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### Love's Labour Lost

Since I am a transgendered lesbian, I often have to deal with the unfortunate fact that many lesbians would not want to date someone such as myself. I suppose many would have a myriad number of reasons for this but I think most of it can be simplified to this simple truth: I was not always the vivacious and alluring woman that I am now. I still believe though that someday some woman will look beyond this person that I used to be, and whom they never met, and see me for who I am now. Hey, stranger things have happened, and in my life, you do not know how true that is.

Like many lesbians I try to follow a few rules when it comes to romantic entanglements or dating. One, never date a tourist. A tourist is a girl who does not really consider herself gay or even bisexual, she just wants to experiment for one reason or another. Two, never fall for a married woman as she will almost always choose her husband, and all the attendant benefits of being considered a straight woman, over you. And three, avoid dating someone you work with because if the relationship starts circling the drain, you are left to deal with all the residual excrement. Unfortunately, I have broken all these fine pearls of wisdom at some point.

Oh the stories I could tell about some of the romances and crushes I have had in the past. There was Wanda the six-foot-two security guard in 1993 who practically gave me a tonsillectomy on my couch before I could let her know that I had not had the surgery yet, which has since been taken care of. Then there was the gorgeous Melanie, who it seems was married to an FBI agent. I'm lucky I did not get shot. Or how about Sharon, the daughter of the Jehovah's Witness minister and the only woman to be with me before and after the surgery. Her parents still think of me as a sweet friend of their daughter. If they only knew.

Then along came Lou, the love of my life for several years, and all I ever got was one very chaste kiss on the cheek on my forty-first birthday. Talk about unrequited romance, sheesh. She was also married, though she later divorced. She did say to me once, in Kodiak of all places, "If you want me to go with you, I will". And I did want her to come away with me but what came out of my mouth was, "No...Don't do it because I asked you to. Do it because that's what you want." In the end, it probably was the best answer under the circumstances, but I spent many years mentally kicking myself before realizing this.

After Lou, there was a veritable cavalcade of rather unique women, such as Carol (the bisexual nymphomaniac pharmacist with the penchant for B&D), Blair (my androgynous almost-lover from New England), Brandon (a

very butch charismatic Christian from South Florida who tried to minister to me between bouts of intense sex on Thanksgiving), Hilda (a deaf bisexual with a voracious sexual appetite who could not hear me say "Ow"), and Connie (who had a strap-on bigger than most people's arm, which I was not about to let anywhere near me).



There have been some nice ones such as Carla from Tampa, who I had a crush on for years. She has since found God. And there was the woman I met a couple of years ago here in Alaska, but I do not think she ever really noticed my feelings for her.

So with this being February, there are many whose thoughts are on Valentines Day. They will buy up cards and chocolates a plenty for this day. I usually try work on that day to avoid thinking about it, especially after I got a "Dear Nicole" letter on Valentines Day a few years back. That sucked almost as bad as when Debbie, the chief pediatric resident years ago, dumped me on my birthday saying, "You'd never be accepted by my friends, family, or colleagues. And you don't make enough money". Ouch, that hurt.

So, I have sometimes gotten almost Scrooge-like when all the hearts and flowers are floating about in the air, wanting to stick Cupid's arrow through anyone who goes around with "I Love You" on their lips and bury them in a pool of chocolate truffle cream. Yet, I am really a romantic at heart, just an often cynical one.

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## IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA

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Dad's Corner by Chuck Hart Jr.

**This month I am interviewing an old friend who has an interesting new job. Herman Coen, Jr., Imperial Crown Prince 10, is the President of the Imperial Court of All Alaska's Board of Directors. Herman and I served together on the Identity Inc. Board of Directors.**

**What does the president of the Imperial Court of All Alaska's Board of Directors do officially?**

Let me tell you about our board. It consists of representative and elected members, just like the Identity, [Inc.] board. Our current and most recent past Emperors and Empresses, Our Chair of Gaming, our Imperial Crown Prince or Princess and each of the three Duchies (Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage) hold representative seats, and we also have elected seats.

We meet on the first Monday of every month unless there is a conflict or holiday and then we meet on the next Monday. We approve travel & spending. We help monarchs with their reigns. We are not in charge of fundraisers; that is generally a titleholder function. We do approve budgets and reimbursements for money spent on fundraisers though.

I help keep the meetings flowing smoothly. I make sure all can speak and call for votes. I only vote when my vote will break a tie or create one. We follow Robert's Rules of Order. I must stay neutral.

**Were you elected directly by the membership or appointed by some other body?**

I was elected to the board two Septembers ago. I had served on the board twice in the past; once as Imperial Crown Prince and to represent the Fairbanks Duchy for one year. I was elected to succeed Michael Deel in November of 2004, and re-elected as President of the Board in October of 2005. I was honored to have another term as President of the Board.

**How long have you been president?**

Since November 2004

I have been a member of the ICOAA for 14 of the 15 years I have been here. My terms as President were November 2004-October 2005 and October 2005 to the present.

**Do you like the job?** I do. I like the responsibility. I like to serve. I challenge myself to be good caretaker of the office to turn it over to the next person at least as well organized as I found it. I am working hard to resolve conflicting bi-laws so that the board will have clear guidance down the road.

**Will (or can) you seek another term?** I will likely seek another term on the board, but may not actively seek another term as president. I would gladly serve as president of the board again, but only if asked by others.

**What have you learned since taking office, (everything is a learning experience of some sort, right)?** Sometimes it is better to listen than to speak, and that was a hard lesson for me. I have learned how important the organization is in the community and all the truly wonderful things the court does.

**Any comments you'd like to add?** I would also like to comment on how honored I am to be in the company I am in as a member of the Board of Directors. This current Board has an amazing wealth of talented people, past and present title holders, five of whom are monarchs, two ICP's, and five members who have held the title of Duke or Duchess. We also have dedicated members of the board who have not held titles, but who nevertheless have put countless hours into making this Organization into the success it is today. Most importantly though, are the people who have elected each of us board members: the membership of the Imperial Court of All Alaska. It is their dedication to the programs that the Court supports that make this organization keep going. It's also the people who come to our fundraisers, who buy 50/50 tickets, who donate prizes for our auctions, the bar owners, Larry Kaiser and Jeff Wood who graciously open their doors to us, and the members of other organizations like Identity, Inc , The Last Frontier Men's Club, The Kinksters and many others that support our efforts that allow us to continue to give so generously each year.

**How long have you been in Alaska?** I came from West Virginia to visit military friends fifteen years ago and stayed. I thought, "No need to go anywhere else I've found home."

**What are your hobbies?** I enjoy spending time with friends, jewelry making, activism, reading and all kinds of music.

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## LAURA CARPENTER

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### Love's Loss

A story by Laura Carpenter

Stephanie stood at the edge of Lake Hood, staring at the frozen ground. Her sweetheart had just taken off for at least six months in Guatemala. Stephanie felt as if her heart was on the tarmac watching her love fly away.

Par-tay!

No, seriously, Stephanie was a bit more heart-broken than she had expected. A lot more heart-broken, but we're not going to talk about that because Stephanie is a strong, tough woman, not one of those sentimental types. Sure, she and Madison hit it off right away, but Stephanie kept her at bay and was cool and calm. Sure, they fell in love and Madison was one of the best things that ever happened to her, but that didn't mean that she was going to stop having fun. And she wasn't going to cry. There was no way she was going to cry. Those salty streaks of wetness were something else, splashing of the lake perhaps, even though it was frozen, and fresh water. She wiped her face with her sleeve and sighed. Six months now seemed a lot longer than it did when they talked about it, cuddled together as though the six months would never come.

It had come and now Stephanie was left with hokey cards filled with super-sweet messages (kept in the drawer by her bed), ticket stubs and pictures. Memories, too, kept the loneliness at bay. They met at Celebration, but Stephanie wasn't ready to jump into a relationship with a free-spirit she had just met. When Madison hit on her at Pride, Stephanie was intrigued but cautious. She feared the Labor and Deliver nurse would hop over to another girl, someone with a matching education or political ambitions, but the spunky, neurotic brunette stayed and made Stephanie laugh and made Stephanie glow.

Madison told Stephanie she loved her on an autumn day. The leaves were golden with pockets of red and even a few green bursts. The air was crisp and clear, but Stephanie was silent, stoic; she didn't trust that such a girl would fall for her; she didn't believe words were the important message. And Madison didn't get along with all of Stephanie's friends, and Madison didn't believe in putting her career on hold for love (and secretly Madison didn't think the relationship would last until her "deployment"). She made plans to

work with midwives in the Latin American country for six months, with the possibility to extend the service to a year. For Madison, the move was a journey of a lifetime, and Stephanie was proud of her, but neither pride nor love made the departure very easy.



Snow crunched under her boots like flattened styrofoam. She hunched her shoulders as she walked toward her truck, wondering what she would do to fill the emptiness she felt inside.

She drove to a friend's house, where the food was warm on the stove and the TV a welcome distraction. Her friend slugged her on the back and handed her a beer; they watched a movie Stephanie had never heard of with minimal conversation. It wasn't Madison's company, but it was alright. She'd survive just fine.

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## Learning a new language

She had short dark hair and a sunny smile that transformed her face. She played the accordion, among other instruments, and had traveled the world, and when you asked her a question, you could see in her face that she was thinking deeply about the answer. Her laugh was music. And two weeks after I'd ended a long relationship with a kind and thoughtful man, I was "twitterpated" over her.

I was 23 when I realized that I was attracted to women, but it took several more years for me to sort out what that would mean for me in relationships and as a Lutheran pastor. I spent four very good years in relationship with a man who tried to be understanding of my angst. But in the context of my future with a church that recommended either singleness or married life but nothing in between, he couldn't do much to relieve the pendulum that was my life with him. We should get married. We should break up. We should get married. We should break up. Finally, after the umpteenth crush on a woman that convinced me the attractions weren't going to stop, I realized that our love was a deep and lasting friendship, different from what I needed in a marriage.

And very quickly, my attraction for J. blossomed. I'm sure it had nothing to do with the fact that she was the only single lesbian I knew in town. We had much in common. We'd graduated from the same university. We'd spent a year with the same volunteer organization. We'd attended the same language school in Guatemala. We were both Lutheran. We were both single. And so, during a late night conversation with her, in which she was bemoaning wanting to find a nice Lutheran girl (while internally I was jumping up and down with my hand waving in the air, saying, "Pick me! Pick me!"), I finally asked her how dangerous we'd be around each other. "Dangerous words," she replied, and they were. That it hadn't even occurred to her that I could be a romantic possibility might not have been a good sign.

A good friend of mine had rules for dating. No dating women who aren't out. No dating women who haven't been in relationship with a woman before. No dating anyone under thirty. (How I convinced her to break those rules is another story...) Looking back, I suspect if J. had any sense, she wouldn't have come near me. That, and my being less than a month out of a serious long term relationship. But it isn't often that common sense tends to rule our decisions when it comes to romance.

We started out cautiously, with a first date sharing a pot of mint tea and a decadent raspberry chocolate dessert, talking and listening to guitar and violin music. And later I remembered leaning over and kissing her, and her kissing me back, and it being wonderful ... and then I woke up from the dream.

Two days later I was in pre-relationship panic mode ... Do I call her? Do I wait? Is she enjoying being with me as much as I am with her? Is she even thinking about this at all? Is she this confused? Am I a lunatic?

Five days later the kiss actually happened. It was more awkward than the dream kissing, a shock of realization that this wasn't the intimate comfort and familiarity of the man I'd been kissing for years. And yet ... the softness of lips and face. Still, I was terrified. And in hindsight, being reassured by a woman that she's always stayed friends with her exes might not have been as positive a thing as it seemed at the time.

But then as things progressed, I was speechless in the best of ways. It was like coming home. She spoke the language I breathed,

opening me up to a fluency I hadn't known I possessed.

Sadly for me, perhaps, this romance resembled a roller coaster, and what went flying up into the air quickly came crashing back down. Within two weeks of that first date, what hadn't quite started yet was already ended.

Buddhism recommends non-attachment, to walk through life with open hands in a mindful and engaged way. Suffering is caused by wanting what we cannot have. I find those themes in Christianity as well, recalling how Jesus was so present to each person he met. I tried so hard to enter into this romance fully aware that it was new, that it was very soon after my last relationship, that it could only be what it could be. Maybe I've gotten better at that over the years; maybe not.

Looking back now, I don't regret that quick, early romance, despite the pain. It showed me a new way home, a path I'd suspected existed and wondered about, but hadn't known for sure. And now I knew.

*Susan Halvor is happy to be on a different roller coaster these days, keeping an eye out for what the Spirit is up to in her work as a chaplain and life at home with her partner and their four-legged family. You can reach her at [shalvor@juno.com](mailto:shalvor@juno.com).*



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## Ah LOVE!

What a wonderful subject to expound upon! As a "WOMAN of Transgenderd history" I can say I have experience just about all of the possible ups and downs a gal like me could go through.

When I told my Wife of (then) 19 years that I couldn't go on with living the lie, or settling for "dressing up" on an occasional weekend, she told me, in a very calm manner, that her response was, "well, I guess we are getting a divorce." She said that she knew it was something I HAD to do, but she had "no desire to be in love with a woman!" SURPRISE HONEY! You HAVE been for the past umpteen years!

To say that the next few months and years were "rocky" would be an understatement. However, bedroom or no, we started out as each other's best friend and so we remained... even when she asked me to move out of the house. During that time I had a few experiences that taught me quite a lot. I dated one gentleman...uhh... "gentleman" would be stretching it a bit.. He was and Irishman and a Marine through and trough, and being a "gentleman" had nothing to do with it.... Bless his sexy lil heart! However, this gent was like eating hot peppers. He added a bit of spice to my life, but was not really healthy for me on a long-term basis. Every (non-Lesbian) girl needs to have someone like that to look back on in a cold winter night, alone under her quilt, and I am glad "Shamrock" was mine. Then there was another gent of means who was fun but only wanted to have fun "on the side"... a real relationship was not in his plans. Sigh. Just as well. AND.... Then there were the countless hoards of men I met on the local BBS (pre-internet) systems who thought I was "The woman of their dreams" and one who "understands (them) like nobody else ever has"... UNTIL they either met me or learned of my "past". So much for romance there.

And then I learned the sorry truth that 1. Gay guys don't really want a T-gal, Lesbians don't really want a T-gal, and straight guys REALLY didn't want a T-gal, and so on. There ARE the "Tranny-chasers" who get their kicks dating "she-males"... but if you ever decide to correct the body to match the soul they are gone with the wind. What we see as a "flaw" they see as the center of their desire. THAT was definitely not what I wanted. I pretty much learned that, for ME, men may be nice to look at... maybe even occasionally play with, but they usually made lousy companions, confidantes, shopping buddies, and only marginal lovers. Unfortunately, I wasn't having any better luck with women or even F2M T-Guys.

Thankfully, I eventually managed to move back in with my "ex". However, that didn't really help my love-life. To be honest, it was very much MORE of a torment, as we were in the same house but we were now "room-mates". My heart got so shredded at one point that I prayed to God that he either soften her heart and bring her back to me or send me someone who I could love and have them love me back. It seems that he, if "he" it is, did both.

I placed a personals ad in the PRESS, being very honest as to who I was and what I was looking for: Love and friendship, with SEX being very far down on the list. Oh WOW! You should have HEARD some of the conversations I had with some of the creatures that crawled out of the wood-work to reply to that ad! Thank goodness the PRESS uses voice-mail for introductions! However, one message I received , and almost ignored, turned out to be the reply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of my prayer. Jamie and I dated for quite a while and then became a couple.....and then after about five years HE let me know we were a couple all right! A Couple of T-gals! Boy! Fate sure has a way of giving you back what you dished out I guess. I, unlike my "ex", was able to deal with this news. Except for one thing. SHE....Jamie... would only go forward to a certain point on developing who she was, and then her family would drive her back into trying to be "him." This not only frustrated me, but made for a very unhappy life for Jamie. I really didn't care WHICH gender Jamie chose, so long as s/he would choose ONE and stick to it! I loved Jamie dearly, even with this frustration. And Jamie became part of our family. Me, My "ex", my daughter, and Jamie.

Fate or God, take a pick, seems to have some funny ideas on how to handle things. As time wore on, partly with prodding from Jamie, my "ex" and I started to mend fences and grow closer together... just like before my grand "announcement." So NOW it worked out that I wound up with TWO spouses! Part one of my prayer had been answered. And She accepted the strange turn of events and Jamie as well. This was the way of things for a few years. However, Jamie had a disorder that caused her to have grand mal seizures, and after more than 100 trips to the emergency room for these, and the occasional injuries that came with them, Jamie's poor heart gave out and she left us behind.

Now it is the just two of us. I and my best friend, playmate, lover and shopping buddy. Jamie's leaving tore a hole in our hearts and family, but we are moving on and still growing together. All too often a girl like me loses her mate, family, friends and nearly everything else she has grown accustomed to. I have been blessed to have a true *lifemate* who has weathered the bad times and celebrated the good ones at my side. God willing she will be with me for decades yet to come. We are nearing 32 years together, and she has grown as a person as I have grown into womanhood. She is still not ready to accept the label of "lesbian", even by "default", but she would happily wear that tacky t-shirt that says, "I'm not a lesbian, but my girlfriend is!" Hey! I can live with that!

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## AROUND TOWN

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### A Very Special Day at MCC

December 11, 2005, was a joyous time at Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. Long-time Alaska GLBT members Dan and Al Carter-Incontro visited friends in Anchorage over the holidays and attended a special homecoming celebration at MCC on this day. The service was also a milestone for Rev. Johnathan Jones, Pastor of MCC Anchorage, as parishioners commemorated the one-year anniversary of this dynamic young minister. As the congregation sang the closing hymn, the room was awash with light and joy as the voices of friends old and new blended to prove that “This Little Light of Mine” is alive and well at MCC Anchorage.

L-r: Al & Dan Carter-Incontro, Rev. Johnathan Jones, and Rachel Runyan (photo by Teresa McPherson)

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### **Brokeback Mountain**

Free movie posters and a limited number of inexpensive Brokeback Mountain tee-shirts are available at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (Thanks, Out North!)

### **SEXUALITY SURVEY**

This survey is part of a study of gay/lesbian sexuality. To make the study more meaningful, we are comparing female-to-female/male-to-male sexual behavior with female-to-male sexual practices. For this reason, we are recruiting men and women of ALL sexual orientations to fill out the survey. To participate in this survey please take your browser to

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## GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

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With the exception of my review of Dan Woog's *Jocks 2* book, I haven't dealt with gays and sports in this column. But there is a wonderful paperback available that concerns gay male athletes that reminds one of the issues that Brian Pronger's *The Arena of Masculinity* (St. Martin's Press, 1990) raised sixteen years ago. The new book is by Eric Anderson and it's entitled *In the Game: Gay Athletes and the Cult of Masculinity* (SUNY Press, 2005).

The author was the first openly gay track coach in the United States, coming out in 1993, and is currently a Lecturer on Sociology at SUNY—Stony Brook. Well aware of homophobia, Anderson experienced not only his own trials when he came out, but he also saw violence directed toward his track team. It illustrated the particular difficulties that a gay male athlete has in competing in the extremely homophobic, yet homoerotic, world of sports.

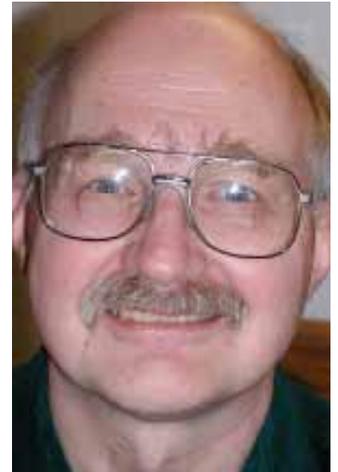
For his book, he interviewed sixty gay male athletes at all levels of sports, from high school through the professional ranks (although only a handful of the latter). His requirement was that all athletes had to be currently competing or had competed within the past year of being interviewed. And, somewhat surprisingly, of the sixty athletes, forty had actually come out.

To Anderson, 'Hegemonic Masculinity' is endemic in male sports in the United States. It involves the following: (1) no sissy stuff, (2) being a big wheel, (3) being a sturdy oak, and (4) giving them hell. As one can see, an anti-gay bias is built-in. In fact, athletes must constantly prove their masculinity, which often means proving you are not the stereotypical gay male sissy. In fact, many gay male athletes go into sports to prove to themselves that they can still be masculine even though they are gay.

Being a sociologist, Anderson uses the concept of 'Total Institution' to describe the competing athlete's world. Total Institutions – such as monasteries, mental institutions and prisons – put work, sleep and play under one authority. One can never escape it. And this is very much like it is for athletes – having to prove their masculinity on and off the field, with no part of their life being separate from it. This makes it very difficult for gay male athletes to come out, for fear of retribution. A few things can mitigate it, such as the gay male being one of the best athletes on the team and being 'a man' in all other respects.

Given this, there are five components that can determine the ease with which a gay male athlete might come out: (1)

the athlete's ranking, (2) the athlete's popularity, (3) the coach's attitude, (4) the liberalism of the school and (5) the size of the school. So, if the gay male athlete is extremely skilled, popular, has an understanding coach, competes at the liberal school which is fairly large, coming out will be much easier. And, despite the fears, Anderson makes the point that few coming out stories are a disaster. In fact, most all of the forty athletes who did come out had a very positive experience.



The real key for an out gay male athlete is to build a support system, come out to the coach first, let other players know that you have something important to tell them, and then come out to them in a public place. Most likely, it will work out well.

However, Anderson is not naïve. He doesn't see the hegemonic masculinity fading anytime soon. And he knows that we are likely years away of having an 'active' professional athlete, in a team sport like ice hockey or football, come out.



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## SCENES FROM A WEDDING

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On Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, I attended the wedding of two friends of mine, Emily Caroline Craver and Dana Faye Massey, at the Metropolitan Community Church with the vows being conducted by The Reverend Johnathan Jones. You might remember Emily from a recent profile that appeared in the November issue of Northview. While their marriage may not be legally recognized by the state of Alaska, that does not make it any less valid to them because they wish to share the rest of their lives together and they wanted their friends and family in attendance when they exchanged vows. The photos that follow were taken at that ceremony and now we wish to share it with all of you.



A string trio played various classical selections prior to and during the wedding



Dana Faye Massey and escort



The Maid of Honor and Best Woman

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*SCENES FROM A WEDDING*

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The Wedding Party with The Reverend Johnathan Jones who officiated

Emily Caroline Craver and escort



The Happy Couple after exchanging their vows

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## The Wondrous Cavern

Tonight I took a tour into a beautiful cavern. The very introductory passage was dripping with what had to be dew. I felt the dew on my finger tips and tasted it and it was similar to honeydew and the moisture you feel when you touch grass or trees in the morning.

A few minutes later I chose to venture a little deeper into the Cavern. I encountered a smooth mound that I was able to massage with my hand ever so lightly. Since I happened to be laying down with my head on a comfortable resting place I pretended to be an explorer. I became the Cavern Explorer and it was thrilling to me!

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# opportunity!

## The Gay & Lesbian HelpLine is Looking for New Volunteers!

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**Call the GLCCA at 929-4528 and  
leave a message for Phyllis  
to find out the Details!**

In my exploration I was advised that I was exploring areas of the Cavern that had never been touched so deeply or directly. I was told that I might just be the best lover on this earth! I actually began to believe that my ability to conquer this Cavern Exploration was enough to win some record at the Gay Olympics.

The Cavern had many areas for highlights and titillation's but it was soon reality that we had to go back. Going back did not mean a fast retreat rather my hand and fingers teased the mound and felt the pathway that led through the ever continuously dripping passageway.

## Lynn Howard

As we were going to press, we were informed of sad news. It is with great sorrow that we at the NorthVIEW announce the passing of a member of our community. Lynn Howard passed away on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. In our next issue we hope to have an article on Lynn and her life. Our condolences go out to Lynn's longtime partner Joanie.

## Time to step up and support the Gay and Lesbian Community Center and adopt days for 2006. Fill out the Adopt A Day form and send it in. You can charge monthly if that is easier for you.

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

- 1 Brian Chen & Tim Pearson
- 1 Alaskan Aids Assistance Assoc. for World Aids Day
- 2 J.R. Delgala for Guy Okada
- 8 Happy Birthday to Jack Darnell!
- 8 Happy Birthday to Julie Schmidt!
- 10 Vickie Howell & Carolyn Lancaster
- 11 Michelle Wozniak in memory of Ruth Lister
- 12 Gay, Joyous and Free
- 15 Doran Vaughan & Steven Jacquier
- 16 Jean Meyer for Premier Tax Service (& Phyllis' shirt)
- 19 Jim Bruce
- 19 Happy Birthday Katie from Mari Jamieson
- 20 Happy Birthday to Gale Smoke
- 20 Happy Birthday to Marion Richter!
- 22 Jan Hansen
- 23 Victoria and Cooke's anniversary
- 24 Tim Pearson & Brian Chen for Christmas Eve
- 25 Tim Pearson & Brian Chen for Christmas Day
- 25 Shotgun Suzie says "Have a Gay Christmas"
- 27 Happy Birthday to Wendy Parsons
- 28 Carolyn Lancaster and Vickie Howell

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

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

## Fairbanks Events

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

## Juneau Events

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

## Anchorage Events

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

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## OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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### ORGANIZATIONS

**Adam and Steve**, a social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men. Weekly activities and fun community events. Also offers the monthly M-group, a fun workshop on sex and dating. Run by a Core Group (meets every first and third Tuesday at Four A's at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. 907-263-2081. [www.adamandsteve.org](http://www.adamandsteve.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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

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

### **OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) & Travel 50**

Two groups for women over 50. 907-868-2662. rosebethlevno@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

**PrideFest Steering Committee** of Identity plans and presents the annual Anchorage Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in Sept.

The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBTprideonthepark@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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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