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The Ides of March

They say that confession is good for the soul. With that thought in mind, I have a confession to make: I could care less for most sports. In high school, there was a mandatory two years of P.E., for which I made a B in my first year just by showing up dressed. If they had scored me for athletic ability, the grade would have been much lower. I also felt that P.E. cut into my grand plan to take more academics in order to go to college. During the summer between my junior and senior year in high school, I took a summer school P.E. class at another school to complete my requirement just so that I could take the Physics class that I desired. So all of that means that I was just a total geek in high school. Yes, moi was a geek.

As I have grown older, my lack of enthusiasm for sports has rarely wavered. I have watched only one complete football game in my life but that was in the days when there was no cable and just three local channels. Oh I've watched bits and pieces of WNBA games a few times and I know that I should be a bigger supporter of women's athletics, but I find sports pretty much boring to the Nth degree. And I know that many girls either love sports or have girlfriends that do. One day I might even end up a lesbian football widow, that is if I ever find myself in a relationship that lasts longer than then life span of a Mayfly.

I do however like one sports event that occurs every four years, The Winter Olympics. I mainly watch the women's figure skating events, when I can. They are so lovely, graceful and full of poise. Whereas I can stumble over a grain of sand sometimes. Graceful, not me. After working several days, I will notice bruises in various spots, mostly my legs, that I earned by bumping into tables, chairs, and privacy screens. Then there were the bruises on my arms a few weeks ago from trying to retrieve a worksheet from the shredder box we have in the unit. Lets just say that no matter how thin your arms are, they will not slip through a letterbox size opening and then bend ninety degrees at the forearm no matter how many times you watched the guy in the Fantastic Four movie do it.

I have considered, briefly, seeing if I could sign up for girl's softball. I thought it would be a good way to meet other people as well as get some exercise. However the memory of always being the last chosen for any team sports in high school P.E. still lingers. At one point as a teenager, my dad considered me too much of a bookworm as well as fat and lazy. He forced me for several weeks to do these Royal Canadian Air Force exercises that he had found in a book. He forced me with the threat of corporal punishment if I did not do them, and his idea of whippings involved

saplings and posterior lacerations between the small of my back and the tops of my thighs, but I digress.

I have been asked since I move to Alaska if I would like to go ice-skating but I have declined since I remembered that I could never get the hang of roller skating. I could never learn to stop with that little rubber toe brake thingy. The way that I would stop would be to aim for the wall and grab the rail as my feet slid out from under me. It did so amuse my church group. I have also been asked to go skiing but the thought of being in a leg cast for weeks kind of dampens any thoughts of that. I broke my arm that day before I was to graduate sixth grade playing follow-the-leader with my brother. Now that was a lot of fun, especially since my mom thought I was joking to get out of washing my hands. So she washed them for me. I nearly fainted. However, the upside was that I got to have six whole weeks of non-stop reading and so I read the whole Lord of The Rings trilogy. See, I used to be a major geek.

Now, I have found one sort of exercise that I do have a talent for, or so I have been told by several girls. It can burn a lot of calories, exercise many major muscle groups, does not require expensive equipment or tights, and generally is way more fun. You can really work up a sweat though you might fall blissfully asleep afterwards. For further details, just call me. Operators are standing by.

Nicole Blizzard does not get to practice her "exercises" as often as she would like, but she is available for consultations. She can be reached at nicole-b92@msn.com or at northview@identityinc.org.



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IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA

NEWS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA

by Michael A Haase

IMPERIAL GRANDMOTHER HOSPITALIZED, RELEASED

Perpetual Imperial Grandmother Rita Sims was briefly hospitalized and released after undergoing heart surgery. She has since improved and is resting at home. Sims and her brother, Mike Madill were named Perpetual Imperial Grandparents years ago in honor of their many years of service to ICOAA.

KRISTARA TAKES TEMPORARY JOB IN D.C.

Kristara, who has held many elected titles and is the Dean of the College of Monarchs for ICOAA, has taken a consulting job in Washington, D.C. By the time of this publication she will have settled into her apartment and will have narrowed the list of interested Senators! At the time of this writing it is not known how many pairs of shoes she took with her.

ANCHORAGE PRIDEFEST IDEAS, VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Organizing Committee Co-chair Scott Turner reports that its that time of year again to plan a theme and activities for Anchorage PrideFest 2006. Both ideas and volunteers are needed. Those interested in helping should send an e-mail to info@anchoragepride.com The Organizing Committee meets bimonthly at the United Way building, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane in Anchorage. Anchorage PrideFest is an annual event put on by Identity, Inc. with significant financial support from the Imperial Court of all Alaska.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING

Please consider attending the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. They meet on the first Monday of every month

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Michael Haase is the appointed Webmaster for www.icoaa.com, the official online home of the Imperial Court of all Alaska.



Photo by Michael A. Haase. From left to right: Anchorage Grand Duchess IV Paula Butner, Reigning Grand Duke V Michael Hughes, Reigning Grand Duchess Holli and Grand Duke IV Ken Butner

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LAURA CARPENTER

March Madness

A short story by Laura Carpenter

Stephanie pressed her forehead against the cool glass. The image again flashed through her mind. She slid the door open and stepped out onto the balcony. The temperatures had dropped recently and hoarfrost sparkled on the tree branches.

She couldn't believe she was here. She couldn't believe she stood on this balcony, looking at this frosted scene.

As she lifted the cigarette and lighter, the scene replayed itself again and again in her mind. She couldn't stop seeing it. She woke up too early at the thought, her eyes staring at the dark room. She tried to think of anything, anything else, but her thoughts always went back to the night before and she couldn't go back to sleep. She took the cigarettes and lighter from the coffee table to try to calm her nerves.

She wanted to believe it didn't happen. She needed to believe it was all a bad dream.

She wanted to turn back time. Just for a short while. Just one more chance. But she couldn't. It was done. And she was still at the other woman's apartment to prove it.

Sylvia and Stephanie went way back. Sylvia was one of the first people Stephanie hooked up with when she came to Alaska. For various reasons a relationship never worked out, but they maintained a fun, flirty friendship whenever they saw each other. Last night Stephanie went to the bar to meet some friends, who changed their minds after Stephanie had already arrived. She had a few beers, met other friends, danced and flirted. It was a good time. It was fun to feel single and free again, receiving looks of desire that were deflected when Madison was at her side.

Ah, Madison. Stephanie's heart ached for her girlfriend. She missed her more than she expected. First, they had decided to break up when Madison left for six months in Guatemala to work as a nurse. Then they decided to stay together and make a long distance relationship work.

And apparently, Stephanie wasn't trying hard enough.

When she ran into Sylvia at the bar, she was immediately comfortable and goofy and giddy. When the bar closed, Sylvia offered Stephanie some wine at her house. Stephanie knew it was a bad idea. Stephanie knew it was more than wine that Sylvia was offering.

But she went anyway. Oh, if she could just go back to that moment and say, "Ah, thanks, Sylvia. I'd better head home." And Sylvia would nod disappointedly. And Stephanie would wake up in her own bed without hurting

the woman she loved.

And even though the wine and the hour at which they finished the bottle made it unsafe for her to drive, there was such a thing as a couch. There was the possibility to lean back and pull lips away. And to her credit, Stephanie did say no once. Mark that somewhere in the affair report. She did

turn Sylvia down at one point. Maybe twice, but that's under dispute and in any case the damage was done—no matter how persistent and attractive Sylvia was. And not worst of all but at least the rotten eggs of this garbage heap of an incident, the sex wasn't very good.

Stephanie wanted Madison now more than ever, and she quite rightly felt that she didn't deserve her.

When she reentered the apartment, Sylvia offered some warm coffee, black just like she liked it. Stephanie involuntarily flinched then shifted her gaze to the mug, mumbling thanks.

"You really love her, don't you?" Sylvia asked, biting her lip.

Stephanie nodded.

"What are you going to do?"

"I don't know."



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SUSAN HALVOR

“If you have to walk on thin ice, you may as well dance.”

Grandma Elve Halvor loved to dance. After high school, in the early 1930s, she moved from the farm to the big city of Seattle, and her passion was going out dancing. A child of Swede-Finn immigrants, music and dancing were a way her family transmitted culture, and that’s how she met my grandfather.

Seventy-five years later, that passion for dancing runs in my blood. My introduction to dancing came in the fourth grade when my parents began sending me to the Runeberg folk dancing group. Every Monday night we would meet in the Blossom Gulch Elementary School Gym, where Leola Baumgartner and Olga Hosking steadfastly worked to pass on their love of dancing and the art of the polka and schottische to a group of distracted 11-year-olds. We girls quickly learned to dance the lead parts, as that got us out of dancing with the boys. It would be much later before it occurred to me that I simply *wanted* to dance with girls. In the meantime, I eventually figured out which boys could actually dance, and learned the joys of following with a talented lead.

I mostly quit dancing in high school – waltzes and polkas weren’t “cool,” and neither were the Scandinavian costumes we wore, or so I thought. But when Olga or Leola would call to ask if I’d join the group for a performance at a nursing home or at the Scandinavian Festival in Junction City, I’d say yes, and I’d enjoy it far more than I let on.

I moved to Alaska a decade or so later, a big culture shock after attending seminary in the Bay Area. As a new pastor and a pretty “new” lesbian just coming out, my first attempt at a social life was ... *Jazzercise*. I had a love/hate relationship with *Jazzercise*. It felt good to be moving, the music gave me energy, and it was a lot like dancing. But it was excruciating each week as I longed for community and would wonder endlessly if any of the other women there were gay. I’d watch for wedding rings, and was reminded again and again that I was surrounded by young, straight, married moms with young kids – women leading a life practically the polar opposite of my single, mostly closeted lesbian existence.

Finally I discovered dances at the Pioneer Schoolhouse and Thursday nights at Mad Myrna’s. It took about every ounce of courage I had to make the long icy drive from Eagle River to Anchorage in the dark and walk into the bar all alone. But once I did, those years of waltzes and polkas paid off. It didn’t take me long to pick up the two-step and learn some country line dances. More importantly, I finally found the community I’d been longing

for. After months of getting to know a new church community, I was amazed at how much better the women’s community seemed to be at welcoming a stranger. It took a while to get used to the initial conversations ... “I haven’t seen you before. Are you new to the state?” Clearly I wasn’t in the Bay Area any more! And then there was the awkwardness about my job.

“What do you do?”

“I’m a, um, pastor.”

“I’m sorry, what did you say?” she’d reply, certain she hadn’t heard me correctly.

“I’m, uh, a pastor.” (shocked silence)

But eventually the conversation would continue, and my new friends would make sure I knew about the Grlzlist, the *Northview*, Celebration of Change, an upcoming concert, and had I met the woman across the floor yet?

When my church decided to spend several months discussing homosexuality, and I sat through those discussions painfully and awkwardly closeted, escaping to dance afterward kept me sane. I found refuge in the arms of new friends, two-stepping across the floor, and was reminded that I wasn’t an alien, and that dancing was always an option. It’s been said that if you have to walk on thin ice, you may as well dance – dancing during those months kept me from falling through the ice and drowning.

It’s been a while since I’ve danced a hambo, and my grandmother is no longer with us, but her dancing costume hangs in my closet. I met my partner on the dance floor, and with every step, I continue a rich heritage of dancing, from both my Scandinavian ancestors *and* from the many lesbians who have danced before me.

Susan Halvor is glad to be from the line of Lutherans who didn’t believe dancing was sinful. She misses Thursday night dancing at Myrna’s but is glad the Pioneer Schoolhouse dances are back the second Saturday of every month! You can email her at shalvor@juno.com.

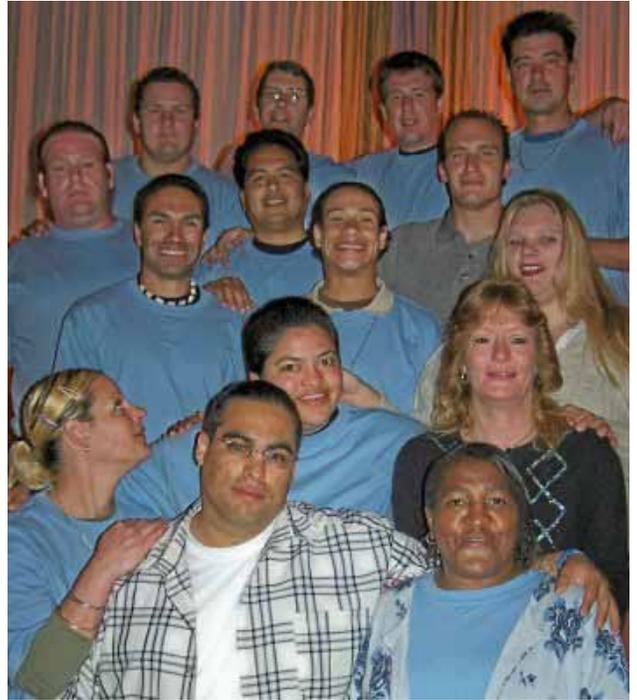


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DEE GOULD

SAN DIEGO GALA A HUGE SUCCESS LIVE AND LET LIVE ALANO CLUB

What do you do when the rent on your club building increases \$1,000 a month every year? The gay and lesbian folks, who have kept the Live and Let Live Alano Club of San Diego alive, figured it out. You throw a Gala (pronounced GAY-LA) to raise funds for a new building. Not just a little gathering, but a semi-formal, \$150.00 a plate, catered event with a silent auction to die for! This year the Gala fundraiser commemorated the Live and Let Live Alano Club's twenty-second year in operation. I happened to be in San Diego in January and was fortunate enough to attend this delightful event. It was the most comfortable dressy event I have been to in years. The entertainment was top notch as was the food and silent auction. I offered five days in my condominium in Anchorage for the silent auction. A charming young (single) man will be coming to Anchorage this summer to claim his prize. I bid on and won several fun gifts, including certificates to restaurants, hand made pillows, (now I have to figure out how to get them home to Anchorage!) gourmet coffee, and 12 Step tapes to donate to Anchorage Intergroup. The silent auction brought a whopping \$26,000 profit to the club. They hope to be able to own their own building in the near future, keeping the location in the predominantly gay Hillcrest area. The LLLAC provides a clean, sober and safe environment for 12 Step meetings, the gay community and its allies.



LESLIE KIMIKO WARD

Keeping Score

Let me begin by saying that I have never played softball. The crack of a bat does nothing but startle me, and I'd have better luck using the term "foul tip" in a fried chicken recipe than with regard to anything sports related. It isn't that I have an aversion to softball in particular. My ineptitude spans nearly all of the sporting genres. I'd sooner eat a football than attempt to throw or worse, catch one. I have no idea the meaning of "alley-oop", save that the term conveniently rhymes with "to the hoop" which I'm sure makes life easier on the cheerleaders. Volleyballs are harder than they appear, and this is why I consistently step away from any approaching ones. Though swimming can be fun, it immediately loses all appeal if I'm forced to do it quickly. Should I agree to the rare game of tennis, you should know it is only so I can don the tiny pleated skirt. And while I might recognize a photo of say, Mia Hamm, Dinah Shore, or even Martina Navratilova, I wouldn't buy a magazine simply because their sporty selves graced the cover. I would and have however, purchased not one, but two overpriced weekly tabloids in order to compare multiple perspectives of Angelina Jolie's baby bump.

So what am I getting at? Mainly that since I can't run, throw, hit, kick, catch, spike, dive, slide, or hurdle with anything close to aplomb, I'm beginning to feel as though I've missed out on a major coming-of-age, bonding opportunity between myself and my fellow lesbians. Oh sure, I may have made up for lost time once I hit college: shaving my head, learning the lyrics to at least seven Ani songs, seducing my roommate, writing letters for Amnesty International; it was at least enough to grant a gay membership and receive my complementary toaster oven, but let's face it, compared to knock-kneed, freckle-faced, underhanded pitchers everywhere, I was a late bloomer. And just like the fairy boys who never joined drama club, I had no idea that the activity itself was only a fraction of the draw.

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The real tragedy? It may be too late for me to feign an interest in sports in order to meet girls. It's a scientific fact that young bones heal faster, and my regular regimen of calcium-depleting diet cola, coupled with a recently discussed foray into the world of the thirty-somethings does not make me a prime candidate for a pick-up game of women's rugby. Besides which, the decades I've spent honing a "duck and cover" sporting strategy, aren't going to reverse themselves overnight.

But rest assured, sports fans, Leslie Kimiko Ward is no quitter, and lately I've been making some real progress. Last night, for instance, I played my very first game of darts. Tomorrow, I think I'll learn how to spackle.



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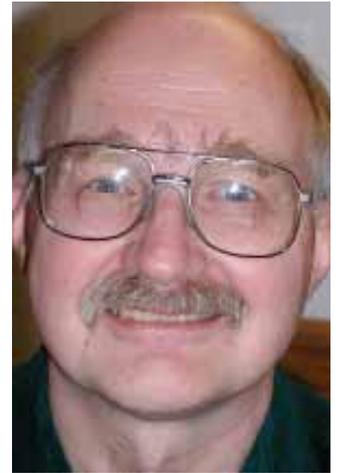
GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

Seven months ago I dealt with a transgender book – Riki Wilchins’ *Queer Theory, Gender Theory* – and mentioned what hard going it was, picking my way through all of the language and theory, while trying not to infuriate certain segments of the transgendered community in reviewing it. This month I’m venturing into that area again, yet the book I’m reviewing is quite different – one that tries to lay out the subject in about the plainest English I’ve ever seen. The work is *Just Add Hormones* (Beacon Press, 2005) by Matt Kailey, and perhaps because the author (an FTM transsexual) is a journalist and lecturer, finding easier language for the unschooled is an evident skill. All I know is this, the subtitle – *An Insider’s Guide to the Transsexual Experience* – refers to what is, probably, a better guide to someone who’s trying to understand trans people rather than those who intend to transition themselves (and who might prefer a more technical work).

Reader friendly, the book has less than 160 pages in the body and provides a glossary at the end, defining forty critical words and phrases. The book is also divided into six parts – Trans Minds, Trans Identity, Trans Bodies, The Body Public, Trans Pride and Post Trans – as well as an Introduction entitled “Are You Done?” which is a telling question. When is a transsexual complete – or is that a ludicrous question? For instance, Kailey’s transition has involved hormones and some surgery, but has not included genitalia surgery. So, the author does not think that sexual reassignment necessarily fits what has happened to him. But it is different for each trans person, and I began to wonder in reading the book whether we might eventually quit making a distinction between transgender and transsexual and just use a continuum – especially since the trans world challenges binary gender anyway. In fact, Kailey has difficulty considering himself a man and prefers the idea of being a trans man.

But that has been an evolution for the author as well. As transition proceeded for Kailey, he initially measured ‘success’ as passing for a man. And he also underwent the psychological readjustment of masculine presentation – getting comfortable with shedding a shirt, without feeling naked, for instance. Kailey said he discovered there was a ‘secret men’s club’ – one in which all the women’s bodies in the vicinity were evaluated, apologies were not a readily given, and emotions were often suppressed. And that’s when Kailey began to re-evaluate exactly what transition was going to mean. Being masculine, perhaps, but not being traditionally male was closer to the goal – if there was really a goal.

What I liked most about the book, aside from the fact it was easy to read, was when Kailey pointed out the various services that trans people are doing for us all. To name just two: they’re challenging the rigid gender roles of society and they’re complicating the whole marriage issue – same-sex verses hetero – making it confusing for those defending the status quo. And I love it!

An advertisement for Mad Myrna's. It features a stylized illustration of a woman's profile wearing a large top hat with a white 'M' on it. The text to the right of the hat provides the address and phone number. At the bottom, the name 'MAD MYRNA'S' is written in a decorative font, followed by the tagline 'Alaska's Premier G~A~Y Entertainment Complex'.

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MARY PARKER

Gay Straight Alliance Winter Pride Dance

On January 20, the Gay Straight Alliance clubs of Anchorage held a Winter Pride dance at Kincaid Park. A multi-school decorating committee arrived early to festoon the Assembly Room in the lodge, a nicely proportioned room lined with windows on three sides, with blinking lights and bright balloons. One of the clubs arranged for a DJ, who came along with speakers that were certainly in good working order. We think that about 75 youth were happily dancing and chatting at the peak of the evening.

The event was entirely initiated and organized by the GSA club members. By the time the youth had contacted PFLAG and GLSEN with news of the planned dance, there was little for adults to do but reserve the room and prepare to chaperone. The GLSEN Anchorage chapter generously provided funding for room rental. In lieu of the \$5.00 ticket charge, many people brought canned food donations: two large boxes of food were collected which have been donated to a local food bank. The revenue raised by the dance has been returned to GLSEN, to be used to support Pride Prom later this year

The teachers who advise the clubs must be very

pleased with their students' ability to organize and work together. Many other local adults contributed their Saturday evening in order to chaperone, and I and the GSA members and teachers all want to thank them publically: Thank you, Jackie Buckley and Dawn Ridge, Steven Jacquier and Dorn Vaughn, Norm and Jane Schlittler, Stephen Gingrich, Derrick Coates, Diane Land and Jan Schmidt. It was a pleasant evening and we all salute the GSA club members who worked hard to make the dance a success.



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March 1, 2006

PLEASE RESPOND

Dear Members and Friends of Identity,

This letter is to keep our community informed of the current status of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCCA). The Community Center has been open at its present location since February 2002; and it has been a continuous visible presence of Identity's outreach which includes the Helpline, PrideFest events in June, the Pride Conference in October, the NorthVIEW, and Identity's support of programs for youth.

While more activities are taking place at the GLCCA and more individuals are taking advantage of the services offered at the Center, the initial financial support provided by our community has begun to dwindle—only 12 days were adopted for January yet the rent must be paid for the entire month. Not a single month in 2005 had every day adopted! The need to reassess our community's support of a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allies community center has become more and more evident. We are proud that our volunteers have responded to almost 19,000 calls and visits. Financial support is also needed.

As co-chairs of Identity (the non-profit under which the GLCCA operates), this seems the appropriate time to bring this matter to your attention and to request your response. Responding to this letter will indicate that you are interested in supporting the Gay and Lesbian Community Center and want to see it remain open. A statement of interest and/or your financial contribution will inform us of your level of commitment.

Please contact Phyllis Rhodes at the address below by e-mail or snail mail by April 15th so that we may report to the Identity Board whether the continuation of a Gay and Lesbian Community Center for Anchorage, Alaska, is financially viable.

Very truly yours,



Victor Carlson
Co-Chair



Phyllis Rhodes
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WHAT YOUR GLCCA VOLUNTEERS ARE SAYING:

"...it has been a privilege to be part of ...such a mutual inclusive space for all walks of life. I'm filled with joy that I was able to be at the right place and the right time to participate in such an ideal."

"...first day on job as a volunteer and am extremely happy to be here....Thanks to the staff volunteers for so much help they have provided." "New volunteers and exciting to be met at the door when I arrived at 2:55 by 3 teenagers who wanted to use the computers. Two phone calls from questioning young men."

"Got a call from a woman who just moved back to Anchorage. She was really happy to get information."

"Wow! Busy Saturday. Two people came to hang out, five to check on volunteering! And one for computer use plus some phone calls. They just keep coming!"

Thank you,
January Adopt-a-Day Sponsors!

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

- Jan 2 Kay Knight for Lynn Baldwin's birthday
- Jan 14 Mikel Haase for his Mother's 89th birthday
- Jan 15 Jean Meyer & Premier Tax Svc for Phyllis' shirt
- Jan 19 Dan Carter-Incontro for Al's 75th birthday
- Jan 19 Jim Bruce
- Jan 24 Victor Carlson
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- Jan 27 Last Frontier Men's Club Arctic Heat Weekend
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- Jan 29 Last Frontier Men's Club Arctic Heat Weekend
- Jan 30 Jen Kohout & Karen Konopacki because every day matters!
- Jan 31 Nicole Blizzard's Birthday!

*Correction in December Adopt-A-Day listing:
Dec 7 J. R. Degala wishes Guy Okada Happy Birthday!*

GLCCA News and Events:

EVENTS:

- Mondays 7:00 p.m. Gay, Joyous & Free AA Group
- Tuesday, March 14 7:00 p.m. "Let's Talk Travel" with Vic Carlson
- First & Third Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. IMRU2 Youth Group (13 to 18 yrs)
- First & Third Wednesdays Following IMRU2 Youth movie and refreshments - all ages
- Wednesday, March 8 7:00 p.m. Gay & Lesbian Support Group
- Thursday, March 16 6:30 p.m. Financial planning for domestic partners and singles
- Fridays 6:30 p.m. Transgender Support Group

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Identity Programs

- Winter & Spring Living Out Loud Youth Program
- 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

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. 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

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.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).

