GAY PRIDE ALASKA STYLE


2. The UAA Gay and Lesbian Student Association sponsors TWO sold-out concerts by Gay entertainers Romanovsky & Phillips. Both concerts are held in the UAA student center PUB.

3. The 15% announces plans to upgrade (again) their 1991 CELEBRATION OF CHANGE to the Discovery Theatre at the PAC in Anchorage. This theatre seats 700+ people.

4. The IMPERIAL DUCHY OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA announces that 17 entertainers have committed to fly to Juneau, Alaska's capital city, for the annual show "The Fabulous Femme Fatals". The show is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 in the Penthouse Bar, one of Juneau's more popular bars.

GAY PRIDE IS WORKING IN ALASKA!
IDENTITY, INC. - MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted February 14, 1991

IDENTITY, INC., is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to the development & promotion of programs and activities concerned with issues of the gay community which includes lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender individuals. The objectives of the organization include:

1. Development & promotion of educational programs & social activities that help members & friends of the gay community become more well-rounded, & that enhance their awareness of their contributions & importance to our society.

2. Development & expansion of the gay community environment by offering a balanced perspective of sexual orientation as only one aspect of the whole self.

3. Development & promotion of community programs & activities that improve society's knowledge & acceptance of alternative lifestyles, especially those based on an individual's sexual orientation.

4. Encourage social change and the development & implementation of programs that promote positive affirmations & healthful lifestyles for everyone.

IDENTITY BOARD MEETINGS

The Identity Board of Directors has meetings planned for Thursday, March 14 and Thursday, April 11, 1991. Meeting time is 5:30 PM. Anyone may attend these Board Meetings. Call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 to learn the location of the meeting that you want to attend. Meetings usually last 1½-2 hours.

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.

NAME: ___________________________ Home: ___________________________
                               Phone: ___________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________
                               Work: ___________________________
                               Phone: ___________________________

___ 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.
SPRING is in the air and the 4th Friday Potlucks continue to provide a needed diversion until the annual breakup is over. The March Potluck is scheduled for......

WHEN?  Friday, March 22, 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

Some special entertainment is planned for this potluck to keep us in a good mood for Spring. MANY THANKS to Ms Ruth Mathes and Ms Mary Lu Harle for providing the musical entertainment and dancing lessons at the February Potluck. ALL community individuals and groups are welcome to attend these Potlucks to share in our friendship and pride and to spread the word about your groups activities. The most successful Potlucks are the ones with the most people!!!!!

POSITIVE PRESS COVERAGE EXPANDS IN ALASKA

Have you noticed that the number of POSITIVE stories about Gay & Lesbian issues is on the increase in Alaska? Some recent examples include the following:

1. The POSITIVE television and newspaper coverage of the Gay community float in the Fur Rondy parade.

2. The great article and photograph of Romanovsky & Phillips in the Anchorage Times prior to their March 2 concert. We used to only see such articles in the News.

3. The continuing competition between Anchorage's two daily newspapers resulting in an increasing number of national news stories about Gay & Lesbian issues & prominent individuals. We no longer have to get our news items only from national Gay & Lesbian publications.

It's exciting to watch these changes happening here in Alaska. Please support those people & businesses who help make it happen.
THE ARCTIC NOSE

The NOSE is oh so glad that winter is rapidly coming to a close. We are tired of getting frost bite while sniffing out the news you want to read. On to more interesting tidbits.....

SEAGLA in Juneau is at it again. On March 30 they are sponsoring a "NO PANTS DANCE" at the VFW hall. Now I know you're all wondering what this means-after all, what's a guy to do if he can't wear pants to a dance??? And, what about those women who don't own dresses?? This could be interesting!!! We'll let you know how it turns out.

THE IMPERIAL COURT held another one of their progressive dinners on Saturday with an excellent turnout of over 30 people. Diners ate their way through stuffed mushrooms & eggrolls at the abode of Messrs Boudreaux & Willis, crab legs at Cherresse's castle, and scrumptious desserts at the home of florist Frank Faust. NO ONE ended the evening hungry & everyone enjoyed themselves and helped the COURT raise money for their activities.

THAT DARL SCHAFF is at it again! The NOSE hears that he "sprained" his wrist during one of his weekly karate classes that he teaches for our community. Is it possible that one of the strong women in the class was too much for Darl?? Well, his timing was perfect because he managed to incur this injury just days before he started playing host for Romanovsk & Phillips. A troupe of dedicated men & women from UAA had to come in & clean Darl's townhome prior to the special Friday night welcoming party for R&P. What some people won't do to get their house cleaned! The NOSE hears that the R&P party was a big success & they enjoyed their concert and the warm hospitality of Alaska's G&L community. We look forward to their return for a repeat performance.

CAN YOU BELIEVE that someone would pay $100 for a cheesecake? Well, it happened more than once at the 4A's Bakeoff on Feb. 16. Someone even paid $180 for the special Rondy cake made especially for the auction. We hear that auctioneer BOB MILLER was ruthless in his pursuit of money from bidders, but it was for a good cause. Over $1,300 was raised for 4A's coffers and everyone is looking forward to a bigger and better turnout in 1992.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for reading material, the NOSE has found 2 articles that might interest you. One is titled "To be young & gay & living in the '90s" in the March/April edition of the UTNE READER. The second is an interesting article on Homophobia in the March issue of PLAYBOY. You can find the UTNE READER magazine at the Alaska Women's Bookstore & Cyrano's. You'll have to get PLAYBOY from one of your straight male friends. Happy reading!!!

THE NOSE wonders if the women in our community enjoy G&L entertainment more than the men? They sure show up in greater numbers for arts events? What do you think? CHOW!!! More next month!!!
CELEBRATION OF CHANGE 1991

The 15%, INC., has announced the date and new location for the 1991 Celebration of Change. This year, the CELEBRATION will be held.....

Saturday, April 27, 1991
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
Discovery Theatre
Art Show - 6:00 P.M.
Curtain - 7:00 P.M.

The CELEBRATION OF CHANGE is an annual production of women's art, music, humor, dance, and poetry. Women join to celebrate the changes we all experience, and share this gift with the community.

Tickets will be $15 and will be available near the end of March through all CarsTix outlets.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 24 so you can attend the ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT. Starting time is 3 PM and the location is the UAA Arts Building. Tickets are $5 General Admission and $4 for students & seniors. This concert will be signed for the hearing impaired.

Tickets are available at the Women's Bookstore and at the door.

Saturday, March 23 brings Gail Holmes to the Women's Bookstore Coffeehouse. Gail will be playing a variety of musical instruments, including a shower hose, so we hear. Showtime is 8-10 PM at the Bookstore.

Saturday, April 6 is regularly scheduled date for the monthly Women's dance held at the UUF Log Cabin Church. Starting time is 8:30 PM.

Friday, April 19 is the planned date for a concert in Anchorage by Alice Dobkin, a well known feminist/separatist. More details will be printed in the April NV.

The "Center for Women & Men" at UAA has published its 1991 Spring program showing classes & lectures available this semester. Copies of the program are available at UAA or the Women's Bookstore.

THINK SPRING!!!!!!
IDENTITY INCORPORATED
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF
ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of IDENTITY, INC., is pleased to announce that the 1991 annual meeting of the corporation will be held as follows:

WHEN? Saturday, April 13, 1991
TIME? Starting at 5:00 PM
WHERE? Pioneer School House
3rd & Eagle St., Anchorage

The primary purpose of the meeting is to conduct the annual business of the corporation and elect new members for the board of directors. There are FIVE positions on the board that will need to be filled on April 13. Anyone interested in running for a board position should contact any Identity board member or call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 and leave a message to indicate your interest.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Letters have been mailed to all community organizations announcing that IDENTITY will be presenting the first annual COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD at it’s 1991 annual meeting. The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions to the Anchorage Gay & Lesbian community by an individual member of the community. This individual will be selected by a special committee made up of representatives from the various community groups and chaired by Rev. Arthur Curtis of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Details of the selection process are included in the letters mailed to community organizations. Please call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 if you have any questions about this award.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Steve Rule, President of Identity, has announced that Ms Lynn D. Sheppell, the Executive Director of NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, has accepted Identity's invitation to travel to Anchorage to be the KEYNOTE SPEAKER at Identity's 1991 annual meeting. Lynn will also be conducting a special workshop for community leaders on how to raise money for gay & lesbian programs and how to organize a campaign to obtain a community center. "This is a great opportunity for Alaskan's to meet and learn something from a national leader of a Gay & Lesbian organization," said Steve Rule in announcing Lynn Sheppell's visit. "Identity is very proud to have this chance to bring someone of Lynn's reputation to Alaska. We all look forward to working with Lynn during her visit," said Steve.

HOSTED ITALIAN DINNER TO START ANNUAL MEETING

The 1991 annual meeting for IDENTITY INC. will begin with a hosted Italian dinner at 5:00 PM at the Pioneer School House. The dinner is free, but donations will be accepted to help defray costs. Naturally, you can expect to see lots of bread, salad and pasta.

NOTE: Only fully paid members of Identity, Inc., can vote for board members, but EVERYONE is invited to attend the meeting. Membership dues must be received by Identity on or before March 31, 1991, to qualify for membership for voting at the annual meeting. Board members must be members of Identity Inc. to qualify. Call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 if you have any questions about Identity membership or board positions.

SEE YOU ON APRIL 13!!!
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Homosexual & unmarried couples as well as traditional families are using a new interpretation of an old state law to put their relationships on the record. All it takes is $10 for 2 or more people to register with the California secretary of state, declaring themselves an unincorporated, nonprofit association with the word "family" in the title.

To make it really official, the association receives a colorful certificate with a gold state seal.

"What we're seeing here is a creative use of a long standing division of law," said Tony Miller, chief deputy secretary of state. "People are gathering together, forming an association, calling it a family and registering it with the secretary of state."

But news of the registration was met with anger by some religious officials, particularly in San Francisco, where voters last month approved a domestic partners ordinance amid controversy.

"Of course I'm opposed to however they set up domestic partners (since) their ultimate aim is to change the marriage laws," said Rev. Charles McIlhenny of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, an outspoken opponent of the San Francisco ordinance.

"Once the state government legislates the definition of the nuclear family or creates a family that will vie with the nuclear family, then you essentially destroy the essential building blocks of a family," he said.

Other California municipalities allow unmarried domestic partners to register, among them Berkeley & Laguna Beach. San Mateo County employees can register domestic partners for all benefits except health insurance.

The idea to use a 60-year-old law to register unions was conceived by Los Angeles attorney Thomas F. Coleman, former executive director of the California Commission on Personal Privacy. The panel was convened in 1980 by then-Gov. Jerry Brown.

During the past 10 years, reports & studies have documented discrimination against non-traditional families & the need for reform, Coleman said. Registration is a first step.

After some research, Coleman found the law regarding associations. Believing he had found a way to register families, he tested his theory by filing his own application. Coleman would not discuss his private life, saying he only used his family to see if his notion would work. It did.

The first handful of applications after that had an uneven reception by the office of the Secretary of State March Fong Eu. Coleman later persuaded Eu's office with legal arguments. Thus far, seven applications have been accepted and more are pending.

"It should be noted that the Secretary of State does not register "families as such,"" Eu said this week in a prepared statement. "The Secretary of State does, however, as required by law, register the names of associations which may include, as part of their name, the word "family.""

Miller, Eu's chief deputy, said the state, which makes a $5 profit on each filing, is "delighted to have the money."

Coleman has hopes that association status can enable family associations to enjoy benefits afforded traditional families, such as in frequent flyer programs, health clubs & insurance.

At least one hospital, Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, said it would honor the certificates as proof of immediate family for visitation rights, he said.

Oregon, Michigan, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin have similar association registration laws on their books, Coleman said. ""The question is, will their secretaries of state allow it to be used that way?" he said.

Out North Theatre Company presents...

Christopher Durang's Laughing Wild is a two-character, insane comedy about tuna fish, sex, the new age and nuclear proliferation as seen by two New Yorkers in therapy. Plays at 11:59 pm at the Capri Cinema on March 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30. Tickets on sale for $10.00 at the door only.
HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!

EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY!!!!!!

Thursday, Mar. 14 - IDENTITY Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 PM.
Friday, Mar. 22 - Fourth Friday POTLUCK Social, 6:30 PM, Log Cabin Church.
Sunday, Mar. 24 - Anchorage Women's Community Chorus Concert, UAA Arts Bldg.
Showtime is 3 PM.

Saturday, Mar. 23 - Gail Holmes performs at Women's Bookstore Coffeehouse, 8 PM.
Sunday, Mar. 31 - Deadline for submitting grant applications for grants from the Imperial Court. $$$$$$$ for your use.

Saturday, April 6 - Monthly Women's Dance - 8:30 PM - Log Cabin Church

Thursday, April 11 - IDENTITY Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 PM.

Saturday, April 13 - IDENTITY, INC. ANNUAL MEETING starting at 5:00 PM.
FREE Italian Dinner - Special entertainment
Special guest speaker - Ms Lynn Shepodd.
Presentation of Community Service Award.

Friday, April 19 - Alice Dobkin concert - time & place TBA.

Saturday, April 27 - CELEBRATION OF CHANGE - Discovery Theatre ACPA - 6 PM.

***This is one of the MAJOR cultural events of the year for the Anchorage Gay & Lesbian Community.
Make your plans to attend this SUPER SHOW. ********

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.

Wednesday, 7 PM - Support group for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Wednesday, 10 PM - Weekly cabaret show at Blue Moon Bar.

Saturday 2 PM - Self defense class at Log Cabin Church.

Sunday, 6 PM - Weekly UAA GLSA members meeting, Room K-210
7 PM - Ongoing UAA GLSA Support Group, Room K-210

CALL THE ANCHORAGE GAY & LESBIAN HELPLINE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION !!!!!!!!