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'T WAS A MAD MADELINE REIGN

My year as the First Klondyke Empress of All Alaska will always be looked upon as a year of more understanding of our Anchorage lesbian and gay community and the diversity of our gay traditions nationally.

Upon my election/elevation a year ago there seemed to be new hope for men and women working together. At one time John Emery and I had set out to have a campaign/reign entitled "UNITY ACTION" to emphasize a new phase of social working together. We learned early this was a premature assumption. I was reminded at that time of a phrase some people have used with reference to my personal movement activism: "Mad, you are before your times."

Specifically what occurred was a desertion by many women--even after they had made a commitment through changing the name of our community center--to assume their own identity through a lesbian separatist stature. This created an alienation leaving myself in a leadership position with the Imperial Court supported in campaign/election by a variety of women then moving to support by women who have always loved the Court and working with gay brothers. As Empress, I noted these changes, assumed the responsibilities of office, regretted the non-recognition by some, and responded to the love and support of those men and women who cared about the Court and working together.

The year continued with new title holders elected, events planned and continued until a setback occurred when John resigned all of his gay activism including his crown as Emperor VIII of All Alaska. What's an Empress to do? Privy Council with community feedback offered the crown to the previous reigning monarch, Bernie VII, as Regent Emperor to the Throne of Emperor VIII. Already having served as Emperor, not quite the Emperor but the Regent, his work schedule allowing only half-time involvement; Bernie and I continued to lead the Imperial Court.

Throughout the year Bernie and I established close to 300 title holders (phew!) from Barons and Jesters to Ladies In Waiting and Princes/Princesses to Exchequers and Imperial Crown Princesses. These titles were held by our Court workers. My dear thanks to all of you who helped with the variety of tasks necessary to keep our Court strong and active to Coronation. I'm feeling we will all continue to help the new Emperor and Empress.

Then came Coronation 1982: "It's A Mad, Mad World...Up, Up And Away!!!!" Several weeks prior to coronation, I had had a dream. Never failing to recognize my psychic, premonition sense, this dream was of my stepping down coronation. I saw familiar faces vividly amid an unidentifiable confusion. Sharing this dream with Zo and close friends, little did I realize how true those unconscious thoughts might become.

With performance preparations, costuming, protocol, entertaining out-of-towners our coronation preparations were well in hand. Our week had assumed a beautifully celebrative flair. The ball was continuing with a characteristically 'laid back' style...then (pardon) some asshole had to fuck things up. Our video taping shows vividly how we were subjected to a pink triangle sort of terrorism. Love came clear as all of us helped each other to safety. I acted on a flash from the past while 'attacking' the cameraman in the lobby. I acknowledged how so many members of our community might put themselves in jeopardy for fear of being seen publicly. My thanks to Art for controlling me and what might have been an assaultive situation for Her Most.

My plans are now to rest a bit, live in family love, and continue working/celebrating with the Imperial Court of All Alaska. Deep thanks to all of you who loved, helped and supported me in reign...the 8th Reign...the Reign of the Alaska Klondyke!

Continued LOVE . . .

Mad Madeline IX

Her Imperial Majesty, Aurora Empress IX,
First Klondyke Empress of All Alaska,
Mad Madeline

LOVING

BY BILL SHERMAN

LOVING, CARING AND WISHING TO SHARE,
AND KNOWING OF THOSE WHO REALLY DO CARE,
THE WORLD IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW,
HOW TO HELP THEIR FRIENDS WHEN FEELING LOW,
A HUG, A SMILE OR EVEN A KISS,
AND FEELINGS OF LOVE THAT NONE SHOULD MISS,
TOUCHING AND TELLING SOMEONE YOU CARE,
TWO LOVING PEOPLE TOGETHER SHOULD NOT BE SO RARE
A SHOULDER TO CRY ON, A PAT ON THE BACK,
100% GIVING IS WHAT WE ALL LACK,
SO LOVE ALL PEOPLE, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR LOVERS,
BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF AND WITH ALL OTHERS,
A PHRASE TO THINK ABOUT AND REMEMBER YOU SHOULD,
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Tear-gassing was an act of violence

Anchorage as a community owes itself and its individual members a three-fold response to the tear-gassing incident that disrupted the ballroom celebration by a gay organization Sunday night: recognition of how violent is such an attack, condemnation of its apparent motives, and a vigorous effort to discover and prosecute the culprits.

Tossing a cannister of tear gas into the midst of 1,000 people at any community gathering must be considered a violent assault. To perceive the seriousness of such an attack one must only consider the danger of a panic atmosphere as that many people rush the exits to escape the painful gas. It was fortunate indeed that no serious injuries — aside from tear gas-induced discomfort — were caused by Sunday night's ballroom evacuation.

There's further concern in the fact that this particular tear-gassing victimized a minority group already too often targeted for ugly ridicule and condemnation. The inherent overtones of bigotry and hatred cannot be ignored — or, one hopes, tolerated by a community that respects itself or its individual members. Alaskans' vaunted tolerance for diversity surely extends to a peaceful celebration among both gay and non-gay members of this community, or it is no more than a meaningless boast.

Throwing a tear gas cannister into a crowded room is, in fact, just the kind of premeditated, deliberate attack that demands a firm response from a community that truly intends to deter crime. The investigation should be pursued with vigor; the culprits should be brought before the bar of justice (as should anyone who commits a violent crime); the community should close ranks to condemn an attack on the public safety and spirit of tolerance valued by all.

GREETINGS FROM THE MCC CHURCH

THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING TIME FOR US AT THE MCC, ANCHORAGE, WE HAVE BEEN SEEING NEW FACES AT OUR WORSHIP SERVICES WHICH ARE ON SUNDAYS AT 4:30 PM AT THE LOG CABIN CHURCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME TO WORSHIP AND SOCIALIZE WITH US AFTER SERVICES, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU.

WE ALSO HAVE AN INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY AT AGLRC EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:30, THIS IS AN INFORMAL GATHERING WHERE ALL VIEWS ARE WELCOME.

WE HAD OUR FIRST SOCIAL OF THE FALL SATURDAY SEPT. 18th, WHICH WAS A POTLUCK AT THE LOG CABIN CHURCH, WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A HALLOWEEN PARTY ON THE 30th, ALSO AT THE CHURCH. THIS WILL BE OUR SECOND ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR SOCIALS. I HAVE FOUND THAT ALASKA HAS MANY GREAT COOKS--SO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH SO WE CAN TRY IT.

THE PEOPLE HERE IN ALASKA ARE THE GREATEST, YOUR HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS FAR SURPASSES ANY I HAVE FOUND ANYWHERE, TO ME YOU ARE FANTASTIC. I WILL BE MAKING REGULAR VISITS TO THE BARS AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING AND GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOU.

UNTIL THEN, TAKE CARE AND REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU.

YOURS IN CHRIST

*****RUSTY*****

CHEECHAKO DYKE or (From the Outside In)

BY MEL

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, I'M NEW AROUND HERE, I HAVE NO MORE THAN THREE WEEK'S TENURE IN ALASKA AS OF THIS WRITING. YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS WHY I'M HERE--JOBS, AND SHOULD I BE FORCED TO RETURN TO THE OUTSIDE SOON, YOU CAN PROBABLY ALSO GUESS WHY--RENT, BUT MEANWHILE I'M HERE.

I WAS ASKED TWO DAYS AGO TO THROW IN A LITTLE ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER ABOUT WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE IN ANCHORAGE AFTER COMING UP SO RECENTLY FROM PARTS OUTSIDE, NAMELY, IN MY CASE, FROM MONTANA VIA BOSTON VIA MONTANA, BUT WHAT REALLY IS THERE TO SAY?

MAYBE MYTHS IS A GOOD STARTING POINT. YOU ALL KNOW THAT THE OUTSIDE HAS ALL SORTS OF MYTHS ABOUT ALASKA, IGLOOS AND BUSH PILOTS AND THE PIPELINE--THAT'S ALL ALASKA IS TO THE OUTSIDE. BUT I CAN'T SAY I FELL FOR THE ALASKA MYTH. I SORT OF KNOW HOW IT IS, AS A NATIVE MONTANAN, I'VE CONFRONTED MY FAIR SHARE OF MISCONCEPTIONS FROM EASTERNERS DURING MY FOUR YEARS IN BOSTON, "MONTANA, I THOUGHT THAT WAS SOMETHING A COUPLE OF GUYS MADE UP SO THEY COULD BECOME SENATORS." SO IF I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT ALASKA, I AT LEAST WOULD LIKE TO KEEP MY MIND OPEN AND LEARN, I HOPE PEOPLE WILL HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME.

I LIKE TO THINK THAT WE ALL TRY TO DO THAT--KEEP OUR MINDS OPEN, I MEAN CERTAINLY WE LESBIANS AND GAY MEN, HAVE BEEN FACED WITH ENOUGH MISCONCEPTIONS--AND OUTRIGHT LIES--ABOUT OURSELVES AND THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE READY TO LEARN NEW THINGS. IN ZEN, SOME MASTERS CALL IT "BEGINNERS MIND" IN HONOR OF MY PRESENCE IN ALASKA, I WOULD LIKE TO REDUB IT, "CHEECHAKO'S MIND," IN CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY A CHEECHAKO CAN EVER BECOME A SOURDOUGH.

BUT IF YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO EXPECTATIONS ABOUT ALASKA WHEN I CAME HERE, NOT SO. THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS CALLED BY SOME A FICTIO, BY OTHERS A MYTH, BUT WHICH I CALL A TRUTH. THAT IS THE MYTH OF "WE ARE EVERYWHERE." WE ARE.



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OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, SEEMS TO BE GOING IN ALL DIRECTIONS, BUT WHEN YOU SEE A TEARGAS BOMB THROWN INTO A CROWD OF 1,000 PEOPLE AND SEE VERY LITTLE PANIC, AND WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME OUR LEADERS HAD PULLED OUR COMMUNITY BACK INTO A PARTY MOOD, WE ARE STRONGER THAN SOME MIGHT THINK.

OUR LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN OUR COMMUNITY THE VERY BEST COVERAGE, THE MAYOR AND THE POLICE ARE WORKING WITH US NOT AGAINST US, (READ SOME OF THE ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE.)

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN LOSE THIS RESPECT IS BY NOT CARING WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS OF OUR GAY SOCIETY, OUR CONDUCT OUTSIDE OUR BARS (AND YES, EVEN THE ARCADES) SHOULD ALWAYS BE BEYOND REPROACH.

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Cherresse

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LOVE OR INFATUATION ?

INFATUATION IS INSTANT DESIRE. IT'S ONE SET OF GLANDS CALLING TO ANOTHER. LOVE IS FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS CAUGHT FIRE. IT TAKES ROOT AND GROWS - ONE DAY AT A TIME. INFATUATION IS MARKED BY A FEELING OF INSECURITY. YOU ARE EXCITED AND EAGER, BUT NOT GENUINELY HAPPY. THERE ARE NAGGING DOUBTS, UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, LITTLE BIT AND PIECES ABOUT YOUR BELOVED THAT YOU WOULD JUST AS SOON NOT EXAMINE TOO CLOSELY. IT MIGHT SPIEL THE DREAM.

LOVE IS THE QUITE UNDERSTANDING AND MATURE ACCEPTANCE OF IMPERFECTION. IT IS REAL. IT GIVES YOU STRENGTH AND GROWS BEYOND YOU-TO BOLSTER YOUR BELOVED. YOU ARE WARMED BY HIS PRESENCE EVEN IF HE IS AWAY. MILES DO NOT SEPERATE YOU. YOU WANT HIM NEAR YOU. BUT NEAR OR FAR, YOU KNOW HE IS YOURS AND YOU CAN WAIT.

INFATUATION SAYS, " WE MUST GET MARRIED RIGHT AWAY, I CAN'T RISK LOSING YOU !"
LOVE SAYS, " BE PATIENT, DON'T PANIC. HE IS YOURS. PLAN YOUR LIFE, YOUR FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE."

INFATUATION HAS AN ELEMENT OF SEXUAL EXCITEMENT. IF YOU ARE HONEST, YOU WILL ADMIT IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE IN ONE ANOTHERS COMPANY UNLESS YOU ARE SURE IT WILL END IN INTIMACY. LOVE IS THE MATURATION OF FRIENDSHIP. YOU MUST BE FRIENDS BEFORE YOU CAN BE LOVERS. INFATUATION LACKS CONFIDENCE. WHEN HE IS AWAY, YOU WONDER IF HE'S CHEATING. SOME TIMES YOU EVEN CHECK.

LOVE MEANS TRUST. YOU ARE CALM, SECURE AND UNTHEATENED. HE FEELS THAT TRUST AND IT MAKES HIM EVEN MORE TRUSTWORTHY.

INFATUATION MIGHT LEAD YOU TO DO THINGS YOU'LL REGRET LATER, BUT LOVE NEVER WELL.

LOVE IS AN UPPER. IT MAKES YOU LOOK UP. IT MAKE YOU A BETTER PERSON THAN YOU WERE BEFORE



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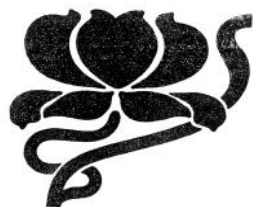
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Tear gas disrupts gay community ball

A tear gas canister lobbed into the midst of hundreds of gay celebrants at the Sheraton Hotel ballroom prompted a hurried and tearful evacuation of the party onto rainy streets Sunday night.

There were no major injuries other than the spirits of some 1,000 people attending the Coronation Ball, an annual event sponsored by the Imperial Court of Alaska.

It was the fifth tear gassing this week, according to Anchorage Police officers who said four bars along Fourth Avenue that feature nude entertainment also have been gassed.

Police said they are looking for a white male with black hair and a beard, about six feet tall and wearing a dark business suit.

Officers said the man apparently entered through the hotel's Fifth Avenue entrance about 9:30 p.m. and went up the back stairs into the ballroom where he casually tossed a canister of tear gas into the room.

"I thought it was just part of the show," said ballgoer Richard Bolanos. "Then I saw people being carried

□ This story was written by Daily News reporters Ann Cony, Robbie Graham and Andy Ryan.

out."

Bolanos and other celebrants said the master of ceremonies had just read an announcement from Mayor Tony Knowles, who sent his regrets that he could not attend the coronation, and was introducing out-of-state guests when the tear gas went off.

According to party goers, the throngs of men and women — bedecked in white satin and black leather, silk capes with sequins and costume jewelry, top hats, tails and slinky dresses — pushed for the door when the canister went off.

One participant at the ball, barber Ronald D'Andrea, said he saw two men standing in a corner of the ballroom just before seeing a flash and a puff of smoke. The two men ran, he said.

"It was really wild, because we

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Tear gas disrupts party

thought it was a fire. It was really scary was what it was," said D'Andrea, who emphasized that he and some others attending the ball were not gay.

"It's a shame, because it was really a nice ball. Obviously the reason they did it was because it was a gay ball."

"All I saw was a lot of smoke and a few of the girls came out holding their eyes," said a bartender in the ballroom.

Another hotel employee, Wade Wilson, said he carried one person from the ballroom after they were overcome by tear gas.

Norm Miller, medical supervisor for the Fire Department, described the scene as "utter chaos" when he arrived.

A couple from Bakersfield, Calif., said they were in their hotel room on the 11th floor when an announcement over the hotel intercom system told guests to evacuate, using stairways instead of elevators.

A friend of the couple's who was staying on the 10th floor said that he heard no evacuation announcement but decided to leave when he heard fire engine sirens and smelled fumes upon opening the window in his room.

Nine hundred gay and lesbian people are here to celebrate, and here we are with a major disruption we have no control over," said Mad Madeleine IX, outgoing Imperial Court empress.

As firemen carried portable electric fans up the staircase to the ballroom, victims of the attack mingled in the hotel's lobby. A waitress passed among them with coffee.

At one point, television reporter David Selesky was physically threatened by one woman wearing a green silk cape and heavy makeup when he turned on camera lights.

"Get that thing out of here," she screamed. Then, inciting the dozens of others around her, the people backed Selesky into a corner until police officers broke up the incident.

Tom Shaver, general manager of the hotel, said it was the third Coronation Ball to be held at the Sheraton. The other balls, he said, have been without incident.

Shaver looked apprehensive when asked if the gassing would affect the hotel's profits on the lavish banquet. "We'll have to look into that with the promoters," he said.

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