WORLD AIDS DAY

DECEMBER 1
NORTHVIEW

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I can't understand any discussion of gays & lesbians as if they were something immoral or unsatisfactory—they're doing just what nature wants them to do.

BUCKMINSTER FULLER

OUT IN ALASKA

The board of Identity would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the twelve people who stood up in front of a crowd of people on October 12 and told their coming-out stories. It was a sunny Saturday afternoon & most of those in attendance really wanted to be outside, but over 35 individuals came to listen to the personal accounts of the coming-out process. All of the stories were wonderful & we had some repeat visits from last year. Identity hopes to continue this event next year.

The month of October came to a roaring close with the publication of Martin Palmer's short story in the "We Alaskans" magazine of the Anchorage Daily News. Martin's story was given front page coverage and his story was reprinted in its entirety. There was also a separate story about Martin and how he came to write the story. All of this was followed by a reception & book signing at Metro Books on Wednesday, October 30. Metro reports that over 55 books have been sold and the public gave the book and the store a very positive response.

Finally, the Rev. Jim Morgan and your NorthView editor spent 1 hour on KENI Radio on Friday, Oct. 18 talking about being gay in Alaska. This was a call-in talk show and we did receive six phone calls from around the state. Most questions centered around homosexuality & the bible and why Lesbians & Gay Men want protection under civil rights ordinances. Appearing on the radio was a "coming out" statement for the two Jim's, so we hope that our community received some positive benefits from the show.

October was a GOOD month. Let's hope that we continue to get good press coverage of our lifestyle and our community events.

Jim Boudreaux, Editor

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The holiday season is rapidly approaching and IDENTITY is pleased to help get you started with your gift shopping with a special potluck . . . .

WHEN? Friday, November 22, 1991

TIME? 6:30 PM - Doors Open
6:00 PM - Food Service Begins
7:30 PM - Announcements, Program
Fun Things Happen, ETC.

WHERE? Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
3201 Turnagain Street, Anchorage

This month's potluck falls on the weekend before Thanksgiving, so IDENTITY has decided to host a CHINESE AUCTION of hand-made items. All people attending this month's potluck are encouraged to bring along anything HAND MADE personally by you. This might include a food item or a craft item (pottery, macramé, etc). The various items will be displayed on tables around the dining room during the potluck so that people will have a chance to bid of the items of their choice.

If you've never attended a Chinese Auction, you have some fun to look forward to. The rules of this type of auction will be explained before the bidding begins. All money raised at this auction will go to IDENTITY to help pay for our many programs and services. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE WITH AN AUCTION ITEM!!!!

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HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Identity is now recruiting volunteers to help operate the Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE. A special training class is being scheduled to train volunteers for this vital community service. If you are interested in working on the HELPLINE, talk to an IDENTITY Board Member or call 258-4777 & leave your name & phone number. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW, SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!!

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And remember: 1 John 4:20-21
Yes, I know that the NOSE was missing in October, & THANKS to all of you who told the editor that I was missed. It makes the NOSE feel all warm & cuddly to know I'm liked.

Let's start off by announcing that Jeff Wood, AKA Myrna La Choy, AKA Empress XI, AKA former co-owner of the old Village Bar & Disco, has now taken up residence behind the bar at O'Brady's on C Street. We hear that his hours are 5 PM to closing from Tuesday-Saturday. Be sure to stop in and say HI-after you purchase some liquid refreshment, of course.

From Jueau comes word that after TWO trials, a jury has finally found City Assemblywoman Rosalee Walker GUILTY of drunken driving. You will recall that Rosalee claimed that a homosexual conspiracy was behind her arrest. We still haven't heard if she will spend any time in jail.

The NOSE is oh so miffed that it was attending another event the night of Chicago's Xsight dance concert. It seems they did a number portraying a couple of queer priests (is that possible) while wearing see-through costumes. Apparently, you could see the men's red G-strings. How very interesting!!! The Anchorage audience stayed & watched the whole show.

Over 55 people showed up Nov. 7 to sip champagne, nibble hors d'oeuvres, and watch the Anchorage premiere of "Paris Is Burning" at the Capri Cinema. Even a politician was there as the crowd mingled prior to the show.

Everyone enjoyed the show about the Drag Balls of Harlem. The show is now in an indefinite run at the Capri.

Alright you guys, don't you like to dance? Over 100 women, & only about 15 men, showed up for the Coming Out Dance on Oct. 12 at the Pioneer School House. The school's upper floor is GREAT for dancing & those in attendance had a really fun time.

Over 50 people showed up during the winter's 1st major snow storm on Oct. 13 to watch & participate in the Imperial Court's Investiture Ceremony. Things got off to a late start'cause of the snow, but lots of titles were handed out & everyone had a good time. The NOSE has learned that our editor was granted the title of Lord of the Gossip Column. The NOSE feels left out!

Have you been down to 5th Ave. Interiors to see Terry Clayton's wonderful animal furniture? He makes things for both kids & grownups. The dalmation tables are my personal favorite. Great gift ideas if you're looking for something different!

Over 150 women showed up in a dizzying array of costumes for the OPL dance for Halloween. The Spenard Rec Center was PACKED, but everyone enjoyed themselves dancing & trying to guess who was who in those outfits.

Enough for now! I'll be back next month with a holiday red nose to cheer you on. THE NOSE

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LIBBY RODERICK IN CONCERT

As this issue of NorthView goes to press, we understand that Libby Roderick will be having a concert on Friday, December 13. Tickets are not yet available, but the owners of the Alaska Women's Bookstore say they will be available soon. Give the Bookstore a call if you're anxious to get tickets in the near future.

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15% NEEDS POSTER

The 15% INC. has announced that the 1992 Celebration of Change show will be held March 14 at the ACPA. The 15% has also announced that they need a poster designed for the 1992 show and they are offering $100 to the artist who comes up with a winning poster design. The poster will be distributed around Anchorage to advertise the show. Call Bonnie (279-8607) for more detailed information about design criteria.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The 15% INC. is again sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance for the women's community. This year, the dance will be held at the Anchorage Museum of History & Art. The cost is $10, and they are promising good food, good tunes, great company and FUN, FUN, FUN!!! More details next month.

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WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE IS BUSY

The approaching holidays find Joann & Mariah really busy getting ready. A recent visit found them unpacking loads of new posters and hundreds of new buttons with gay & lesbian themes. The store is just chocked full of gift ideas.

On Friday, Nov. 29, Joann & Mariah will be serving pumpkin pie, whipped cream & Kaladi Brothers coffee to their patrons. It's all FREE.

On Saturday, Nov. 30 you might want to stop in between NOON & 6 PM to have your Tarot Cards read. Lois Dale will be doing the reading.

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WOMEN'S THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

A special women's Thanksgiving potluck will be held at 2 PM at Lucy Frey's home on Thursday, Nov. 28. Dinner will be followed by a Thanksgiving Circle & Sing-A-Long. Call Angie S. (337-0253) or the Women's Bookstore (562-4716) for more information or to offer your planning help.
Having a ball...wish you were here!

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One of the best films I've seen this year!"
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BLUE MOON - NOVEMBER REVUE

If you haven't taken in the gala show at the Blue Moon this month, you've really missed a treat! Reyna hosts a fast-paced revue featuring an opening number from Evita, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina", that showcases some great choreography. Reyna's "Tina Turner" is a must-see, as are the other two big production numbers "Express Yourself" with Miss Myla, Dania & Reyna, and the show-stopper finale featuring JAMECA in a senuous crowd-pleaser.

It was a real pleasure to watch Dania return as "Lady-Bird Johnson". Doing comedy is her forte, & her routines have been sorely missed. Her "Diana Ross" number was pretty terrific, too.

Regular performers such as Ken & Bunny featured plenty of country-western, soul, & steamy torch song numbers, and Misty Dawn's "Fever" was accompanied by her famous strut, as only Misty can do it. A delightfully talented lady named Jeffery showed up to do a number which had all the women screaming to her hot lyrics & professional moves. This lady is a natural with a hard-driving edge that calls for more. We hope to see you do more of this, Jeffery!!!

During November, individual performers will intersperse new material to delight their audiences along with the regular production numbers. Treat yourself to 100 minutes of fresh, fast talent every Wednesday night starting at 10:30 PM. You won't be disappointed!

4 A's COAT CHECK

Winter has set in and it is time to remind all of you BLUE MOON visitors that the coat check room is staffed with volunteers on Friday & Saturday nights. All money raised (donated by you) for checking your coats goes to the ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION to help finance their many worthwhile programs. If you have time to help staff the coat room, call Ross at 276-1400 and let him know you have some time available. Your time and your money all go for a very worthy cause.

MARTIN PALMER PUBLISHED AGAIN!

"Where we come from is important to who we are" is the opening statement in the new book titled Hometowns—Gay Men Write About Where They Belong. This collection of 29 short stories features a story by Anchorage's own Dr. Martin Palmer, who writes about Anchorage, of course. The hard cover book is published by The Dutton Company, and is available at Metro Books for $21.95. Martin has already traveled to San Francisco for readings of his story and recently participated in an Alaskan authors forum at Cyrano's Bookstore. CONGRATULATIONS, Martin!
ARE YOU TWO...TOGETHER?

In June of this year, in conjunction with Gay Pride Month, Random House published "Are You Two...Together?: A Gay & Lesbian Travel Guide To Europe." Its publication marks the first time that a mainstream publishing house has optioned & helped develop a travel guide written specifically about the culture and sub-culture of gay Europe.

Gay travelers have a resource that other travelers don't: a built-in international community. They can walk into a gay bar or a community center in any country and walk out with new friends who share many of the same likes, dislikes, concerns, experiences and problems just like we do at home. These friends know how to have a good time & they make us feel at home in a foreign land.

In "Are You Two...Together?", authors Lindsay Van Gelder & Pamela Robin Brandt address the last of gay travel writing. A Grand Tour of Europe highlighting fourteen of the most popular destinations for traveling gay couples of both sexes, this book includes profiles of London, Berlin, Paris, Capri, Copenhagen, Mykonos, Venice, & many more. A necessary aid to the booming world of gay travel (an area that has provided agents with a clientele of preferred status: DINKS-dual income, no kids), lesbian & gay couples are among the most natural & desirable travelers & guests throughout the world.

This book is a collection of travel essays brimming with history, along with practical information on restaurants, bars, information centers, points of interest. It also includes a reading list of books written for or about each locale. Tailored to the gay travelers who wants affordability, comfort, & entertainment, this book offers an insider's view of the gay European culture that lays beyond the typical listings of discos & cruise spots cited in most gay travel books.

Even if you never travel to the European continent, you will still want to read this book so you will know what you're missing. This editor had an opportunity to read a copy mailed to NorthView by the publisher, and I can guarantee you this book is well worth the $18.00 price tag. Every time I pick up the book, I find it difficult to put it down. The authors write with humor and candor about the history of each locale, a great way to set you up for the dry details that follow about where to stay, eat, etc. This book definitely makes for some great reading during our long Alaska winters.

The authors have been "together" since 1978. Lindsay Van Gelder is a former newspaper reporter whose work has appeared in such magazines as MS, NEW YORK WOMAN, & NEW YORK. She has been listed in "Who's Who of American Women." Pamela Robin Brandt has written for ROLLING STONE, McCALL'S & THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS MAGAZINE. She is an accomplished musician & has appeared as both a performer and songwriter on "Sesame Street."

"Are You Two...Together?: A Gay & Lesbian Travel Guide To Europe" should be available in local bookstores. If not, ask them to order you a copy. If you're desperate, call the Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE (258-4777) and Identity will be glad to loan you our copy. Buy this book as a Christmas present. You'll be glad you did.

Jim Boudreaux, Editor
WORLD AIDS DAY - DECEMBER 1
We are now well over TEN YEARS into the AIDS epidemic, and the numbers of those people dying or becoming infected with the HIV virus continues to grow. The World Health Organization estimates that 1.5 million people, including a half million children have developed AIDS worldwide. WHO predicts that 5000 people per day are becoming infected with the HIV virus.

In the U.S., our headlines have been dominated lately by Magic Johnson's announcement that he is HIV+. We must also remember that 125,000 Americans have already died from AIDS, and over 1 million others are infected with the HIV virus.

Here in Alaska, the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association is struggling with an ever increasing case load, as are other AIDS groups and government agencies. We are witnessing an ever increasing need for food, medical assistance, housing and other forms of assistance.

December 1 has been designated as WORLD AIDS DAY to help focus attention on the staggering numbers and problems that confront all of us in helping to deal with the AIDS problem. Around the world, many arts groups support DAYS WITHOUT ART to highlight the devastating effect AIDS has had on the arts community. All kinds of services and conferences will be held to talk about the problems of AIDS in our world.

In Anchorage, two services are currently being planned. The MCC church will conduct a special AIDS service on Sunday, Dec. 1 during its regular Sunday services starting at 7:15 PM at St. Mary's church. On Tuesday, December 3, a special World AIDS Day service/meeting will be held at the Anchorage Museum of History & Art. Watch your local newspapers for the exact time of this meeting.

AIDS - the problem keeps growing. NOW is the time for you to make a commitment to do what you can to help solve the problem.

ANCHORAGE GARDEN BUDDIES
The Anchorage Garden Buddies recently announced that Mr. Keith Lund has been elected president for the coming year. Keith campaigned on a promise of coming up with new meeting ideas, & he has recently announced that the next AGB meeting will be held at the Park Lanes Bowling Alley on Saturday, Nov. 23. Meeting time is 2-5 PM. After the "normal" short business meeting, the group will have a bowling party. The Park Lanes are located in Mt. View.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER-DANCE
The Mt. McKinley Club & the MCC of the Living God Church have announced that they are jointly sponsoring a FREE dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Dinner will be served from 4-8 PM at the Pioneer School House at 3rd & Eagle Streets. Immediately following the dinner, they will be hosting a dance from 9-midnight. There is a $2 entry fee for the dance. EVERYONE is welcomed to attend.

WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE
Saturday, November 23 is the date for this month's WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE to be held at the home of Lucy Frey. Starting time is 8 PM. Country Music At Its Finest is the theme of this month's Coffeehouse with Deb Deprospero, Carol Annie Lovejoy and Tess Bensussen as the key entertainers. Call or drop by the Women's Bookstore for directions on how to get to the Coffeehouse if you're interested in attending.

COURT CHRISTMAS BALL
The Imperial Court has announced that it will be hosting its annual Christmas Ball on Sunday, December 15. The Ball will be held at the Elks Lodge on 3rd Ave. in Anchorage. During the Ball, Emperor XVIII Ken & Empress XVIII Cherressee will be distributing checks to community groups representing funds remaining from their reign. More details will be announced in the December NorthView.
HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!

EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY!!!!!

Friday, November 22 - Fourth Friday Potluck Social & Chinese Auction, 6:30 PM, UUF Fellowship.
Saturday, Nov. 23 - Women's Coffeehouse, 8 PM - Country & Western Music.
Thursday, Nov. 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY - FREE dinner sponsored by MCC & Mt. McKinley Club-4 PM Special dance at Pioneer School House 9 PM-Midnight Special POTLUCK for women only. Lucy Frey's house.
Saturday, Nov. 30 - IDENTITY Board of Directors Meeting. Call HELPLINE for location/time.
Sunday, Dec. 1 - WORLD AIDS DAY - Special services at MCC, 7:15 PM.
Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Special WORLD AIDS DAY meeting at Anchorage Museum.
Saturday, Dec. 7 - Women's Two Step Dance, 8-12 PM, Mt. View Community Center.
Friday, Dec. 13 - Libby Roderick concert - Time & Place to be announced.
Sunday, Dec. 15 - Imperial Court Annual Christmas Ball, Elks Lodge.

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