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Pride And Prejudice

This month is the time that we celebrate Gay Pride here in Anchorage. Although I have been her two years now, I was here for a year from August of 1997 to August of 1998 as a traveling nurse. I remember going to the Pride Fest on the Park Strip in June of 1998. It was a Sunday as I recall and I went with a friend that I had at the time named Tina. During those ten months that I had already been in Anchorage, I had never checked out the gay scene until the end of May 1998 when I went to The Wave, which used to be in Spenard. It was there that I became friends with Tina and when she told me about the Pride Fest, we decided to go and check it out. It was the first time that I had ever been to a real, out-in-the-open Pride Fest since I had come out in early 1992.

I remember being amazed that there was no angry crowds of conservative religious zealots shouting epithets at those people who were there. All I saw was a group of a few hundred men, women, and children enjoying a nice 70 degree summer day in the park with hot dogs, cold beer, and live music. It was a nice and throughly pleasant afternoon. When I left a couple of months later, the memory of that afternoon was carried with me as one of the best days ever.

When I returned in May of 2003, I made sure that to go to the Pride Fest that year. It was another nice day in the Park Strip and I took plenty of photos. I even ran into a couple of people who I had known back in 1998. Last year's Pride Fest was not as much fun for me but that was only because I was sick with a nasty flu bug and the heat that we had been having last June made me feel even more miserable. It was all I could do to even attend for the hour and a half that I did manage before I packed it in and went to a movie at the Century 16 because the theatre was air-conditioned.

In 2003, the Reverend Fred Phelps came here to protest about all the queers here in Anchorage. I remember driving by a group of placard waving individuals who were stationed at the corner of 36th and Lake Otis with signs such as "God Hates Fags", "God Hates Fag Enablers" and other such witty slogans. Now I do not claim to be a very religious person, but I did use to be a fundamentalist Baptist in my teen years. The same kind as Mr. Phelps and his people. I cannot remember if I ever said anything similar back then, but it is possible. I left the church at nineteen after getting into an disagreement with the pastor during a Wednesday evening service.

During my last year at that church, I had been feeling alienated anyway. When I was twelve, I had entertained the idea of doing some sort of missionary work.

As I got older, I realized that I wanted to enter a career in the medical field instead, which I felt was a noble endeavor as well. However, the pastor acted like I had let God down by not going to a Baptist Bible College. Things went downhill from there. A few years later, I was the nurse who took care of a couple of different members from my old church. I even saw the pastor one time. He did not talk with me though. I do know that one member of that church was happy to have me taking care of her baby, and she made sure to say so to my parents.



When I saw all those placards on that street corner a couple of years ago, I wanted to stop my car, walk up to them, and ask those people nicely, "Why do you persist in promoting a god of hate? Isn't he supposed to be a god of love? Didn't his son die because he so loved the world? Didn't he tell us to love thy neighbor?" I figured that my questions would probably fall on deaf ears though and so I drove on.

It is my sincere hope that all of the events planned for this year will be absolutely fabulous. I also will pray that this year's Pride Fest on the Park Strip be the best one ever and may there be no detractors, at least for one afternoon in June. Hopefully, the goddess will hear my prayers and grant them. I will also pray that I do not have the flu this year.

Nicole Blizzard is being sure to take plenty of vitamin C this June. She can be reached at northview@identityinc.org or at nicole-b92@msn.com

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Gay Pride? Of Course, But I'm Proud of My Daughter Too

Am I proud of the courage I have to tell you and the world that I am gay and bipolar? Yes, of course! In this month of Gay Pride I have something special to celebrate as a father. My family is passing a major multi-generational milestone so this article will be devoted to my oldest daughter. I am proud of her independence, acceptance, and her many outstanding achievements.

I am proud of my oldest daughter because of her independence. She has always had her own ideas even at birth when she insisted on looking around the room instead of cuddling her head on my shoulder. Her independence has never translated into callousness; she has always been a caring giving person. This independence has also funded schooling with numerous scholarships, lots of hard work (at a women's shelter), and a few student loans. My only help was transportation home at Christmas. This makes me proud to be her father.

My daughter will have graduated from Olivet Nazarene University by the time you read this. This private university is affiliated with James Dobson who runs "Focus on the Family" the blisteringly anti-GLBT radio show, ministry, and political movement. This is an affiliation that has deeply concerned me for four years. I asked her for to describe in her own words of how my sexual orientation might have affected her education in such an environment. This is her reply,

"I have never given a presentation on glbt issues as I feel that I would not be able to give an unbiased presentation, and I want to combat the myth that anyone who is not vigilantly opposed to glbt people is an activist on their behalf. Also my professor assigns the glbt family presentation. It is required. We have never been excused (unless a student chose to use one of their three skips) for that class. I was interviewed as a part of that project two years in a row. The first year we only had one student leave because they were opposed to it. The year that I was enrolled in that class I was amazed at the compassion and understanding that the group approached the project with. I have fought a lot of prejudice in my classes but I chose to do so during class discussion because I feel this is a more effective venue. Those fights are typically in one of my gen[eral] ed[ucation] classes simply because my professors are just as caring toward people who are glbt as I try to be. (I have two of the most liberal professor's on campus) I just thought you should know. Please do not paint Olivet as a place of hate toward homosexuals. I truly do not believe that to be true. While it is not the most friendly place to be for a

homosexual it is not as bad as you might think. For the most part I have not felt attacked, but welcomed and loved regardless of your sexual orientation."

The way my daughter has conducted herself while at this school has made me proud.

I was able to meet three of my daughter's classmates in Minneapolis and found them friendly, bubbly, out-going, and respectful. Of course these were friends of my daughter so naturally they would not have acted homophobic in any way. I wondered if my daughter influenced them since she got to know them, or if they were just raised right. Now I think we have some hope of at least tolerance in this new generation of fundamentalists. I am proud of her choice of friends.

My daughter was the first in my family to hold elective public office, in high school she was the Student Representative on the Kenai Peninsula School Board. She served with distinction taking the job seriously, traveling to Juneau and the entire Kenai Peninsula. I was proud of her. In college she made the dean's list (the good one). I am proud of her. She has beaten me to the college cap and gown. I am proud of her. She is the first on my mom's side of the family in her generation to graduate from college. We are all proud of her. She has been accepted into the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work to study for a Masters degree which she will complete next spring. I will continue to be proud of her.

Chuck Hart is a single father of three and long-time contributor to NorthView.



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ICOAA Spotlight

News & Events from The Imperial Court of All Alaska

Greetings from H.M.I.M. The Denali Black Diamond of the North Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III.

Well, I've been to New York, Denver, and soon to go to Vancouver, WA, followed by Orange County, so it's been way busy for me... My first sense of direction was to represent Alaska only, but now I love all the courts all over and if I can mend any fences, I am doing just that.

The Outside courts love us up here and I think we'll have a great presence from all the Lower 48 courts this Labor Day weekend. I hope that all the local kids here in Anchorage and the rest of the state will come out to Coronation XXXIII to show our pride and hospitality. Please make plans to join us Sept. 1-5, 2005, this Labor Day weekend for **Coronation XXXIII: An Invitation to Oriental Fantasies & Egyptian Treasures** in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska, Land of the Midnight Sun. Make this your vacation weekend!!! For details, visit www.icoaa.org.

Thanks to you all for all your support this year, it's been a great time and I have learned so much... My gratitude is never ending.

H.M.I.M.

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Gay Pride

June is always Gay Pride month around the nation and I have enjoyed celebrating it openly for a number of years. There were years when I was in college that I hid from others that I was a lesbian. My girlfriend did not want others to know and both of us would have been expelled from the Nazarene college we attended. In the narrow view they adhered to, we were living in sin.

Guess what my friends? I am free now! I am 'saved' from condemnation and Proud to be Out as a Lesbian. I have loved women for years and still love both men and women. Friends and lovers are a beautiful part of the bounty of life. I have learned that I love and accept myself. It feels wonderful to move forward gently with acceptance of myself because then I don't need to be harsh on others for their lack of understanding. Someone once said if we are not understood we need to shake the dust off of our feet and move on.

I enjoy being involved in the GLCCA through volunteering at the community center. Many do not know that we have hundreds of free books and movies just waiting to be checked out. I never run out of reading material. It is enjoyable to meet new friends at the Center. Young people come in to check out the place as well as people stop by that I have not seen for more than ten years. It puts a smile on my face everytime I get to share the spirit of Gay Pride with someone at our gathering place the GLCCA. Come check it out.



Lynne writes regularly for the NV and her dog Bear is begging to have his picture put in the magazine. He wants you to know that he is gay friendly and may even be bi-sexual (not that it is any one's business) Bear just wanted to establish his qualifications for a picture in the Northview. This writer believes he qualifies just because he is the best darn dog she has.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW CHANGE

Identity's Board of Directors wants to notify its membership of a change to our by-laws that affect the process in which members of the board are elected. In the past, Directors were selected by the membership. In recent years, this process presented many challenges. Challenges included identifying qualified candidates, getting members to participate (i.e. vote) and the overall logistics of setting up the process. The Board of Director's identified the need for a smoother and more appropriate method of selecting qualified candidates. After researching how other organizations, similar to us, elect members, the Board voted unanimously to change the election process. Directors are now elected by the Board of Directors. Identity will continue to have a membership and will host an annual meeting for its members. Community members who are interested in becoming a board member can contact either board co-chairs, Phyllis Rhodes or Vic Carlson, at Identity.



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GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

I'm not sure how some of you might react to *Mondohomo* (Alyson Books, 2004), which purports to be "your essential guide to queer pop culture." It is edited by Richard Andreoli, a freelance writer living in Los Angeles, whose articles have appeared in such magazines as *The Advocate* and *Instinct*. To assist with the guide, the editor assembled a collection of seven other gay men.

The first limitation of the guide is that it is primarily concerned with the pop culture of gay men. I doubt that many lesbians would find it that helpful, and it might even infuriate them in a few areas. And even for gay men, I think there might be real generational differences in one's assessment. I discern that the eight writers are in their twenties and thirties, and being that pop culture is quite subjective, older gay men might take exception to some of the assertions and 'lists'. Being that I am one of these older gay men, in my late fifties, I would be very interested in learning what younger gay men really do think of *Mondohomo*.

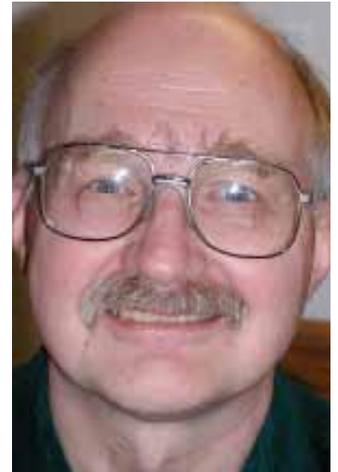
Nonetheless, the book packs into a little more than 200 pages observations about the following: film, television, music, literature, theater and art, fashion, media, gay ghettos, fitness, liquor, club culture, travel, gay gatherings, skin flicks (porn) and sex. And, like I say, there are many lists included, where the eight writers have drawn on other noted gay folks in these areas. And, despite the generational differences, I agreed with many of the observations.

For instance, I was delighted that Christopher Lisotta, in his chapter on media, appreciated the significance of the Supreme Court victory by *One* magazine in the 1950s. It has been largely forgotten, and, if it had gone the other way, it is doubtful that we'd have all of the queer magazines and journals we do today. I was also pleased Smith Galtney, in the chapter on film, spent four or five pages recounting the dialogue between Peter and Nick in the movie *Parting Glances*. The movie was a real find for me, and that scene said a lot about the awakening of young gay men. Finally, Christopher Lisotta also wrote the chapter on gay ghettos, and I thought his observation that the attraction of young, straight childless couples to these ghettos as a place to live may be lethal.

One of the observations in the book – the chapter on fashion by Aaron Krach – was Krach's list of fifteen fashions we regret having worn and he included on the list anything from *International Male*. Speaking as someone who purchased and wore many of the shirts, pants and especially sweaters from *International Male*, particularly in the 1980s, I was pleased to do so. Given the extremely limited men's fashion we had at that time in Anchorage,

magazine ordering was a necessity.

Finally, I was extremely disappointed that in Dave White's chapter on literature he did not include any of Andrew Holleran's works. Mr. Holleran's books are clearly classics for me. However, more disturbing was his observation, on page 55, about how many gay people are actually 'readers' today: He thinks such people – like me – have a life that is marginal and may truly be a neo-bohemian (speaking of the hippies) type of existence. In his view, such people will always be outnumbered, always be single and have to dust a lot. Now, I do realize that he may be right and know for that reason my recommendation that you give this book a look might fall on deaf ears.



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Library Corner

There are many of us who love a good mystery, even others who enjoy a good detective novel. And in the lesbian section of the Center library, there are many mysteries which feature a lesbian detective. Well all lesbian and gay mystery novels owe their existence to a man named Joseph Hansen who added a novel twist to the genre at the time when he made his detective an openly gay homosexual.

Joseph Hansen had written poetry and gay themed fiction under a pseudonym when he wrote his first mystery novel, which introduced his protagonist, death claims investigator Dave Brandstetter of Los Angeles. *Fadeout* was written in 1967 but not published until 1970. It took almost three years to find a publisher who was willing to publish it the way Joseph Hansen wrote it. Appearing a year after the Stonewall Inn riots in Greenwich Village, it was early in the gay liberation movement. Though homosexuals had appeared in mystery novels before, they had never been the main character. They were often sensationalized, stereotyped and vilified. The Dave Brandstetter series was the first of its kind. Joseph Hansen went on to write more Brandstetter

novels. In *Early Graves* (1987), Hansen addressed the AIDS panic by writing a novel where the killer was targeting gays who had AIDS. The last book of the series, *A Country of Old Men* (1991), has Brandstetter having the same lover for 22 years while his heterosexual father had been married nine times. The GLCCA library has several Joseph Hansen mysteries, with more to come as I find them. They are in the Gay fiction section.

On a personal note of interest, though Joseph Hansen was an openly gay man, he was married to a lesbian, Jane Bancroft, who was a teacher and a translator for 51 years until her death in 1994. In an interview with *Out* magazine, he acknowledged the strangeness of their relationship. They had a daughter who later had a sex-change operation and became a man. He co-founded the gay publication *Tangents* and helped plan the first gay pride parade in Hollywood in 1970. Joseph Hansen died on November 24, 2004 at the age of 81.

Though I'm not sure I will be able to find an author as interesting as Joseph Hansen, I will try every month to highlight an author we have in the GLCCA library. If you are interested in finding all the titles of Joseph Hansen's mystery novels, you can go to www.stopyoure Killingme.com/Joseph-Hansen.html

Cameron is a member of the online international mystery group 4MA (mystery addicts) and has more books than she has room for and, much to her girlfriend's dismay, continues to buy more.



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Pride in Anchorage, Alaska

I am in the midst of writing a grant and I am once again describing our community. I am proud to be a part of the GLBTA community here in Anchorage, and in Alaska. I am impressed with the way we all cooperate and collaborate on various programs and events. We have a sign up now, for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, because of the Last Frontier Men's Club stepping up to fund a great part of it. Then, others joined in and we have this beautiful sign on our building. So many visitors are saying we did not know you were here until the sign went up. There has been a definite increase in people stopping into the GLCCA due to the sign.

June is Pride month. Identity holds its annual PrideFest celebration to remember the Stonewall riots of 1969, and the start of the gay rights movement. The Imperial Court of All Alaska is key to Identity's putting on the PrideFest every June. Without their contribution, we could not do it. We also thank the three bars: Mad Myrna's, the Raven, and Bernie's Bungalow Lounge, for their consistent contribution to PrideFest every year. And now, Bernie's is running Identity's pull-tabs and putting on "Think Pink" nights! A few of us were there on Wednesday, April 27th, when the first sales of the pull-tabs occurred. I was able to sit in the booth and sell the very first pull-tab! It was exciting to participate in that new venture for Identity.

PrideFest this year will be another stunning week of wonderful events. The movie at the Anchorage Museum

of History and Art will be "Cowboys and Angels," and at the BearTooth Theatre we will have two movies "Beautiful Boxer" at 5:30, and "Eating Out" at 8:00 pm. The Four A's "Adam & Steve" group will do Drag Queen Bingo, which is a wonderfully fun event. For more details on the events of PrideFest stay tuned! Information will go out on the e-lists and a program will be available for the week of PrideFest. As soon as we have events lined up, we will send out the word.

Identity's vision statement says that we envision a world where all people are free to express and be proud of our sexual and gender identities. I am proud to say that I am a lesbian, and so far, I have been able to express that without much rejection or discrimination. But, hey, I still have to come out every time I am introduced and tell what I do for a living. Then, I also make opportunities. Just this week, I gave a speech at Toastmasters where I talked about the characteristics of the GLBT community. I was told later that it was very brave of me to speak on a subject of such controversy. I thought, my goodness, this is my life, and it is defined as controversial. Where is the pride in that? The pride is that I stood in the BP building's downstairs conference room and actually said the "L" word and then some. But as a friend says, my identity is more than just my identification as a lesbian. I am a partner to a wonderful woman; a mother (yes, I have four children), daughter, and sister; a short, graying woman, whose size shifts with time and the chocolate factory; and many other things. I find pride in many areas of my life. And, I am proud to be a part of this GLBTA community.

Women Who Have Made An Impact, by Lynne Sangster

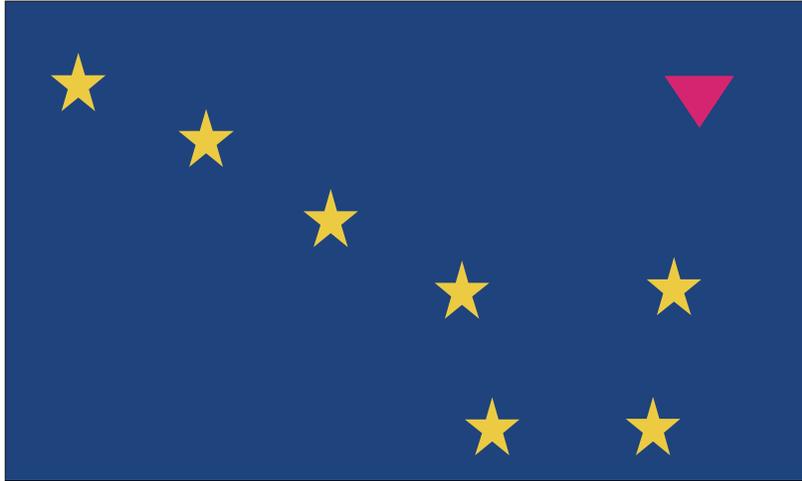
This list is by no means conclusive but was put together by Barbara Soule and I as we shared it at Celebration of Change. Here it is for all of you the women that we remember as making an impact on Anchorage from the early days forward: Lucille Frye, Karen Carlyle, Connie Wolfe, Aroua, Mariah Redwood, Joanne Contini, Beth Vann, Elaine Giles, Pepper Shaykin, Lynne Prosick, Marion Brown, Ruth Sheridan Carol Annie, Deb Deprospero, Tess Bensuson, Valerie Vinzant, Joyce Layne, Mari Jamison, Lisa Jamison, Hoppy Hopkins, Kippy Lanz, Charlie, Davette, Linda Kellen, Koala, Diane Hall, Maureen Suttman, Angie Slingluff, Rosebeth Levno, Victoria Shaver, Gay Wolfenberger, Susan Klein, Janet Saul, Phyllis Rhodes and countless others.

Women are the heart of our community and they have a lot more power than they recognize. For years they gathered together at potlucks, sing-a-longs and the bookstore. Today they occasionally come to the GLCCA and they, together with our men, staff it with volunteers.

We are seeing a revival of book groups and recently a sewing group at the GLCCA. Women are beginning to meet for dinner at local restaurants. Most of us know that the Internet is being widely used to keep us tied together with activities. Music is still a central focus for the community. Full Circle can be found playing at many places around town but on the third Saturday night of each month, they perform at Mad Myrna's.

It is important to me that we acknowledge women who have made an impact on our journey down the trail toward growth as lesbians living fully. I salute all of you that have impacted my life and thank Barbara Soule for contributing so much to this article.

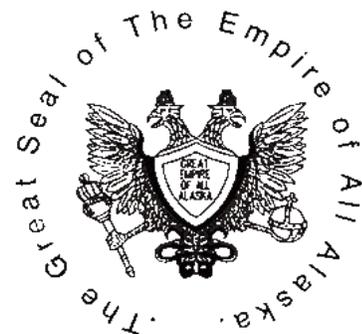
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2005 Schedule of Events

Saturday June 18th

- 3:00pm - Gay Memorial Day Service – Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery (6th & Fairbanks Street, enter off Fairbanks Street)
- 6:00pm - Movie - “Cowboys and Angles” - \$4 museum member, \$5 senior non-member, \$6 general admission - Anchorage Museum of History & Art (121 West 7th Avenue)

Sunday June 19th

- 4:00pm - Kick-Off BBQ – The Raven, 708 East 4th Avenue - Free - 21 and over
- 6:00pm - Movie - “Cowboys and Angles” - \$4 museum member, \$5 senior non-member, \$6 general admission - Anchorage Museum of History & Art (121 West 7th Avenue)

Monday June 20th

- 5:30pm - Movie - “Beautiful Boxer ” – The Bear Tooth Theatre Pub (1230 West 27th) - \$3 - food extra
- 8:00pm - Movie - “Eating Out” – The Bear Tooth Theatre Pub (1230 West 27th) - \$3 - food extra

Tuesday June 21nd

- Time TBA - AIDS Benefit Art Auction - Location to be announced - Proceeds go to the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association.

Wednesday June 22rd

- Time TBA - National HIV Testing - Bernie’s Bungalow Lounge (626 D Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues) food, entertainment and games - 21 and over

Thursday June 23th

- Time TBA - Adam & Steve present Drag Queen Bingo - location to be announced - proceeds to Adam & Steve

Friday June 24th

- 8:00pm - The Imperial Court of All Alaska presents the Mr/Ms/Miss Gay Anchorage Pageant - Mad Myrna’s (530 East 5th Avenue) - 21 and over

Saturday June 25th

- 11:00am - The Imperial Court of All Alaska presents the Celebrating Diversity Parade - Downtown (E Street to 6th Avenue to K Street)
- 12:00noon - 5:00pm - PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip (between I Street and L Street)
- 9:00pm - Sixth Annual Allie’s Slave for a Day Auction - Mad Myrna’s (530 East 5th Avenue) - 21 and over.

Sunday June 26th

- 2:00pm - Metropolitan Community Church presents Pride Service - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (2311 Pembroke Street - near Boniface and East 24th Avenue)
- 3:00pm - 6:00pm - The Last Frontier Men’s Club’s presents End of Pride Barbecue - Alaska Bear Company, behind Mad Myrna’s (530 East 5th Avenue) - \$5

Pride

She looked in the mirror, pursed her lips and analyzed. Not so bad. She turned to the dog.

“What do you think? My lips are alright.”

The dog’s eyes blinked. It stretched and moaned a little, then recurled on the carpet outside the bathroom door.

“Totally kissable lips,” she said, leaning over the sink.

The dog stared at her obediently, perhaps hoping after all this getting ready she’d take it for a walk.

“So why doesn’t she kiss me?”

The dog stood and shook its head, jingling its collar as if to say, Kiss her yourself.

“But she’s shy, Guido. I don’t want to freak her out. Remember Michelle?”

Guido licked its nose.

Madison returned to her reflection. “Should I wax my eyebrows?”

Guido groaned.

“Right. That’s a bit overkill. ... I could pluck.”

The dog’s nose glistened.

It was happening.

And there was nothing she could do to stop it.

It had happened before, and she’d handled it. In elementary school, she wore lacy dresses and had an affinity for pink. She braced her hands on the counter and faced the facts: she was becoming a girl.

When Madison could stare at herself no longer, she succumbed to Guido’s big eyes and took it out.

“Maybe,” she hoped, “when I get back, there will be a message from her on the machine, like when the food arrives while I’m in the bathroom.”

Guido tugged at the leash, which Madison wrapped tighter around her wrist, trying to walk hard enough to think

of something besides Stephanie. Sweat prickled on her brow, but the topic stayed the same.

She’d met her at Pride, after staring at her at Celebration. When the welder sat down next to her friend’s blanket (to flirt with the friend, but Madison didn’t know that), Madison almost burst with giddiness. It took all her muscles to manage only a dorky nod and hello when inside she was jumping and screaming, “It’s her! It’s her!”

Next to Stephanie, Madison’s whole body tingled. She caught herself staring at Stephanie’s neck and hands, desperately trying to think of something witty to say.

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Somehow, Stephanie noticed the woman behind Madison's goofy grin, and they'd gone for walks and a bike ride, casual outings that could fall easily into the friendship category.

Madison wasn't the type of bird to fluff or color her feathers; people wanted her or they didn't.

But now.

But now. She wanted. And she didn't know how to get.

And it wasn't just this overwhelming desire for another and a new scrutiny of her appearance; she was changing. She had started knitting, reading cookbooks, planning meals and rearranging furniture for the thrill.

A new skirt excited her. Fresh flowers brightened her kitchen. She contemplated buying a curling iron and caught herself giggling and pinching the excess curve of her belly.

"What's happening to me?"

Guido had no time for such questions. Free from the leash, it scampered in puddles and after insects.

Madison smelled the last of summer's flowers in people's yards. She liked changing—evolving—not for this new love interest, not for any potential lover or friend, but because it was fun. Beauty wasn't something she owned until she had rejected society's definitions. Now she learned that pampering feet and hair wasn't just for spoiled rich girls and complacent housewives; pedicures and fashionable skirts could enrich her life and make her more herself.

What's next, buying lipstick? (She did. Five days later.)

Worrying about shoes? (She worried but made no attempt to change her foot apparel. Being stylish had its limits.)

Once home, her eyes darted first to the machine. No blinking red light. She checked the caller ID, just in case. No new calls.

She sat on the couch. Her hands, still holding the leash, sank into her lap. With a face wet from lapping water, Guido nuzzled her, as if to say, I don't care what your eyebrows look like; look at me, I'm hairy and slobbery but still the gosh-darn cutest creature around.

A smile forced its way onto Madison's face. Any woman worth her power tools would know her value.

Still, her kissable lips could have used a little smooching. And she thought she was being so cool waiting until the second date for sex.

She scratched behind the dog's ears.

The phone rang.

Her heart fluttered. "Don't get your hopes up," she warned. "It's probably my mother."

"Hello?"

"Hi."

"Hi." Her whole body melted. It was a miracle she had enough substance to hold the receiver.

"How are you?"

"Well. I'm doing well. And you?"

"Pretty good. Can you see the sunset?"

Madison skipped to the back of the house, twisting her hair around her finger and grinning so big nightfall was almost pushed back a half hour. "Wow. It's beautiful."

"It is...like you."

The compliment was quiet and without a cheesy chorus. Madison blushed until her whole body was warm. She'd get her kiss. She'd get her girl. She could be patient. This one was worth it.

Laura Carpenter just waxed her eyebrows for the first time and thinks it's grand. She can be reached at saundraclemens@yahoo.com.

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Phyllis Rhodes,
Coordinator GLCCA

Earlier we failed to include February 19—Ruby Murphy in memory of dear friend Warren. Thanks, Ruby, for your patience and continued support.

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- 28 Happy Birthday to Phyllis! (Anne loves her mom!)
- 29 Happy Birthday to Riet Blount!
- 30 Victoria Shaver for the Juneau Pride Chorus

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- Nightly Helpline for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-901-9876
- Monthly *NORTHVIEW* newsmagazine

Fairbanks Events

- Tue PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnette Street, Room101, 907-45P-FLAG.
- Fri Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.
- "Outlooks," 5:30 - 7 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5
- Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Arctic Bears, first Friday, 907-479-8680
- Sat Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Sun Homophonic Radio, 3-5 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5

Juneau Events

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

Anchorage Events

- Mon AA Gay, Joyous, and Free, 7 PM, GLCCA
- Tues PFLAG, 7 PM, third Thursday (except November & December), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St., 566-1813
- SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8 PM, 566-1133
- Line dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Wed IMRU2, 5:30 - 7 PM, first and third Wednesdays, GLCCA, 566-IMRU, leave message for more information
- GLSEN, 7 PM, second Wednesday, GLCCA
- "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 8:30 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Thu SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 PM, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
- Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050
- Country Dance Night, lessons 7-8 PM, open dancing 8-10 PM, Mad Myrna's
- "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 10 PM; Mad Myrna's
- Fri Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A's), Ste. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050.
- "Friday Night Divas Show," 9 PM, Mad Myrna's
- Sat SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), Noon, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
- Sun Buddhist Morning Service, 11 AM, White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism, 123 E. 11th Avenue, 258-1851
- Center for Spiritual Practices & Education Worship Service, 11 AM, 8050 Old Seward Highway, 522-0940 (Rev. Guy Johnson)
- Metropolitan Community Church Service, 2 PM, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St.
- Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4 PM, Park Lanes, 4350 Ames Ave., 561-8744
- Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myrna's, 276-9762 (Jim)

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Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's), provides supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of HIV infection and its stigma. Many services cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste 102, Anchorage. 907-263-2050 (Anchorage), 800-478-AIDS (statewide).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Breast and Cervical Health Check, a cancer screening service offered by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Free breast and cervical cancer screening is available to women ages 18 - 64 who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover these services. Call the YWCA of Anchorage for eligibility guidelines, enrollment, and group presentation opportunities: 907-644-9620 (Anchorage), 1-800-410-6266 (statewide).

Celebration of Change, a performance of women artists for women. celebrationofchange@email.com

Committee for Equality. Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. bsara@gci.net

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

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

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

Gay & Lesbian HelpLine, an information and referral line sponsored by Identity, Inc. The HelpLine is staffed by volunteers and provides information and referrals to businesses, professionals, and service providers supportive

of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. 6 - 11 PM daily. If you need information or would like to be a part of this service, please call 907-258-4777 (Anchorage), 888-901-9876 (statewide).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays). Meetings: 7 PM third Thursdays except November & December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church: 2311 Pembroke St. 907-566-1813 (voicemail). **Straight spouses support group** meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

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

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

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA): a 12-Step program. Meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. 907-566-1133 (for meeting times and places).

Shanti of Juneau, offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. 222 Seward, Ste 200. P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 800-478-AIDS (2437).

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

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT. Center for Drug Problems provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis. 1 - 4 PM Mondays and Wednesdays. 907-278-5019 (Anchorage).

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

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

E-MAIL LISTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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