bar (Juneau) – Front to Franklin Open Mic Night 9p-1a
Anchorage Classical Ballet Academy – Dancing with My Dollie: Passport to Paris 4p-6p
Bear Paw Bar & Grill – The Jukebox Karaoke Roadshow Pop-up 8p-11p
Bear Tooth Theatrepub & Grill – Parlor in the Round w/ Jamie Whiteman, Candice Ivory, & Mikey Kehr 8p-10p
The Crystal Saloon (Juneau) – Front to Franklin Open Mic Night 7:30p-11p
Cyrano’s Theatre – The Mommy Dance 7p-9p
Fairview Inn (Talkeetna) – Kayti & Cami 7p-1a
Flattop Pizza & Pool – Jukebox Karaoke Roadshow 8p-11p
Garcia’s Cantina & Café (Eagle River) – Glacier Hoppers 8p-11p
Goldie’s AK (Fairbanks) – (Open) Mic Check 7p-10p
House of Transformation - #TurnUpForJesus Thursday 5p-9p
Klondike Mike’s & the Main Street Grill (Palmer) – Open Mic Night 8p-12a
Koot’s – El Escapado, Lone Wolves, & Sideways 10p-3a
Mad Myrna’s – Mad Myrna’s Comedy Showcase 9p-11p
Mad Myrna’s – Thursday Vibe DJ Covy 10p-2a
The Marlin Bar (Fairbanks) – The MUCKERS 7p-10p
Spoonline (Girdwood) – Appalaskan Jess “Rare Bird” Single Release Party 7p-9p
Tailgater’s Sport’s Bar & Grill (Wasilla) - The AKoustic Project 7p-10p
Van’s Dive Bar – Dead Night @ Van’s w/The Lightning Will 8:45p-12a
Williwaw Social – The Eternal Cowboys Rock the Roof 8p-11p



Friday, May 27th

2712 Drafthouse (Fairbanks) – DJ Manny’s Memorial Weekend: NIGHTLIFE EDITION 10p-3a
American Legion Spenard Post 28 – Acoustic Steak Night with Uncle Jim, the EastSide Balladeer! 6p-8p
Birch Books (Wasilla) – Open Mic Night 5p-7p
Boots Bison Ranch (Trapper Creek) – Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival 12p-12a
Creekbend Company (Hope) - The Jangle Bees 7p-11p
The Crystal Saloon (Juneau) – The Knight Show Dance Party 10p-2a
Cyrano’s Theatre – The Mommy Dance 7p-9p
Dave & Busters – Jukebox Karaoke Roadshow 9p-12a
Fairview Inn (Talkeetna) – Ukulele Russ 7p-1a
Floaters (Big Lake) – Open Mic Night 7p-12a
The Gaslight Bar – Jukebox Karaoke Roadshow 8p-11p
Goldie’s AK (Fairbanks) – TGIF: Piss Denim 8p-11p
Kharacter’s Alaskan Bar (Homer) – The Acoustic Oosik live 10p-2a
Koot’s – Life in Plastic 8p-11p
Mad Myrna’s – Night of 1,000 Gowns 9p-11:30p
Matanuska Brewing (Eagle River) – Metallica Tribute w/ Motorbreath 5p-10p
The Marlin Bar (Fairbanks) – The MUCKERS 9p-12a
Mug-Shot Saloon (Wasilla) – Glacier Hoppers 80’s Birthday Bash 10p-2:30a
Organic Oasis – John Damberg Jazz Piano Fridays 5:30p-7:30p
Palmer Alehouse (Palmer) – Zero Miles to Empty live 7p-10p
PubHouse – Witty Youngman 7p-10p
Serrano’s Mexican Grill – DJ The Guestlist 8p-11p
Van’s Dive Bar – Casey Smith Project LIVE 9p-1a
Williwaw Social – Pop vs House Dance Party w/ Fan Service 9:30p-2a
Yukon Bar (Seward) – Matt Hopper and the Roman Candles 9p-1:30a



Saturday, May 28th

203 Kombucha (Palmer) – Matanuska Beat and Palmer Percussion Trio 3p-4p
Alice’s Champagne Palace (Homer) - The River Livers 9p-12a
American Legion Post 15 (Palmer) – Fun and Food w/ 100 Proof Karaoke 6p-11p
Boots Bison Ranch (Trapper Creek) – Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival 12p-12a
Broken Blender – Sassy Saturdays Live Cabaret 8p-9:30p
Broken Blender – Tony Gebhard live 8p-12a
Carpenter’s Hall – Saturday Night Social Dance 7p-11p
Creekbend Company (Hope) - The Jangle Bees 7p-11p

Fairview Inn (Talkeetna) – HarpDaddy 7p-1a
The Gaslight Bar – Jukebox Karaoke Roadshow 8p-11p
Goldie’s AK (Fairbanks) – Emily Anderson Album Release Show 7p-11p
Koot’s – Lions From Lambs Album Release Party 9p-1a
Mad Myrna’s – Night of 1,000 Gowns 9p-11:30p
Mug-Shot Saloon (Wasilla) – Glacier Hoppers 10p-2:30a
Palmer Alehouse (Palmer) – Nervis Rex LIVE 7p-10p
Peratrovich Park (Anchorage) – Downtown Jazz in the Park 4p-6p
Schwabenhof (Wasilla) - Braided River Live 7p-11p
Sitka Performing Arts Center (Sitka) – Ted Vigil Tribute to John Denver 7p-9p
Serrano’s Mexican Grill – Regina & Will 8p-11p
Sunrise Inn (Cooper Landing) – Sunrise Music Festival 12p-10p
Van’s Dive Bar – Sideways, Lilac, & Lizzie Guillot 9p-1a
Williwaw Social – Travis Thompson Concert 8p-12a
Yukon Bar (Seward) – Matt Hopper and the Roman Candles 9p-1:30a



Sunday, May 29th

907 Alehouse – The Star of Alaska Karaoke Tournament 6p-9p
Boots Bison Ranch (Trapper Creek) – Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival 12p-12a
Broken Blender – Tulips & Tassels Burlesque Brunch 8p-9:30p
The Carousel Lounge – AK Rockstar Karaoke Sunday 8p-2a
Humpys - Open Mic Jam 8p-11p
KONR 106.1 FM – Beat Roots Alaska Summer ‘22 w/ Myndgruv 3p-5p
Koot’s – Comedy Open Mic 8:30p-10p
Mad Myrna’s – Karaoke 9p-12a
Van’s Dive Bar – Open Mic! Overlorded by Wash Your Hands 8p-12a

Monday, May 30th

Boots Bison Ranch (Trapper Creek) – Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival 12p-3p
Fairview Inn (Talkeetna) – Triple Black Diamonds 7p-1a
Koot’s – The Monday Mic at Koots 9p-12a
Van’s Dive Bar – Comedy Open Mic 8:30p-9:30p
Van’s Dive Bar – Mull Over Mondays w/ Ellie Kenealy 9:30p-12a

Tuesday, May 31st

The Carousel Lounge – AK Rockstar Karaoke 8p-2a
Fairview Inn (Talkeetna) – Open Mic w/ Andy Mullen 7p-1a
Koot’s – The Eternal Cowboys 10p-12a
Organic Oasis – Turnagain Blue 5:30p-7:30p
Van’s Dive Bar – Open Jam with Spenard Husband 9p-12a

Wednesday, June 1st

907 Alehouse – Tyrone Palmer & Friends 7p-10p
Alaskan Hotel and Bar (Juneau) – Karaoke Wednesdays 8p-12a
The Carousel Lounge – AK Rockstar Karaoke 8p-11p
Koot’s – Comedy Open Mic 8:30p-10p
Koot’s – KASH Country Night at Koot’s 8p-12:30a
Peratrovich Park (Anchorage) – Music in the Park: Tyson Alteri 12p-1p
Pioneer Bar – The Eternal Cowboys 10p-12a
PubHouse – Witty Youngman 7p-10p
Van’s Dive Bar – The Wax Poetic w/ Nikki Now! 7p-9p

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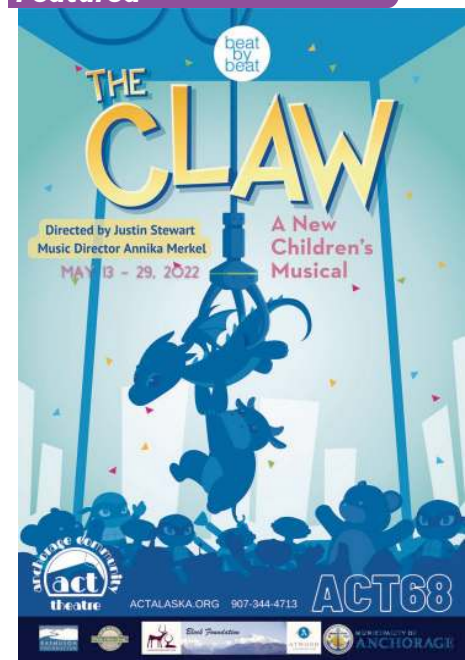
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Come see why we have been voted Best Burlesque Show 3 years in a row! Sweet Cheeks Cabaret at The Cheeky Room, 535 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. sweetcheekscabaret@gmail.com

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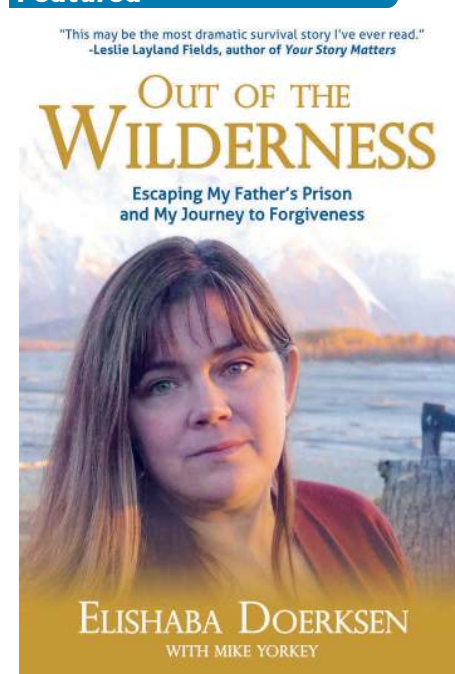
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Wed 6/01

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Book Talk & Signing with Eba Doerksen & Tom Kizzia

@ 6pm

Please join us for a special book talk & signing with local authors Elishaba Doerksen and Tom Kizzia, authors of Out of the Wilderness and Pilgrim's Wilderness. A book talk, followed by a Q & A. 1360 W Northern Lights Blvd, 1360 West Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage. info@weavebooks.co, 907-278-9283



Thu 6/02

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Matisyahu

@ 8pm

Matanuska Brewing Company, 531 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage



Fri 6/03

First Friday at Dos Manos Gallery with Scott Clendaniel

@ 5pm

Alaskan oil painter, Scott Clendaniel, will be the featured artist at Dos Manos Gallery for the months of June and July. The gallery will be hosting an art opening reception on First Friday. Dos Manos Gallery, 1317 West Northern Lights Boulevard, #3, Anchorage. dos2manos@gmail.com, 907-569-6800

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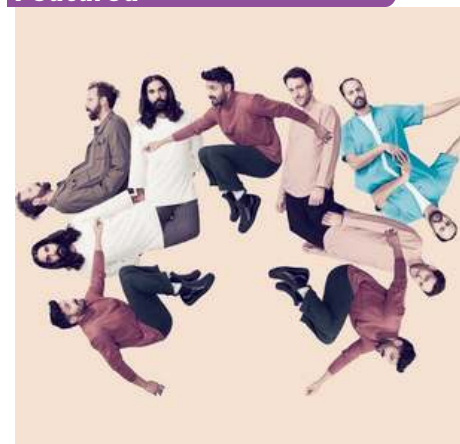
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Sat 6/04

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Young the Giant

@ 5pm

Williwaw Social, 609 F St, Anchorage



Archery

@ 6:30pm

Kincaid Archery Range, W Raspberry Road, Anchorage. 907-343-4355

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@ 7pm / \$20

Koot's, 2435 Spenard Rd, Anchorage

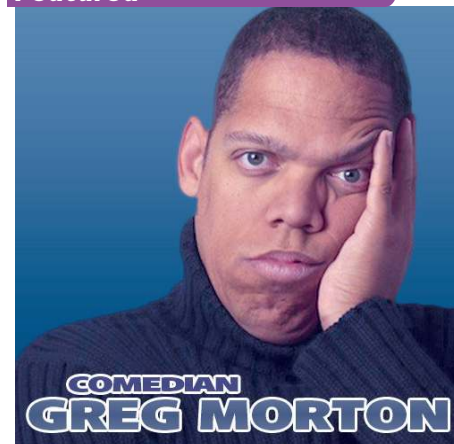
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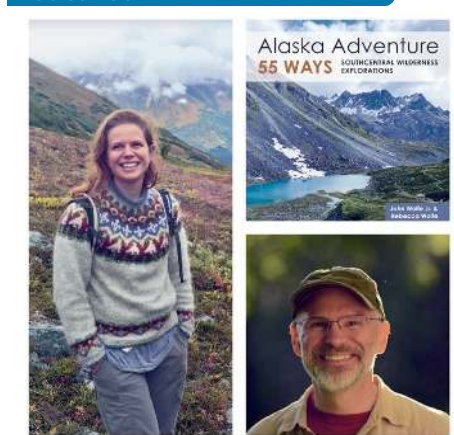
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The Adventures of Tínderella

The hidden hunter

BY TINDERELLA

We all have our own criteria for a right swipe on Tinder. Judging by the male profiles on Alaskan Tinder, the criteria seem fairly straightforward. What you write doesn't matter, but what you show is paramount to successfully hooking a Tínderella. So what are these all-important photographs of? Well, there must be at least one dead land animal pictured – bonus points for blood smeared on your face. You must also have a photograph holding a fish in one hand and a beer in the other. Once you've clearly demonstrated your ability to survive should all food supply lines be terminated, you need to show you're also a "fun guy." A sports photo, preferably hockey, completes the trifecta of Alaskan dating profile gold.

Unfortunately, this Tínderella is squeamish. So, a man grinning while holding up the antlers of a recently slaughtered moose doesn't exactly elicit a positive response. Compound that with a photograph of your ankles bending while chasing a puck, and it's an automatic left swipe. It's not that I don't appreciate your willingness to learn a new sport; it's that I'd rather see a photograph of something you're really good at – unless it's killing things – because carnage is never the way to a woman's heart.

After hours of intermittent bored swiping at the bar, I nearly dropped my phone when I stumbled across Leo's profile. There wasn't a dead thing in sight. He wasn't holding a gun, a rod, or a can of beer. He was just out enjoying life with friends in exotic locations like Thailand, Germany, and Greece. He even went the extra mile and wrote a paragraph about himself that wasn't littered with spelling and grammatical errors. He was the best prospect I'd seen in over two years, so I immediately paid for a Tinder upgrade to send him a message. Within minutes, I had a response.

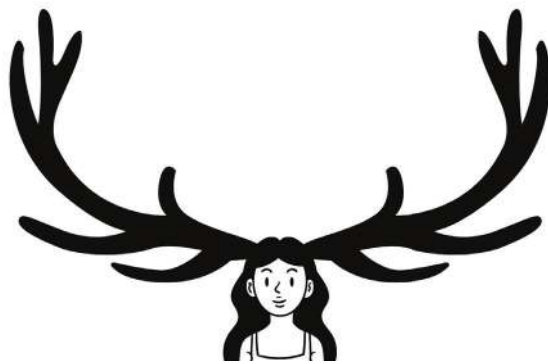
We messaged on the app for a few days after matching, and I was feeling bold. So I casually sent him my number "just in case [he] wanted it but was too nervous to ask."

To my surprise, he called immediately. If you've spent any time on dating apps, you know how rare this occurrence is. Typically, you match, message for a few days, and then ghost without explanation. But here we were, three days into our courtship and already talking on the phone.

For the next two weeks, we talked for several hours every day. I knew everywhere he lived, and he knew what my biggest pet peeves were – gym shoes with jeans (don't ask). We laughed about each other's epic dating fails. We watched the NBA playoffs and trash-talked as our two teams suited up against one another. In time, we became Facebook friends and openly crept each other's profiles. It was clear that he was who he said he was, and so was I.

Having checked all the boxes, even my top tier of dating criteria, I was excited when he finally asked to meet in person. Because of COVID, we planned a casual pizza and NBA chill session at his house. As it turns out, this is one of the most challenging dates to dress for, and my friends were zero help in determining the perfect outfit. One friend suggested wearing jeans and a t-shirt, while another insisted that a sundress and heels were required. Ultimately, I opted for jeans, heels, and a casual blouse – a happy medium, I thought.

I was feeling pretty good as I pulled up to his downtown apartment building. I excitedly darted up the



front steps and rang his doorbell. There was no answer. I rang a second time. Again, no answer. Then as if on cue, my phone buzzed.

"I hope you're not there already. The pizza is taking forever to pick up," the text read.

"No worries! I'm here, but I can just chill in the parking lot until you get here," I replied.

Then the three flashing dots of death appeared and disappeared and then reappeared.

I studied literature in college, so I thought I was pretty good at reading between the lines. But, as I soon discovered, my ability to apprehend the subtle meaning of a seemingly simple text is lacking. So for the next 90 minutes, I sat in my car watching Netflix reruns while waiting for my date and the world's slowest pizza to arrive.

"Oh shit, you're still here?" Leo said when he arrived an hour and forty-five minutes after our scheduled meet-up time.

"Yeah, it was no big deal. I just hung out and watched Netflix," I replied giddily.

"Well, um, the game's over, and the pizza is cold, but you can still come up if you want," he said.

That should have been my sign to count my losses and call it a day. Naturally, I did the exact opposite and followed him into the building. What ensued was three awkward hours of TV watching with him on the chair and me on the couch across the room. Ever the optimist, I interpreted his decidedly cold demeanor as being respectful of my space instead of what it was – an invitation to get the fuck out of his apartment.

By 10pm, I took the hint and got up to leave. He got up as well, and I thought maybe I'd earned a much-deserved goodnight kiss. After all, the real litmus test for chemistry is in your first kiss.

My heart was pounding as we descended the three flights of stairs to the parking lot. He opened the door for me, and there it was, the moment I'd waited weeks for. Except the moment didn't happen. Instead, he opened the door and literally sprinted to the trash can, dumped the empty pizza box, and bound back up the stairs without as much as a good-bye wave. I stood there dumbfounded for what felt like an eternity before the inevitable tears began flowing.

At the advice of my male friends, I didn't text him for three days. According to them, my mistake was in waiting for him, and now, I would need to give him an opportunity to chase me. The problem was, he didn't chase.

On day five, I broke my silence to ask him what had happened.

"I'm playing basketball. I'll write back later," he responded by text.

It was the last time I heard from him. He unfriended me on Facebook and disappeared without a trace.

I guess the lesson learned is that most men enjoy the hunt more than being the prey. Too bad he didn't declare that upfront with a picture of a bleeding moose – or more fittingly, roadkill, because that's exactly what I felt like.

Dunleavy, from page A5

The governor said her experience in Corrections, a position she took after resigning the House seat she won in 2018 and resigned from shortly before today's announcement, as well as her prior experience in the Legislature would translate well to the lieutenant governor's job of overseeing elections.

"Although she hasn't dealt with elections specifically, the concept of security is important to myself and Nancy," he said, noting he felt comfortable with her stepping in in the case he falls down a flight of stairs or chokes on a piece of steak. "We talked to a number of folks, a lot of good folks—we're not going to get into who they were—and a number of those folks could be standing here next to us, but in the end the executive experience, the legislative experience is very important."

When asked about her goals, she said it was premature to talk about any specific plans she had in mind for the Division of Elections.

"What's important is that Alaskans all over the state know that we have safe and secure elections," she said. "That's going to be my priority."

Dunleavy said he believes the 2020 election was "less questioned as to how the election was administered."

The 2020 elections in Alaska faced no well-founded accusations of malfeasance but, like with elections everywhere, it's still been a favorite talking point of the far-right that was largely focused in on Lt. Gov. Meyer. Meyer tried to appease naysayers with an audit that found the results of the initiative matched the machine-tabulated result by more than 99%, but the accusations of some kind of wrongdoing continued to dog the administration with elevating calls for a Arizona-style "forensic audit" and heavy-handed election reforms that critics say would make it much more difficult to vote.

Dahlstrom served in the Legislature from 2003 to 2010, when she took a job as a military adviser in former Gov. Sean Parnell's administration. It ended up being a short stint when she resigned amid criticism that the hiring violated the Alaska Constitution's rules for legislators taking state jobs.

Why it matters

The nearly five months that it has taken Dunleavy to announce a candidate has become a running joke in Alaska politics. Several other potential names had been floated during that time, including Anchorage Republican legislators Mia Costello and Sara Rasmussen. Dahlstrom is generally viewed as one of the more competent Republican officials in Dunleavy's orbit and should have some centrist appeal.

With the establishment of ranked voting in Alaska, Dunleavy is feeling pressure on both flanks as former independent Gov. Bill Walker is running with an appeal to centrists while Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Charlie Pierce and Wasilla Republican Rep. Christopher Kurka have both positioned themselves far to the right with campaigns deeply critical of Dunleavy's time in office.

Former Democratic Anchorage Rep. Les Gara is currently the only Democrat in the race.



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Ruby-crowned kinglets are tiny birds with a big appeal

CITY WILDS
BY BILL SHERWONIT

More than a quarter-century has passed since I first became acquainted with the ruby-crowned kinglet. The kinglet is one of the smallest birds to inhabit Alaska. It's also one of our state's most impressive singers! There's a good reason that the ruby-crown has earned a reputation in some Alaska birding circles as "the little bird with the big voice."

I can't say it was an instance of love at first sight — or first song — but the ruby-crowned kinglet quickly became one of my favorite birds once it was brought to my attention in the mid-1990s.

For more than a half-century, I hadn't been aware that such a creature even existed. But truth be told, I could say that about most birds. They simply weren't on my radar until the early 1990s, when black-capped chickadees changed my life (a story I've shared previously and will likely recount again in some future essay). For now, I'll simply note that a close and delightful encounter with a group of Hillside chickadees in December 1993 showed me some of what I'd been missing for more than five decades, and I hungered for more.

In the months and years to come, I made it a point to discover more about my avian neighbors. And a whole new world opened up. Though I learned about the many kinds of birds with whom we humans share the Alaskan landscape, songbirds quickly became my favorites.

It didn't take long to learn the identities of the few common songbirds who reside in Alaska year-round. But once spring arrived and migratory species began to appear, things got considerably more challenging. So how the heck does a budding Alaska birdwatcher learn to distinguish one sparrow from another? And those warblers, wow, can they be confusing!

What worked best for me in those early days of chasing songbirds was participating in early morning bird walks led by local experts. Being around the people who really knew the voices and forms of songbird species, both resident and migratory, made my foray into ornithology possible.

Over time, those guided outings, combined with my feeder activities, walks with knowledgeable friends, and what might be called "independent research," helped me learn about the songbirds that inhabit Anchorage. For instance, I began to notice the order and timing of different migrants, the habitat they're most likely to be found, the foods they eat, and the sometimes subtle differences between various species' songs and calls.

Without intending to do so, I also found myself developing favorites. While chickadees have remained my all-time favorite birds, the ruby-crowned kinglet is at the top of my migratory passerines.

Among the first things I learned about ruby-crown kinglets is that they're often hard to spot, especially for beginners. Partly that's because the bird is so tiny; weighing less than a third of an ounce, it's about four inches long, smaller than some hummingbirds.

Beyond that, ruby-crowns prefer the upper reaches of trees, making them hard to find, except when perched at the top, as males sometimes do when singing. And their overall coloring is rather plain, even drab. For that reason, it's probably among the species that I once tossed into the LGB (little gray bird) category.

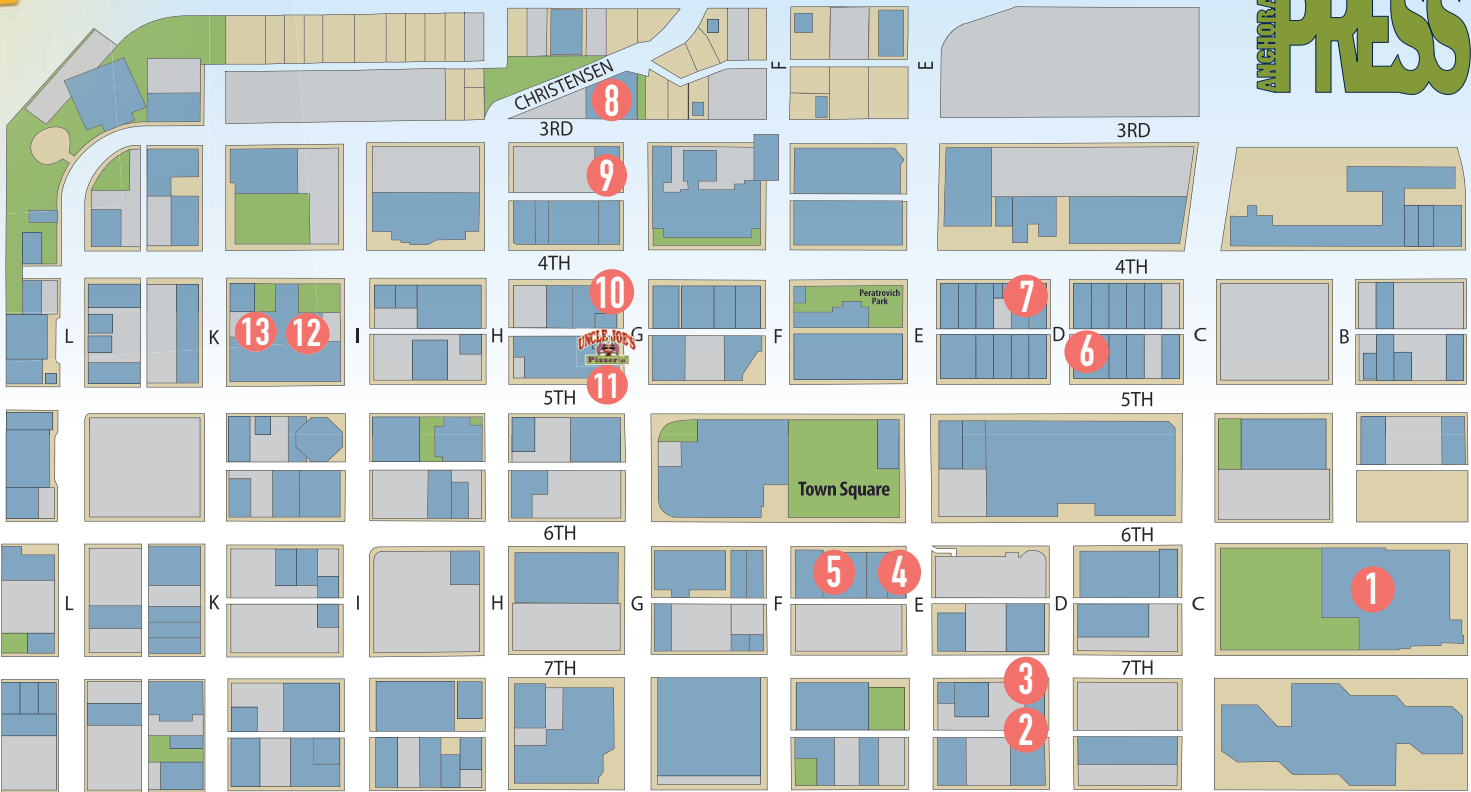
The bird's head and back are olive, its undersides grayish (though the birds also have white eye rings and white wing bars). And while males have red crown feathers — hence the name — they're revealed only when the bird becomes excited by a potential mate, rival, or threat.

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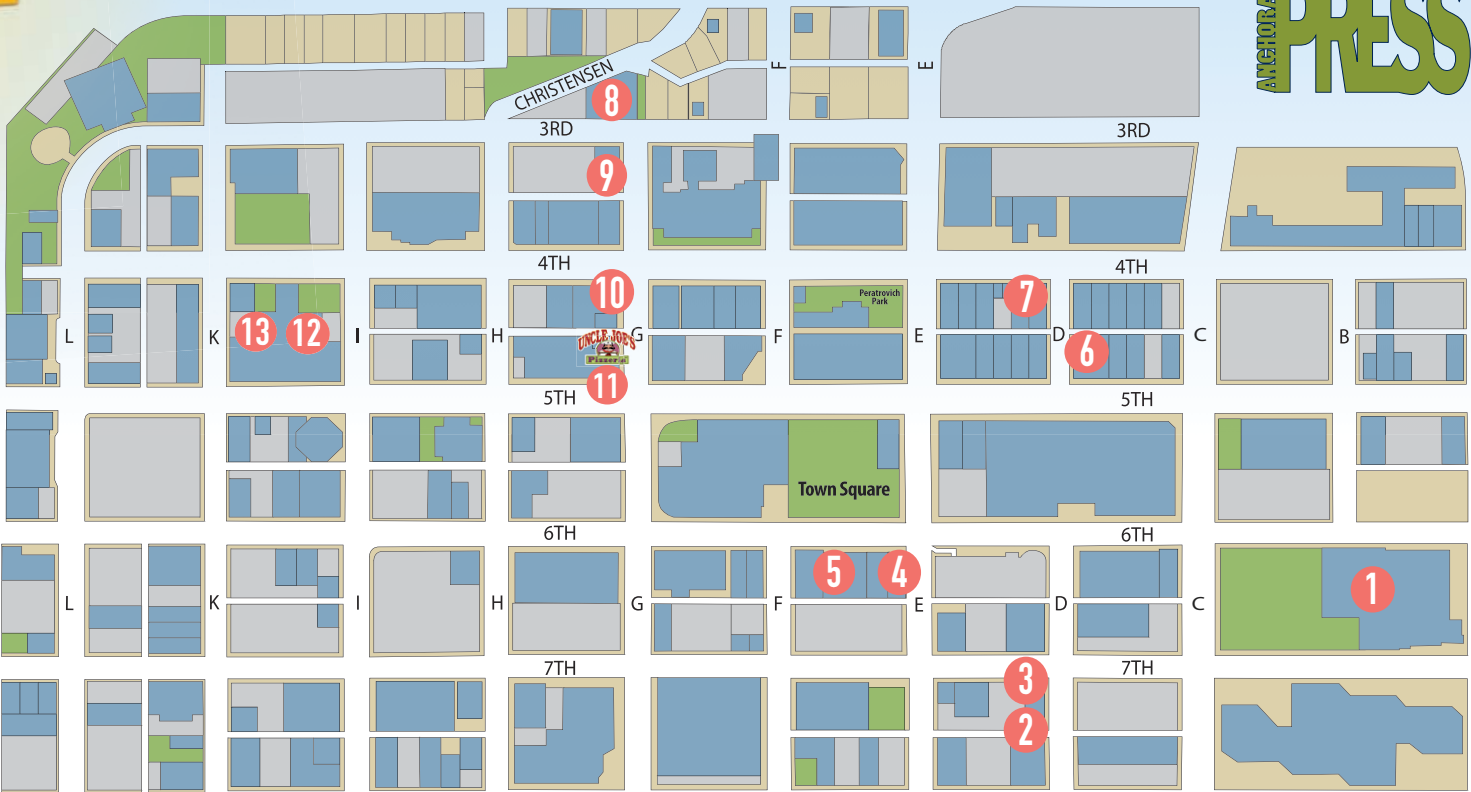
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BY NED ROZELL

Liz Richards, left, a hydrologic technician for USGS, and Heather Best, a USGS hydrologist, repair a river-level measuring device that ice damaged during Yukon River breakup a few days earlier.



BY NED ROZELL

Heather Best (in water), a USGS hydrologist, prepares to toss a road-grader blade with a river-measuring device attached into the Yukon River near Eagle, Alaska. USGS hydrologic technician Liz Richards watches for icebergs.

Wading into the icy Yukon River for science

BY NED ROZELL

EAGLE, ALASKA — Snow geese flew in a ragged V overhead, rasping as they looked down upon Alaska's bumpy face for the first time in 2022.

Nine hundred feet below, the Yukon River flowed by quietly, except for the dull thuds of icebergs skidding along the river bottom near the shore.

Sensing a break in the ice traffic, U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Heather Best — wearing chest waders with a hole she would soon discover — stepped into the river. In both hands, she held a 3-foot portion of grader blade. Running along the blade was river-measuring tube secured by hose clamps.

That hunk of steel held the business end of a device Best and others use to measure the flow of the Yukon River at Eagle, a town of about 110 people just downstream of the Canada border.

A few days earlier, ice formed by the cold air of winter had knocked the river-measuring instrument offline. During river breakup at Eagle, rising meltwater lifted a sheet of ice that had been in place most of the winter.

Brown water then ferried immense shards of ice downstream at about 5 miles per hour. Some of it crashed into the bank on an outer river bend just down from Eagle. Those icebergs ripped the river-measuring hose from the shore where it entered the river, shearing it in a few places.

Best and USGS hydrologic technician Liz Richards had driven from their office in Fairbanks to see if they could fix the river-measuring instrument. They stopped at other waterways during the 10-hour journey, to see if stream information being sent to the internet was accurate and fix things that got dinged up as winter's ice turned to water.

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When it's more than just a beer

ASK OSKAR
BY OSKAR SAVILLE

My spouse's drinking is out of control. I've tried so many ways to stop them: Taking the car keys, throwing out bottles of liquor, threatening to leave, yelling, and others. I am at my wit's end. How can I stop my spouse and bring my family back to normal?
— Going Crazy

Dear Going Crazy,
I feel for you. I stood in a very similar situation to where you are standing now. My ex-husband did not have a drinking problem, but he had grown up with alcoholism. I didn't even know what it was when we met. I thought an alcoholic was one of those characters in old cartoons, the bum on the street. I had no idea that alcoholism was affecting my marriage because there wasn't active drinking.

It was not until I was at my wits end in my marriage that I found myself at an Al-Anon meeting. I had heard of AA, but I had never heard of Al-Anon (<https://al-anon.org/>), which is for friends and family of alcoholics and drug addicts. Denial, shame, and lies are the cornerstones of addiction. I was so scared to walk into that room that day. I kept thinking, How did I get here? What had I done wrong? But there I was, too nervous about turning around and leaving because people in the room had already seen me.

In the room, there were a bunch of folding chairs placed in a circle. People were smiling at me, so I kept my head down and took a seat. I fumbled with my phone until I heard someone say, "It's 9 now. I'll go ahead and start the meeting." I put my phone in my bag and quietly observed: The chairperson, as they called themselves, asked for volunteers to read some Al-Anon literature out loud, then someone opened up about their own journey in the program. After that, the chairperson announced it was time for sharing.

People raised their hands and began sharing for three minutes at a time about what was going on in their lives or how Al-Anon had helped them. I heard people talking about throwing away bottles of booze only for the alcoholic to get more. They talked about bills going unpaid and children being left to fend for themselves while the alcoholic parent was passed out. They also talked about a lot of fighting before they came to the program. And then I heard in the same share, how through working the 12 steps and going to meetings, their lives were different now; more peaceful and fuller. They no longer focused on the alcoholic but rather found that by keeping the focus on their lives, they were finding freedom and happiness.

I tried to gather what was happening in each share. Everyone else in the room seemed to be okay with the three-minute limit. I wasn't. I wanted to know more. How could just a few minutes of speaking make someone's life better? The sharing continued until 9:50, when they read some closing statements about anonymity, and then everyone stood up, held hands, and said the serenity prayer.

After the meeting, people broke off into small conversations. They were laughing and joyful. Then someone came towards me. Not only was it too late to turn and run, but my feet also seemed to be stuck to the ground. I braced myself for some intrusive conversation, but the person just smiled, said, "keep coming back," and continued to head toward the door. I took that as a sign that I could also leave. I couldn't wait to get out of there and never return!

Except a strange thing happened as I made my way home. I found myself feeling lighter. I noticed a flower and stopped to smell it. I could feel hope rising inside me again, and I found myself back there the following week—and I still go to this day, 6 years later.

The troubles I came in with aren't there anymore. It's not that life just stopped happening; it's just that I learned how to handle everything differently. For instance, when I get a text or email that pushes my buttons, I can pause and put it to the side until I am calm. I have people I



can call that are willing to hear me and help me find a response that comes from my heart, not my fear. I also learned that alcoholism is a family disease and that everyone in the family is affected, not just the alcoholic. I had thought that drinking was the problem, but I have since learned that it is only a symptom of a greater problem of the disconnection with oneself.

There are many ways to heal a problem, and I've found a 12-step program helpful. A good first step in dealing with your husband's drinking and bringing some normalcy back to your family starts with you taking care of yourself. I have learned so much in the rooms and Zooms of Al-Anon, but mostly I have learned that I am not alone. We are all living a human experience, and today because of working a 12-step program, I am happy, joyous, and free.

Whichever way you go, I hope you follow your heart. There are no wrong ways in this life, and I am sure you will find yours!

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33 "Rags to Riches" singer [Broadway]

35 Capital of Italy, in Italy

38 Golfers' positions

40 Built on

41 Jungian inner self

43 Stallion, e.g.

44 Yellow shade

46 "Little Birds" actress [Canadian music]

49 Longtime member of the Four Tops [off-Broadway]

54 Fred dancing in films

55 Tile locale

57 Fly of Africa

58 Rice dish

61 Walton who wrote "The Compleat Angler"

63 Leaves port

64 Rub roughly

68 Ventriloquist with the dummy

71 Horse pace

72 "Incredible!"

74 Delight in

75 Bus stop

77 She's asked to "peel me a grape" in film

79 Call to a pig

81 1982 Dustin Hoffman film

86 "Shameless" actress [television]

88 "The Picture of Dorian Gray" novelist [film]

91 Panache

92 La — Tar Pits

93 "The Piano" actor Sam

94 Remits in advance

98 Kids' racers on tracks

101 Lyric verses

102 American labor leader [French film]

105 Verbalized

107 Go- — (no slouch)

108 Cager's hoop

109 Went flat

110 Be in arrears

113 Blind as —

114 Uncork, e.g.

116 What any of the eight people featured in this puzzle should be?

118 Dust particle

119 Blu-ray Disc producer

120 Work benefit

121 Puts into law

122 Squeezed (out)

123 Circus barker

124 Actress Harper

125 Least refined

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1 Witty Mort

2 Like facts

3 Rules, for short

4 1969 Beatle bride Yoko

5 "— I love thee?"

6 Cooks, as asparagus

7 Kitschy 1960s light

8 First

9 High-quality

10 Gift label

11 Tarnish

12 "Firework" singer Katy

13 Tree toppler

14 Governor's fiscal concern

15 "Tristram Shandy" author Laurence

16 Complained childishy

17 Actor Will of "30 Rock"

18 — Rico

24 Amo, amas, —

29 Distress call

31 Strip down

32 Island group near Fiji

33 Summer shirt

34 Tiny toddler

35 Indian royal

36 Big burden

37 Breath freshener

39 Treble —

42 "Take — from me"

44 On the train, e.g.

45 Illusion on a hot road

47 Sandusky's lake

48 Merges

49 Seep out

50 In good order

51 Move a bit

52 Capital of Norway

53 Sticky home?

56 Cuba — (rum cocktail)

59 Tennis champ Andre

60 Courteous act, to a Brit

62 — secret (didn't blab)

64 Judge's wear

65 "Pardon me"

66 Done the backstroke, e.g.

67 Prefix with 104-Down

69 House unit

70 Jordanian queen dowager

73 Major combat

76 Word before hall or crier

78 Jesuit college in Worcester

80 Part of NYSE

82 Attach with laces, say

83 Lost traction on the ice

84 Waste time

85 Bioelectric fishes

87 Tiara go-with

89 Five-armed echinoderms

90 Lots to leave autos in, to Brits

92 "Lowdown" singer

94 World of Warcraft, e.g.

95 Nike rival

96 Grand home

97 Touched comfortingly

98 Jewel

99 Blabbed

100 Meat sticker

103 Boxing venue

104 Plastic for a waterbed

106 Suburb of Minneapolis

109 —'Pea

110 In time past

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Yukon, from page A13

On the shoreline of the Yukon River, after an hour's work that included scrambling over ice chunks large as pickups, Best and Richards had spliced the measuring tube where the ice severed it. They reattached it to the grader blade. Then came the trickiest part — the redeployment of the tube beneath the surface of the Yukon.

Trying to keep her time immersed in ice water to a minimum, Best sidestepped out on rocks she couldn't see beneath the surface. Once the river reached the belt around her waist, she stopped.

Best heaved the grader blade as far as she could into the water. She then retreated toward the shore.

"Nice work," Richards said from a sliver of gravel shoreline in front of a pile of ice.

"I hope it's deep enough," Best said.

The submerged end of a hose would release bubbles of nitrogen into the river in a complicated, somewhat magical system that converts sensed water pressure at the opening of the underwater hose to river depth.

Best said the underwater end had to be deep enough to stay submerged in the coming weeks. If not, she or someone else would have to come back in midsummer, after the river level dropped, to throw the grader blade a little deeper.

"We need it to be at least 4 feet deep," she said.

Carrying bits of broken hose and a cardboard box of equipment and tools, Best and Richards toed into a steep slope, reaching a small cedar cabin on a grassy bench near the National Park Service field station in Eagle.

Inside the structure were the plastic pipes, glass bulbs and nitrogen tanks that make up the "Conoflow gas-purge system," a staple of USGS river-and-stream measuring sites around the country.

After a little fiddling with the system, Best had good news.

"It looks like it's in 5 feet of water," she said.

"Yay," Richards said.

The women then tidied the little shelter. Best shut the door and padlocked it, and the pair walked to their car, which would take them a few hundred feet to their room with a view of the big river. They would drive out of Eagle on the Taylor Highway the next day, doing a bit more fieldwork on the way home.

As for the town of Eagle, the geese kept passing over in mixed flocks, songbirds flooded the local aspens and people mentioned seeing the first returning swallows.

The river, almost free of ice but soon to swell with meltwater from winter's snow still in the mountains of Canada and Alaska, once again had its level visible to people far from Eagle, on the USGS website at <https://on.doi.gov/3lkbjTL>.

Since the late 1970s, the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Geophysical Institute has provided this column free in cooperation with the UAF research community. Ned Rozell is a science writer for the Geophysical Institute.

In Memoriam

Celebrating the Life of RJ Johnson

“RJ had a profound impact on me when I was struggling to find community and feel comfortable in my identity as a queer person and a drag artist. RJ really helped me jumpstart my drag career in Anchorage by covering the events I was organizing at UAA and platforming my voice and image through coverage with the Prism Press publication he was writing for Anchorage press. He made sure I got connected to good people in the community who would steer me in the right direction.

This experience is not unique to me. RJ took an active interest in supporting, mentoring, and advising so many of us in the performing scene. He had a passion for doing what he could to improve the lives and community for LGBTQ+ youth in Alaska.

The most recent time I saw him was in January when he came out to support my drag brunch. He sat in the front row and took a million photos and videos to email me. After the show, he gave me a hug and told me he was so proud to watch my growth and see how far I’ve come. I told him some of my plans and goals for the rest of the year, and he confidently told me I would exceed them.

Today I’m feeling broken. Losing RJ is hard, and I know even more so for so many of my friends. Every baby drag queen needs a grumpy Drag Dag to give them a hug and remind them not to let anyone mess with them.

I’m sharing this beautiful photo taken by O’Hara [Shipe] for RJ’s Prism Press. The theme for 2018 Anchorage Pride was “The Next Generation More than A Rainbow” - Lillian and I wore black to celebrate the “funeral” (defeat) of the anti-trans bathroom ordinance the Anchorage LGBTQ+ community successfully defeated.

The best way I can think to remember RJ is to try and live his values. He might be gone, but the sense of responsibility he instilled and inspired is still here. It’s on all of us to mentor and support the next generation of LGBTQ youth.

Rest easy, Papa Bear; we can take it from here.”

- Written by Robin O’Donoghue



“Our community experienced a great loss over the weekend.

Rj Johnson was a force, a beacon of light and acceptance, and an amazing friend to so many that I feel the loss as if I had really known him.

I can’t claim him as anything but a gruff acquaintance, whose smile (once I MF earned it) made me feel part of our rainbow family... but his presence - and the void left behind - makes me hyper aware of how connected this family is.

I can only hope his loss makes us all be kinder, be truer to ourselves... makes us unafraid to speak our truth and vocalize our love and respect for each other.

My heart is with all of you who feel his absence so deeply. I love you.”

- Written by Natalie Snyder



“RJ was one beautiful person. He touched so many people’s lives.

He had a knack for connecting deeply with people and seeing their special and unique qualities.

He had a way of making you feel loved.

His laugh, growl, smile, and smoldering gaze will be forever etched in my memory. May he be forever in our hearts and never far from our minds.”

-Written by Beau Korvin Black

“He was a friend that believed in me and my heart. One of a kind, just honored to have known him. [I] first auditioned for him for the Diva Show at Myrna’s. He welcomed me into the community.”

- Written by Brooke Johnson



“I was reading a journalist’s terrific book today and thinking to myself how much joy I used to feel when writing for the Press. You were one of my first Alaska radio guests, and your presence in that paper was already larger than life. You were always a joy to be around. You loved and were loved by everyone. Rest easy, RJ.”

-Witten by Kellen Pierce

“So RJ Johnson decided to try his hand at “bro-ista-ing” at the Moose for a bit. He was a natural at making coffee and all that, but he decided after a few months that “maybe I’m a bit too bitchy for customers just having their first coffee of the day. I’m plenty bitch enough for customers having their last drinks of the night!” And then he went back to bartending, just like that.

But, before and even after he worked at the Moose, he promoted the crap out of it and Pete’s... just because. He wrote numerous articles about our food, first Fridays, or any subject he could think of. He brought so many friends to the Moose, just for a quick cup of coffee or a bite to eat. During the bleakest times of the pandemic, he’d stop by just to check on us, spread his love, and to assure us that it’d get better. And, he’d always be sure to bring a new face to “introduce them to the Moose.”

With his massive hug, I knew it’d be ok. I’ll miss his voice, his laugh, his heart, his ideas, and his hugs. I guess I’ll just miss him.

Goodbye, my dear friend. I miss you.”

- Written by Brandi Rathbun

“In January 2019, there was a gender panel at ACAL. I was in the painful transformative period of learning who I was and feeling alone. Even that beautifully diverse panel further isolated me because there was no mention of two-spirit or colonial impacts on gender and sexuality. As a Pansexual, Polyamorous, Demisexual, Indigenous, Queer and Kink person, I felt like I had no place in the world and even had thoughts about my existence having been a mistake. There were a handful of queer heroes who helped keep me afloat, and RJ was one of them. RJ had always made me feel safe and welcome. When I reached out to him about how I felt, he offered to write an article about two-spirit and colonial impacts on sexuality/gender identity. We never got to do that together because of life. But his sincerity and commitment to helping me feel welcome and accepted for all of my identities were probably more important than he will ever know. “Welcome home” anytime we walked through the door meant more than he will probably ever know. Wish we had been closer, but forever grateful for the home he helped make for me in The Community.”

-Written by Pangaanga Laura Ikaanuq Pangawiyi



“I am in utter disbelief. Did we truly just lose you? I can’t believe this world lost such a precious being. My heart is broken. I hope you are at peace. I will miss you. Wishing I could tell you just how much you are loved and missed, my dear friend!

I remember you meeting Josh for the first time, and you told me right then, “this is the man you are going to marry.” And Josh was right there, and he responded, “well, you will officiate it then!” I’m just so glad to have had you in my life. You were such a gift to us and such an amazing light! Love you!”

-Written by Jenni Morlan



“RJ Johnson all I can even find the words to say right now, is that it was an honor. It was an honor knowing you and getting to be in your presence over the last 5 or so years. Simply running into you at Costco randomly would make me smile. I will miss you. I’m at a loss for words right now of what to say. You were actually on my mind pretty heavy these last few weeks, and I just suck at reaching out. Today took a sad turn. You will be missed by a multitude of people my dear friend.”

- Written by Kat Love

“You made many nights working at Myrna’s so entertaining with your humor. You always made me feel welcome and showed me so much love whenever I ran into you.

You were everyone’s hype man. A HUGE LIGHT to the community and every life you touched. That’s just who you were.

Thank you for always being there, RJ... Thank you for truly seeing me. Thank you for being you. This really breaks my heart. I will miss your laugh, your sass, that rasp in your voice, your smile, and most of all... those bear hugs.”

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Walking through spruce forest, I once watched two loudly chattering ruby-crown males chase each other through the trees, their crests raised high and flashing bright red. But when they're not agitated or excited, even the males blend well into the forest — except, of course, while singing.

Though its size is diminutive and its coloring may largely be unremarkable, the ruby-crowned kinglet has other traits that make it stand out among its forest neighbors. One is its hyperactive nature. Ruby-crowns constantly flit about, flicking their wings open and closed as if nervous. Even when treetop singing, males continuously shift position.

And then there's the voice, among the forest's loudest. Once learned, the ruby-crown's long and complex (some field guides say "jumbled") whistled tune is easily recognizable, as is its tendency to at times get "stuck" on certain parts of the song and repeat them over and over, like a broken record.

When male ruby-crowns sing, their entire body seems to quiver with the effort — and, I like to think, with passion.

That singing is what I love most about ruby-crowned kinglets. To those who are paying attention, their loud, bright voices herald the arrival of spring every bit as much as the honkings of Canada geese, the roaring calls of sandhill cranes, and the hiccupy songs of wood frogs. The songs tell me that kinglets have returned for another nesting season, that we're again sharing the landscape. They serve as another connection to this place I call home, remind me to pay attention to what's going on around me, and speak to me of zestful living.

Once I began to seriously track them in the late 1990s, I learned that ruby-crowns are among the first migrant songbirds to announce themselves each spring. This year ruby-crowned kinglets revealed themselves to me on April 25, nearly a week before I heard the first songs of junco, thrush, or robin.

Their reliable position among the earliest migratory birds to reach Anchorage (songbirds or otherwise) got me wondering about their travels outside Alaska. It turned out that little was known about the migratory patterns of Alaska's ruby-crowned kinglets, except that they usually arrive in April and depart in October.

When I first inquired, local ornithologists told me that Anchorage-area ruby-crowns probably spend their winters in the western U.S., Mexico, or even Central America. Though small numbers sometimes overwinter here) and then travel up the West Coast in small mixed groups. They range throughout much of Alaska, limited only by their need for the conifer forests in which pairs nest and raise their young and even reside above the Arctic Circle.

Because they prefer to nest high in spruce and other conifers, ruby-crowns' nesting behavior is equally difficult to study. However, research suggests that they build pendulous nests of mosses, grasses, twigs, and sometimes even moose hair hung from tree branches like basket hangings. Females lay four to 10 eggs, a surprisingly large clutch for so small a bird. Incubation lasts about two weeks, and fledging occurs 16 days after that. By early July, young ruby-crowns are testing their wings throughout Anchorage.

If the online research I've done in preparation for this column is any indication, not much more has been learned about the migratory travels of Alaska's ruby-crowns in the quarter-century or so since I first sought answers. I did, however, come across a 2019 report prepared by the Alaska Center for Conservation Science that indicates two subspecies of ruby-crowns inhabit Alaska.



The more widespread subspecies, *Regulus calendula calendula*, has a breeding range that extends from the Cook Inlet region north to the Brooks Range. In contrast, the other *Regulus calendula grinelli* occurs in Alaska's southernmost coastal areas.

Exactly what distinguishes the two subspecies (besides their geographic differences) is not explained in the report, and so far, I've been unable to discover such distinctions in my online browsing. Clearly, further personal research is needed before I next report on ruby-crowns!

Such research will be more fun than work because I enjoy learning bits and pieces about the lives of ruby-crowned kinglets whose beautiful voices have lifted my spirits and opened me to wonder. Whether on a forest walk with Denali or friends who are also birding enthusiasts, I anticipate the ruby-crown's sweet song, and listen to it with great delight.

Anchorage nature writer Bill Sherwonit is a widely published essayist and the author of more than a dozen books, including "Living with Wildness: An Alaskan Odyssey" and "Animal Stories: Encounters with Alaska's Wildlife." Readers wishing to send comments or questions directly to Bill may do so at akgriz@hotmail.com.



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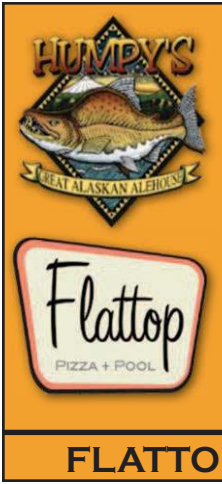
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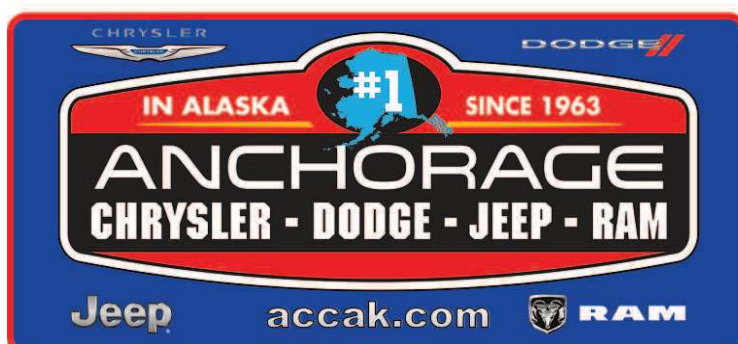


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