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WELCOME TO THE GAY 90's
1991 begins the Gay 90's decade and it looks as if the Alaska gay & lesbian community will be getting off to a big start. This month we will experience the Lisa Koch concert and the excitement is building around the spectacular float being built for the '91 Fur Rondy. It really makes one feel proud to see more gay & lesbian functions move into the mainstream of Alaska life. Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements for the Identity annual meeting and the exciting plans for the Celebration of Change sponsored by The 15%, Inc.

Identity really hopes to make our 1991 annual meeting a special event. Planning is now under way for possibly inviting a special speaker and presenting some awards. Your input would be sincerely appreciated. Call the Helpline or one of our board members if you have some ideas for our annual meeting to be held in April.

Every community group counts heavily on the help of volunteers. We can use your help on several projects. You can call the Helpline, drop us a note, or come to our regular Potluck Social & personally volunteer. We promise to put you to work soon.

HAPPY 1991!!!
Steve Rule, President
IDENTITY, INC.

YES! I want to join IDENTITY and help work on programs that are important to Lesbians and Gay Men in Alaska. Please add my name to your mailing list. Enclosed are my $25.00 dues.

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Please contact me. I would like to work on an IDENTITY project.

Although I can't become an IDENTITY member just now, please add my name to your mailing list so I can keep informed about IDENTITY news and projects.

Return this application to IDENTITY, P.O.Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520.
The "Gay 90's" has finally begun and IDENTITY, INC., is pleased to continue our popular Potluck's. Our 1st 1991 Potluck occurs......

WHEN?  Friday, January 25, 1991
TIME?  6:30 PM - Doors Open
        7:00 PM - Food Served
        7:30 PM - Announcements Program, Etc.
WHERE?  Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (The Log Cabin Church).
          602 W. 10th, Anchorage

This month, our program will feature the UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association. They will be discussing what activities they are currently conducting and what their plans are for the future. The UAA GLSA has grown tremendously in the past few months, so we look forward to finding out more about the secrets of their success. Identity extends a big THANK YOU to Frank Foust for playing the piano at December's Potluck and leading us through a great sing-a-long. A fun time was had by all & we have requests to repeat this type of program with an emphasis on SHOW MUSIC. What do you think???

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SELF DEFENSE CLASS STARTING

As announced last month, Darl Schaaff is starting a special self defense class for the men & women of our community. The classes start Sat., Jan. 19 at the Log Cabin Church and last from 2-4 PM. Classes will be held every Saturday & you can start attending classes at any time. Darl is a KENPO KARATE instructor & Gay Games III Gold Medalist & promises that the learning atmosphere will be fun, understanding & sensitive to the needs of our community. Cost is $3/session. After the expenses are paid, Darl will be donating the remaining $$$.

RONDY FLOAT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The word is out that a special 38 foot, self propelled float is being built for the 1991 Fur Rendezvous Parade scheduled for Saturday, February 16. Danny (Cherries) Cook got things started several weeks ago and several community members have been working hard since then to make things happen. We hear that this could possibly be the biggest & best float the gay & lesbian community has ever had in a Fur Rondy parade. Mark your calendars for Feb. 16 and be prepared for some real excitement. We're sure the work crews are hoping for 1st Prize.
LISA KOCH - PERFORMER, COMEDIAN, SINGER

Live in Anchorage - Saturday, Jan. 19, 1991
Tickets $10.00 - Alaska Women's Bookstore

Lisa Koch began her performing career in Ashland, Oregon at the tender age of 12, when she received a mail-order guitar for her birthday. After teaching herself a few of the more essential chords, she set out on a strange and wonderous musical journey, first as part of a folk duo (with her brother), and later as a member of several rock bands, including the Fabulous Dyketones.

It was during these "band years" that Lisa discovered she could improve her gas mileage by traveling as a solo act. As she began to tour the country, audiences immediately responded to her irreverent songs, smooth vocals, and unpredictable live shows. As a solo performer/comedian, Lisa has shared the stage with a diverse group of artists, from Steve Martin to Teresa Trull.

With the 1990 release of her first solo album cassette, "Stay for the Ride", Lisa has captured her energy & passion on tape. It is her live performances, however, which truly bond artist and listener. As one reviewer says, "Her audience obviously loves her, and she returns that love."

Lisa enthralled and delighted Alaska women with her performance & irreverence last summer at the Alaska Women's Musical Festival in Fairbanks. Don't miss her Jan. 19 show in Anchorage. The Anchorage show is sponsored by THE 15%, INC. and produced by DIVA FAMILY PRODUCTIONS.

*** Bookstore Coffeehouse ***

The fourth Saturday Coffeehouse sponsored by the Alaska Women's Bookstore continues on January 26 with Joanne Townsend and the University Poets. The title of the program is "READINGS & COMMENTARY." The Coffeehouse is held at the Bookstore at 2470 E Tudor Road.

Upcoming Coffeehouses include a VARIETY SHOW on February 23 and SONGS & POEMS on March 23. If you are interested in doing a Coffeehouse, call 337-3543.

At each Coffeehouse, the hat is passed with donations being split between the performer and the bookstore.
IMPERIAL DUCHY OF SOUTHEAST AK SUPPORTS IDENTITY HEALTH PROJECT

Their Imperial Graces, Grand Duke Gregory and Grand Duchess Meriam Brightmen, recently presented Identity with a special check for $1,000 for the IDENTITY HEALTH PROJECT. This check represented the profit resulting from the annual "The Fabulous Femme Fatals" show held in Juneau last April. The check was presented to Identity in honor of their Imperial Majesties JR and Kristara and The Imperial Court of All of Alaska.

In accepting the check for Identity & the Health Project, President Steve Rule thanked the Imperial Duchy of Southeast Alaska & the Imperial Court for their continued support of Identity projects. "The Court was instrumental in helping us start the Helpline, and now they are helping us with our much needed Health Project. All of this money will go to providing direct services for individuals in our community who need help," said Steve Rule. President Rule also expressed Identity's gratitude to Premier Grand Duke Mark B. and Premier Grand Duchess Lana Duval for their help and support in arranging this contribution.

"The Fabulous Femme Fatals" is an annual Juneau show sponsored by the Imperial Duchy of SE Alaska. Several entertainers travel from Anchorage to assist the Duchy in putting on the show. Many people in Juneau look forward to this annual event since there is little "alternative entertainment" in Juneau. The 1991 show is again scheduled sometime in April.

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LESBIAN WRITERS WANTED

The RISING TIDE PRESS, a new Lesbian publisher, is soliciting manuscripts for full length Lesbian novels with romance, mystery or science fiction themes. Manuscripts are read & evaluated free of charge. Write Rising Tide Press, 5 Kivy St., Huntington Station, NY 11746. PH (516) 427-1289. Free Guidelines are also available to all Lesbian writers.

MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!

by ATHOL FUGARD

RACE AND REVOLUTION FOCUS OF NEW SOUTH AFRICAN DRAMA

Two high school students and their teacher powerfully collide in a masterful new play of racial politics by Athol Fugard, one of the English language's best contemporary playwrights. MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA! is presented by OUT NORTH THEATRE COMPANY January 18-27, 1991 in the Wilda Marston Theatre on the ground floor of the Z.J. Loussac Library. All tickets are $15 and available through CARRS TIX.

This message paid by OUT NORTH THEATRE COMPANY.

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ANCHORAGE GARDEN BUDDIES

The next AGCB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at the home of Mr. Ken Freedman, 4220 Viscount Cr. Starting time is 7:30 PM. Call the Helpline for directions or for more information.
THE ARCTIC NOSE

Well, boys and girls, welcome to 1991 and the beginning of a new monthly column for NorthView. For some time now, the editorial staff here at NV has been wondering why our community doesn't have something similar to the Alaska EAR, that divine appendage from the Anchorage Daily News. Well, here we are, folks, utilizing one of those other appendages in order to bring you those borderline news items that are sometimes hard to print but that we all want to hear about. This will always be done in jest, so bear with us.

The Nose was in the Blue Moon recently when some cute firefighters arrived in those darling yellow rain coats. Everyone thought that a new show was about to start, but that was not to be. It seems they were there to investigate "flames coming from the DJ booth" as reported by an anonymous caller. Please, the music has never been that hot!!! Anchorage's trusty men in yellow found no flames and quickly left, much to everyone's dismay. We hear the fire marshall paid another visit on New Year's Eve to check out the crowd!!!

Speaking of bars, Anchorage once again is a 2 Bar affair. The Gay 90's lasted barely more than 30 days even after they were frequently mentioned in both of Anchorage's "straight rags". Surely you read all those comments about being next door to the TUNDRA TYKES, the federal day care center adjoining the bar. Surely you also heard all those jokes about what the bar should have been called?? Anyway, while they were open, there were lots of rumors about the fierce competition between the Gay 90's & the Blue Moon. There were lots of anonymous phone calls to various city inspectors and defections of local entertainers between bars. Once again, we voted with our $$$ and chose the Blue Moon over the Gay 90's. How many times must we go through this??!! Maybe we should all just go to Palm Springs for the winter and not think about it! (sorry, I couldn't leave out a reference to the Raven).

Were you in the local bars during the holidays when Mr. Condom and his troops appeared in their special attire. They passed out lots of special envelopes promoting safe sex. Where did they ever find those super large condoms??

Don't you just love those lesbians in Anchorage for being in the forefront of leading our community in COMING OUT? We hear that 200-250 women showed up for the New Year's Eve dance at the Hilton Hotel & everyone had fun in the NO SMOKING room. We also hear that the 15% has upgraded the April Celebration of Change to the 800+-seat Discovery theater. THANK YOU LADIES!! We'll all be there!!!

Finally, The Nose says farewell to a good friend, Brent Rochon (AKA Bretina Louise) who has finally made the big decision to move to the sunny climes of southern CA. You'll remember him as the tall, skinny guy who was a sometimes student/dancer/choreographer/actor/Blue Moon bouncer/maitre d', and a friend to many. ENJOY CA, BR!!!

Enough is enough! If you have any comments about this new column, keep them to your self. The NOSE is very sensitive!!! ALOHA!!!
PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This month we begin another new column about special people in our community whose actions help make a difference in how we live. We are proud to start this new column with a salute to....

Mr. Doug Frank

Although Doug has been known to many of us for a long time, he really "came out" in 1989 when he made up his mind that Anchorage should display the AIDS quilt. Because of his tireless efforts and inspiring leadership, the quilt was displayed in the Egan Center for 3 days in July, 1989 and the lives of hundreds of Alaskans haven't been the same since. Doug's vision and work has been responsible for several individuals becoming involved in AIDS work and other community projects.

Doug did not stop working after the quilt left town. He frequently travels around the world to help display quilt panels. We hear that Doug has plans to take a 1 year sabbatical to donate his time to The Names Project. Doug has also done community work for World AIDS Day in Anchorage and has donated time to the World Hunger Project. He is also well known for donating the use of his spacious Government Hill home for community functions and as a "hotel" room for visiting dignitaries.

Finally, what does one say about that positive attitude and effervescent personality of Doug's? It's always a pleasure to have him around and you always part company feeling better.

The next time you see Doug, say THANK YOU for being a part of our community and helping make Alaska a more pleasant place to live. THANKS DOUG!!!

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4A'S BAKE-OFF AND BRUNCH

Alright all you chefs & cheffettes, get out those special recipes and get ready for Sunday, Feb. 17. On that day, the 4A's is sponsoring a special BRUNCH and BAKE-OFF contest and Dessert Auction. Festivities will be held at the Raven Bar at 618 Gambell.

The dessert judging will cover the following categories: Cupcakes, Tarts, Pastries, Best Decorated Cake, Best Cheese Cake, Pies, Cookies, Jello Molds, & Candies. There's a $2 entry fee. Brunch will cost only $3. The dessert auction will start at 4 PM.

All proceeds will benefit the 4A's. Entry forms are available at the 4A's the Raven, Cyrano's Book Store & Cafe the Anchorage Garden Buddies and at the Identity Potlucks. Call the 4A's at 276-1400 for more information.

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IMPERIAL COURT ANNOUNCES GRANTS

The Imperial Court has announced that applications are now available for grants from the Court. Grants are available to non-profit groups who provide physical, emotional, economic or spiritual support to the AK gay community. Applications can be obtained by writing....

Imperial Court of All Alaska
P.O. Box 10-4023, Anchorage, AK 99510

All applications for grants must be received by ICOAA on or before March 31, 1991.

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(The Identity Health Project)
HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!

Saturday, Jan. 19 - LISA KOCH concert, 8 PM, UAA ARTS THEATER.
Self Defense classes begin-Darl Schaaff, 2-4 PM, Log Cabin.
January 18-25 - "My Children! My Africa!", by OUT NORTH THEATRE
Wednesday, Jan 23 - Anchorage Garden Buddies Meeting, 7:30 PM
Friday, Jan 25 - Identity Fourth Friday Potluck Social 6:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 26 - Bookstore Coffeehouse, Alaska Women's Bookstore, 8-10 PM.
Saturday, Feb. 2 - Monthly Women's Dance, Log Cabin Church, 8:30 PM
Thursday, Feb 14 - Monthly Identity Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
Saturday, Feb 16 - Fur Rondy Parade - Look for the Gay/Lesbian Community Float.
Sunday, Feb 17 - 4A's 1st Annual Bake-Off & Brunch & Dessert Auction
12 Noon at the Raven, 618 Gambell

Wednesday, Feb 13 - Regular Board meeting of Alaskan AIDS Assistance Associa.

CONTINUOUS EVENTS: Sunday, 2:30 PM - MCC Church services, UUF Log Cabin Church
Tuesday 7 PM - Support group for families of people living with HIV/AIDS. Call 4A's at 276-1400.
Wednesday 7 PM - Support group for people living with HIV/AIDS. Call 4A's at 276-1400.
Wednesday 10 PM - Weekly cabaret show at Blue Moon Bar.
Saturday 7 PM - UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc.
Discussion Group, Room K210, UAA Campus.

Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE

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