



DOWNTOWN UPDATE

UPCOMING NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

The 26th National Veterans Wheelchair Games will bring nearly 600 wheelchair-confined athletes to Anchorage for the **July 3-8 competition** (along with about 2500 accompanying friends and family members).

The 3,000+ participants and family members from the **Wheelchair Games** will strongly prefer to patronize stores, restaurants, etc. that are wheelchair accessible. Thus, things like crowded aisles and/or the lack of a ramp to an entrance way will discourage business during that period.

With the competition a month away, **now is the time to start preparing for these 3,000+ visitors to Downtown.** Simple things - such as taking time to clear up cluttered or crowded aisles - can go a long way. More difficult issues - such as providing an ADA compliant ramp at your entrance - can be overcome with relatively simple efforts. For example, building a wooden ramp can help eliminate a step to the front door and may go a long way toward encouraging business while the athletes are visiting Downtown.

CYRANO'S IS DECLARING WAR!

Cyrano's Off Center Playhouse, Bookstore & Café is declaring "War!" Or at least producing the world premiere of a new play. "War," the new play written by **Alaskan playwright Dick Reichman**, is set in rural Alaska where conflicts... escalate!

Cyrano's would like to invite **Members** to attend opening night of "War" tonight, **June 2, at 7:00 p.m.** Catering will be provided by **Twigs**. And **Members of ADP** get special "2-for-1" pricing on tickets.

Tickets available at **Centertix.net** (24/7 print your own) or at **Cyrano's**.

The opening night performance of "War" is going to be videotaped by the **Air Force Broadcast TV station** as part of a segment on the **various entertainment options available to airmen and their families in Downtown.**

So come join **Sandy** and everyone else at **Cyrano's Off Center Playhouse, Bookstore & Café** located at **413 D Street** tonight at **7:00p.m.**

If you have any **questions**, please call **274-2599** or email cyrano@ak.net

TUNDRA TYKES IN DOWNTOWN

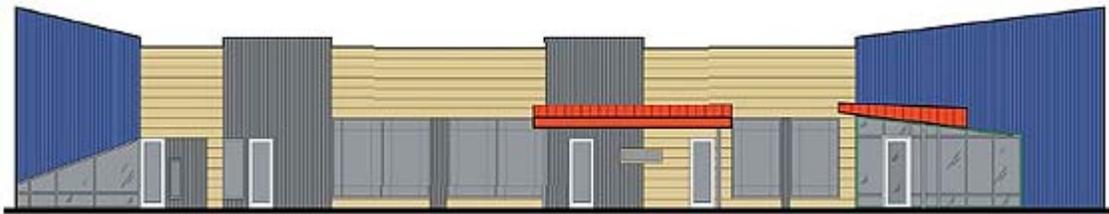
If you traveled past the corner of **8th Avenue and D Street** anytime in the past week, you may have wondered why the Convention Center construction has stretched down about two blocks past the site.

However the **construction at 8th and D Street** is not part of the new Convention Center, but rather the construction of **the new General Services Administration (GSA) & JL Properties, Inc. project: the Tundra Tykes Child Development Center.**

The new center is **scheduled to open January 2007.** GSA and **Easter Seals Alaska**, the child care provider, are working with **RIM Architects** and **RIM Design** to develop the state-of-the-art facility. The new center will be designed to meet new GSA Child Care standards, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) criteria, in addition to meeting Municipality of Anchorage Child Care Codes.

Tundra Tykes is required to reserve 50% of its capacity for children of federal employees, meaning that **children of non-federal employees also may use the facility.** **Tundra Tykes** accepts children **ages 6 weeks – 5 years**, but there is a waiting list for the facility.

If you are interested in learning more about the facility or would like to get on the waiting list, please call **Sherrie Jackson** at **Easter Seals**, 276-8953 or via **email**.



BY THE WAY YOU ARE ALL INVITED...

GSA and **JL Properties** will hold the **ground breaking ceremony for Tundra Tykes on June 14, 2006.** **Mayor Mark Begich** and **GSA Director for Portfolio Development, Brent Allen**, are scheduled to speak at the ceremony. **Come join us!**

SPEAKING OF GSA AND D STREET...

At the request of the **General Services Administration (GSA)** – manager of the federal properties in Downtown – we would like to **remind businesses and patrons of the SoNo District** (including Nordstrom) that **the outside parking lot on the south side of 7th Avenue between D and C Street is for federal employees and visitors to the federal building only. This includes weekends and after hours.**

Persons who park at this federal lot are **subject to \$50 tickets** and may be sent to federal district court too. **Save yourself the money and hassle by parking in the JC Penney garage.**



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