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NEW READER

If this is your first Network News, we welcome you and hope you enjoy reading and learning more about Gay and Lesbian issues. If you are considering joining our mailing list, just call 236-CITY, leave your name and address and the first two mailings are on us. After these two mailings you will be asked to pay \$15 for individual membership or \$25 for business membership (or \$8 for the newsletter only) to the First City Network in order to be kept on our list. So what are you waiting for? Your membership/subscription will help support Savannah's first Gay and Lesbian positive organization and newsletter. We need your support cause we are all in this together, so make that call.

ELECTION RESULTS

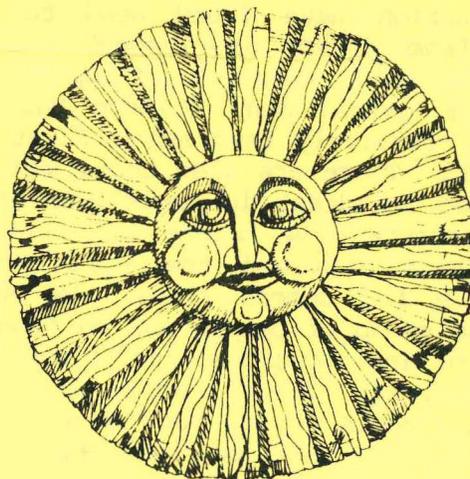
FCN voting members returned their ballots and demonstrated their interest in furthering 'the cause'. Thanks to all of the candidates for giving that extra gift of willingness to commit to leading First City Network during the coming year. Officers and members of the board are:

- President: Lawrence
- Vice President: Emma
- Treasurer: Patty
- Secretary: Bill
- Board Members: Jan, Richard, and Steve

NEXT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 18th Saturday FCN Yard Sale @ Faces. Donations, call 236-CITY.
- October 26th Sunday FCN Meeting 321 E. York St. 5pm
- October 23rd Thursday Elaine Townsend @ Faces 102 E. Broad St.
- October 31st Friday Halloween
- November 9th Sunday FCN Meeting 321 E. York St. 5pm.
- November 11th Tuesday Veteran's Day
- November 23rd Sunday FCN Meeting 321 E. York St. 5pm.
- November 27th Thursday Thanksgiving Day 27 shopping days til Christmas
- November 29th thru December 1st Wise Womyn in the Wilderness Weekend.



FCN YARD SALE

We are holding a yard sale to benefit FCN. All proceeds from the sale of your usable, collectable donations will go into FCN's account.

The sale will be held at 102 E. Broad St. in Faces backyard on Saturday, October 18, beginning at 9:00am.

If you have any sellable items you would like to donate, such as clothes, records, books, gadgets, small appliances, even furniture, please call Michael Kessler at 236-5339 or 236-CITY to leave a message.

It would be helpful if your donation is bagged or boxed for easy transport. Some arrangement can be made to pick up your donation.

Please donate and attend the FCN yard sale.



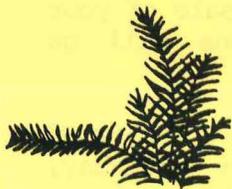
FCN'S FIRST YEAR ENDS WITH A BIG BANG!

So, what did you think of the anniversary party? As predicted, the volleyball game between the gurlz and the boiz was played (in 98° temp.s). To prove that practice will make a difference, let it be known that the boiz took the match 3 to 2. However, the gurlz gave the boiz a few good games. Volleyball wasn't the only game played at the anniversary get together. The new world games featuring "The World" were almost as physically challenging as the volleyball games. The egg toss, water balloon toss, orange relay, and drawing for the 13" color t.v. and the Teddy Bear brought the evening to a necessary close. Many thanks must go out to all those individuals who contributed to the fun of the afternoon. A special thanks goes to the host, Tim Collins, for generously donating the space. A good time was had by all.

A CYCLE COMPLETE

In the wake of our anniversary party, I believe it is time to reflect upon the people who have made it a reality. It has been a hard road these last 12 months. Many whose dreams started this organization have found need to pull away from direct involvement, and we feel the void. But also during the year we have gained many friends who have become creatively involved in First City Network. There are also those who have remained steadfast in their commitment and therefore have become it's leaders. They have survived the burn out to continue for common good. We are a diverse group of people and we need all kinds of individuals active to make this group strong. It is time we all joined together again to get back on the track of our goals set so long ago. The paperwork is over. We have proved our existence. We are out here, and we have numbers. We will be counted. We shall not hide in the closet any more. We really are coming out... in droves.

Emma



WISE WOMYN IN THE WILDERNESS...three days of wilderness camping for womyn only on Sapelo/Cabretta Islands to meet the Wise Womyn inside us and to reconnect with the Earth. Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. Vegetarian meals, group camping gear, guides provided. total cost \$94. Send a nonrefundable deposit of \$45, by Oct. 20 to reserve a space. Trip limited to 17 max. For more info. send S.A.S.E. to Earthwitches, c/o Amy D. Estelle, 7911-A Tybee Rd., Savannah, Ga. 31410 or call (912) 897-6975. EARTHWITCHES is a not for profit, feminist-ecologist collective.

LESBIAN BATTERING

Dealing with the subject of Lesbian battering is painful, for it challenges our belief of the inherent non-violence of womyn. Any unmasking of Lesbians by Lesbians tends to give ammunition to the homophobes who would silence the participation of Lesbians in society.

However, as feminists, and feminist supporters, we must recognize that violence is not acceptable, regardless of who does the hitting or who gets hit. We have been afraid of discussing this subject because we fear it will be used against us to further oppression of Gays and Lesbians.

For many years the battered Lesbian has been silenced into being invisible because to acknowledge the existence of Lesbian battering would be to violate the idea of an affirming, nurturing community of womyn free from the oppressiveness which is so often experienced in the heterosexual domain.

In a newly published book, Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering, many Lesbians share their stories of being battered. The report that they received little support from the straight community which had difficulty dealing with their issues and little support from the gay community that had difficulty facing these issues. These womyn told their stories, at great personal risk, in order to help their Lesbian sisters who may also be dealing with issues of violence. In order to support womyn in ending this violence in their lives we must first be willing to acknowledge and name that violence. Only then do we stop silencing her and demonstrate that we can support violence-free living.

We must not be trapped by our desire to see the womyn's community as offering more equality of power between partners than heterosexual couples. We all struggle with issues of power and control. Only in being vigilant in defining violence as unacceptable in all its forms do we ensure freedom for all.

Submitted by Shelley Ainsworth ACSW
Executive Director of SAFE Shelter
Chairperson for NASW Southeast Ga. Unit

Happy Birthday

STEREOTYPE OF LESBIANS: 'THEY'RE UNATTRACTIVE'

People are more likely to think a woman's a Lesbian if they find her physically unattractive. At Johns Hopkins University, psychologist Mary Amanda Dew displayed photos of 22 women, none of whom were known to be homosexual. Fifty respondents gave opinions about the women and then guessed which ones were Lesbians. The women the respondents suspected of being gay tended to be the ones they'd judged to be least pretty, that dressed least well, had the least attractive hairstyle, and were the least desirable to meet.

WANTED: CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

The Savannah-Chatham community awoke to rather startling front-page headlines on September 20. The Savannah Morning News story was headlined, "POLICE TO MONITOR HOMOSEXUALS IN PARKS." The story stated that Chatham County Police had received numerous complaints about homosexual sex acts and homosexuals soliciting for sex in Lake Mayer and Spence Grayson Parks. Metro Drug Squad's Major Billy Freeman said there would be monitoring of homosexuals in those areas. He was quoted in the story as stating, "What concerns me most is that children could be molested."

This reader who was already startled by the headlines became outraged at the remarks made by the Major. While it is true that some children are molested by homosexuals, there are by far many more heterosexuals who molest children! Major Freeman does a disservice to his department and to the community to continue to perpetuate the myth that homosexuality equals child molestation. It is because I am concerned about the safety of children that I now nominate Major Freeman as the "Most Misinformed Public Official of the Month."

A look at the data collected by researcher David Finkelhor in his book Child Sexual Abuse states that a conservative estimate is that one out of every four girls and one out of every nine boys will be sexually molested before they reach the age of eighteen. He also states that 95% of the perpetrators against girls are men. 80% of the perpetrators against boys are men. Furthermore, "Most of the men who molest boys are married and have lengthy heterosexual histories," he states.

Most children are molested by a male member of their own immediate family. Major Freeman has called out the video equipment to monitor the wrong people. To properly address the crime of child molestation, the misconceptions and personal prejudices of law enforcement officials and the community as a whole must be addressed. Also to insure that solicitation for sex and public indecency ordinances are equally enforced among the homosexual and heterosexual community members, First City Network is urged to approach the local law enforcement agencies for constructive dialogue. As citizens of this community we are entitled to equal and fair treatment under the law and from law enforcement officers. That includes protection from slanderous remarks of the kind Major Freeman has made.

For readers who were themselves victims of child sexual assault there are counseling referral services and support groups offered through the Rape Crisis Center, 233-7232. The RCC also recommends the books The Silent Children by Linda Sanford and The Best Kept Secret by Florence Rush.

A.D. Estelle

GAY HISTORY / LESBIAN HERSTORY

According to The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals (Frank Rector, 1981), the first Nazi book-burning party occurred at Magnus Hirschfield's Institute of Sexual Science in Berlin, Germany in 1933. Hirschfield, "a Jew, transvestite, and effeminate homosexual", helped launch in Berlin on May 15, 1897, the world's first homosexual emancipation organization, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee. His reform efforts on behalf of Gays were disparaged by many homosexuals themselves (they could not stomach his transvestism, his effeminacy, his "deplorable" inability to keep his mouth shut, and, for many, his Judaism itself). 100,000 - 200,000 Gays were slaughtered during the terror of Nazi Germany, most at Dachau, the first extermination camp built.



AREA LEGISLATORS TO BE ADDRESSED

The Southeast Georgia Unit of the National Association of Social Workers will host area state legislators at the 'Legislative Luncheon' to be held October 15th at the Pirates' House Restaurant. The purpose of this event is to provide information to our representatives in state government about issues important to SGU social workers and their clients. FCN president and SGU member Lawrence will speak on the need for statewide action on AIDS as well as House Bill 184 (to remove Georgia's Sodomy Laws). An affirmation by FCN members and supporters at noon on the 15th that our representatives will support all Georgia citizens will be greatly appreciated.

"DESERT HEARTS", ONE MAN'S REVIEW

A trip to Columbia, S.C. is well rewarded by a visit to the Bijou movie theatre on Harden Street in Five Points. The Bijou is showing Desert Hearts, a film you're not likely to see in Savannah. The story centers around the crossing of two womyn's paths and the resonance of their values and lifestyles. Vivian is stoic, reserved... but yearns to create a new and more exciting direction for herself. She has ventured to Nevada for an unencumbered divorce from her equally staid husband. Kay is a free-spirit artist of pottery by day and a casino money-changer at night. Their contrast merge, causing mutual tension and attraction.

As a gay man, I found no sense of alienation, as this is a story of the unfolding of relationships; surely all of us can relate to that. If you plan to make the trip, why not organize a van load: rental vans can hold up to 13 individuals (I recommend Ford vans as the most reasonable and comfortable). If someone would volunteer to act as group leader FCN will assist with arranging details and collecting names of those interested in splitting the travel costs (call 236-CITY).

WHEN IT COMES TO AIDS:
THE LIFE YOU SAVE
COULD BE YOUR OWN!

We can come up with alot of excuses for ignoring the AIDS issue all together, but the more we pay attention to it now, and take it seriously, the better chance we have of beating it and living a normal life.

Making an informed decision about your lifestyle can not only protect you.. but it can protect the lives of the people you love the most.

It need not be a frightening worrisome decision either. That's because when you start to protect yourself, your partner(s) and everyone by playing safe; you gain more control over your own life and that can make you feel GOOD!

SAFESEX doesn't mean NO sex. It means changing what you do to keep from passing semen, blood, and other body fluids between you and your partner.

SAFESEX also means living Safe. Making sure you keep yourself healthy at all times. Eat right reduce pressure and stress, get enough sleep, cut back on alcohol and drug use (or cut them out altogether). You will see an immediate reward. Instead of feeling tired, rundown and mean when you get up in the morning, you will feel refreshed and ready to make the world work for you, rather than against you.

Isn't that the way life should be anyway?

You will find the world is a better place to live, work and play when you feel better... and when you LIVE SAFE.

And you are not alone. Recent studies show more than two-thirds of us are doing it. You can too. Living safe can be fun. Give it a try!

If you need any help in making the change, call our phone line (236-CITY). We will be happy to talk it over with

SAFESEX GUIDELINES

ALL OF US SHOULD BE FOLLOWING THESE

- don't share needles (I.V. drugs)
- use condoms during hetero- or homosexual coitus
- don't give or recieve any semen into any orifice
- don't exchange blood, urine, or feces either
- reduce your number of sexual partners
- Maintain good general health habits
- Limit drug and alcohol consumption
- minimize reactions to stress



FCN ATTENDS NIDA CONFERENCE

Of the four Savannahians attending a recent AIDS "Training of Trainers" conference sponsored by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), three were FCN members: Amy, Jim, and Lawrence. In cooperation with the Georgia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse, the 3½ day series offered the latest information on AIDS, its transmission, and educational techniques conducive to providing lectures. A special emphasis was placed on I.V. drug users and their sexual partners, currently the most rapidly growing "high-risk" group in the United States. Area healthcare organizations are eligible for free training seminars by FCN's teaching staff by calling 236-CITY.

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COALITION OF AIDS DRAFTS LETTER

The Coastal Area Social Services & Healthcare Professionals Coalition on AIDS has completed a formal draft and mailed a letter to the Honorable Charles C. Brooks, Chairperson of the Chatham County Commissioners. In the letter, the Coalition on AIDS (COA) asks Commissioner Brooks to meet with a committee of COA representatives to begin the formal establishment of a Coastal Empire AIDS task force. COA can demonstrate a significant lack of coordinated case management and services for PWAs (persons with AIDS). Areas specifically cited in the COA letter include housing, infection control, education, refusal by public healthcare facilities to treat AIDS victims and those with positive antibody results on the HIV test, and sociolegal ramifications. We are firm in our resolve to establish the same level of care for PWAs as is afforded individuals with other medical illnesses in the Coastal Empire. Continue reading the Network News for further information regarding Commissioner Brooks response to COA's concerns.

People Helping People

TO THE RESCUE

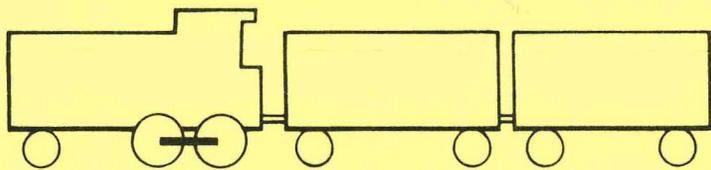
Last week a friend to many Gays and Lesbians in the community (Leon, from Captain Video) had an unfortunate catastrophe in his life - a very damaging fire in his apartment. Many of his personal belongings were destroyed. If any of you out there want to give your condolences or donations you can contact him through Captain Video, phone - 232-2951. He has been one of our main advertisers in the Network News.

FUNDRAISER HELD AT FACES

Over \$200. was received at the door of Faces September 19th and 20th to benefit First City Network. Jonathan and his "Casino/Carnival" staff dressed and role-played their parts to perfection: blackjack dealers, balloon dart carnies, horse sweepstakes managers, and chance hawkers.

It was disappointing not to see more of you members there. Your subscription/membership alone does not cover the actual costs of producing the Network News, pay for our meeting space rental, or the numerous other expenses necessary to keep the Coastal Empire's only Gay and Lesbian organization alive and growing. We must have your support for the few volunteers that cover consistently for those (paid, but not actively, personally involved) members who equally benefit from the dedicated members' work. Yes, this does sound like a 'lecture'. We are a community of beings striving for the same aspirations: wanting the Coastal Empire to accept us as equal participants in society. When you see future events scheduled, warm our hearts and souls by making every effort to attend.

Lecture over.



FACES WEEKLYS

MONDAY Beer Night, All Night Domestic Beer \$1.25

TUESDAY Movie Night, Popcorn House Drinks,
\$1.25 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; \$1.50 9 p.m. - 12 p.m.;
\$1.75 12 midnight - 3 a.m.

WEDNESDAY Oldies But Goodies Night 2-for-1
House Drinks, 7 p.m. - 12 midnight, No Entrance Fee

THURSDAY Silver Saloon Night Domestic Beer
and a Shot, or a Happy Face, \$2.00 7 p.m. - 12 midnight

FRIDAY Pool & Bowling Tournament and
Womyn's Night on the Patio

SATURDAY Cabaret Night Doors open 8:00 p.m.
\$2.00 cover ½ hour before show only

SUNDAY Patio Feast 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Tea Dance 7 p.m. - 12 midnight

HAPPY HOUR DAILY

Monday through Friday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
All House Drinks and Domestic Beers \$1.25

102 EAST BROAD STREET

AIDS AND THE 1987 BUDGET

In an article from The Optimist, a publication of the AIDS Project Los Angeles, by Dave DePino: The House and Senate have now passed their respective "first drafts" of the Fiscal Year 1987 budget. The two versions differ substantially in their allocations to military vs. domestic spending. Predictably the House would cut fewer domestic programs than the Senate, and the Senate would give more to the military than the House. There are also differences in the way each house would increase revenues to offset spending. The revenue and domestic vs. military spending issues will define the budget dialogue for the rest of the year.

Because the AIDS Action Council and its other lobbyist colleagues have laid effective groundwork for action, both the House and Senate are disposed to increase overall AIDS appropriations in 1987--- the House by as much as \$100 million in new funding, and the Senate by an as yet unspecified amount. Even the Administration is coming around: after Congress rejected its request for \$41 million in 1986 AIDS-related cuts, public Health Service managers were instructed to revise their 1987 AIDS request upward (from an initial 1987 request for \$203 million... \$31 million less than PHS is actually spending in 1986... to what the Council has learned is a revised 1987 estimate of about \$317 million for AIDS).

The AIDS Action Council is pressing hard for \$394 million in 1987. Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Ma) has introduced a bill, S.2345, which would provide substantial networks in at least 23 major American cities where such networks do not now exist. The Council supports this bill strongly, and is working with Sen. Kennedy's staff and other Senate staffs to craft it into model legislation that addresses long-term care and service needs. You should commend Mr. Kennedy for his foresight and initiative. Encourage him to work closely with the Council and others to make his bill a landmark in the fight against AIDS. Address Sen. Kennedy at: SR-113 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510; Ph: (202) 224-4543, to the attention of Mona Sarfaty, Ph.D.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LESBIAN & GAY GERONTOLOGY listed in your FCN brochure recently changed its address and phone number. the correction should read 1853 Market St. c/o Operation Concern; San Francisco, Ca. 94103-1112. (415) 626-7000. What? You don't have our free information and referral brochure? Call 236-CITY.

JERRY'S NEW PHONE

Jerry Falwell has instituted a 24 hr. toll free number (each call costing \$1.) for counseling pregnant women out of having an abortion. Charge one up for Jerry, call 1-800-368-3336.



LOTS OF CHOICES NOW

PUBLIC LEAVETAKING

Lovers on a park bench
aching to touch
sat chastely within reach
surrounding silence filled the space
between them
with imaginary stroking

I caressed your face
with my eyes
traced the outline of your breast
with my fingertips
on the rough wood

tasted your sweetness
in my memory
and ached
wanting you to know
this exquisite pain

spoke loving words
to scampering squirrels
and hoped
you knew

the words were for you

shed my tears
at our parting
over some trite tale

and wondered
if you knew

the tears were for you

Pat Voelker
Savannah, April, '86

GIVE US A PIECE OF YOUR MIND

The fat woman
in the blue bathing suit
with polkadots and flowers
and a skirt
is watching me.
She doesn't realize
that I am watching her
through the polarized
anonymous non-eyes
of my sunglasses.

Guess she doesn't like
green bikinis
or girls who can wear them.
She should
green is her color.

Dana Stern



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- November 15th Saturday Brighter Day Thanksgiving Feast. 11am - 2pm. For information call Peter & Janie, 236-4703.
- November 16th Sunday Men's Potluck Dinner, Good food and small talk. Call Bill for more info. 233-0956 or call 236-CITY
- November 17th Monday In observance of National Hospice Month, a lecture on "Grief and Bereavement at the Mall Branch Lib-rary, 12-1:30p and again at 7-8:30p.
- November 18th Tuesday Hoistic Health Group "Herb Gardening" lecture. 7pm-9pm. Armstrong State Col-lege Health Science Bldg \$2.00
- November 22nd Saturday Basket Weaving Workshop 12:00 noon. Admission: \$3 non-members, \$2. FCN members. Bring clippers. For info. call Jan at 354-1580.
- November 23rd Sunday Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck Gathering. At 321 E. York St. 5:00pm Come feast with us.
- November 27th Thursday Thanksgiving Day

- December 7th Sunday Christmas Tree decorating party. Bring any home-made ideas to share or use ours. Bill and Leroy's, 4:00pm Call for location. 233-0956 or 236-CITY.
- December 14th Sunday Shelley Ainsworth, Director of Safe Shelter speaks on Domestic Violence. Admission: \$1. and 1 can of food for non-members. For FCN members, 1 can of food.
- December 25th Thursday Christmas Day
- December 27th Saturday Hanukkah
- December 28th Sunday Christmas Pot Luck and Wassail Gathering. 321 E. York. St. 5:00pm Bring your out of town friends

WARNING...WARNING...

Just wanted to let you know that as of January 1st, the price of the newsletter only will 'jump' from \$8. per year to \$10. per year. After a year, we have acquired a clearer understanding of the cost of printing and mailing. Although we are trying to keep cost down so that all interested parties can afford to receive our newsletter, the increase was inevitable. But if you love our newsletter as much as we do, what's a \$2. increase?

BOWLING LEAGUE

Information is being gathered to begin a bowling league. Major League Lanes has been contacted on Tibet Ave. Requirements are 24 persons to form a league with times available being after 9pm. most any day of the week. FCN is looking for someone with the initiative to arrange and organize this much talked about sport. Play is 3 games for total cost of \$5.20 per person plus shoes (90¢). Anyone interested please call 236-CITY and leave your name and phone #. We will return your call.

DON'T "SHELL" OUT FOR APARTHEID

Royal Dutch/Shell, (hereafter called "Shell") the largest corporation in the world in terms of assets, produces and sells products under the names of more than 300 subsidiaries, including Shell Oil in the United States and Shell South Africa.

Shell is one of the most important suppliers of crucial materials to the South African government and the apartheid economy. They supply fuel to the South African military and police. South Africa has no oil of its own. If Shell did not supply oil and petroleum products, the South African government could not continue to keep more than 80% of the population herded into designated living areas and reservations, confined to approved jobs and separated from other family members. By providing oil to the South African government, Shell is helping to make the battle to end apartheid longer and bloodier.

Furhtermore, Shell exports goods produced under apartheid to undercut American jobs. In the 1970's Shell helped finance the masive Richard's Bay coal export terminal in South Africa. Because of the terminal, annual coal exports from South Africa to potential U.S. customers in Europe and Asia are now 10 times greater than in 1975. Shell itself exports 6 million tons of apartheid coal per year.

Black South Africans do not benefit from this booming industry. In return for their back-breaking work they receive slave-wages, armed guards forcing miners back to work during an attempt at a memorial service for a worker killed in a mine accident, and often no benefits, job rights or health and safety protection.

Foreign trade and investment keeps apartheid alive. Please don't be apart of this atrocity against black South Africans. World-wide, people are boycotting Shell products listed below, won't you join in the struggle?

- *Shell gasoline products
- *Motor Oils (Mysella, Fire & Ice, etc.)
- *Automotive Products (Comfort Ride, Meridyne radios, Sentinel batteries and repairs)
- *Home Products (Heritage furniture polish, Shell Flea Collars, some air fresheners, and Tegen roofing)

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"Women of rank and fortune... should determine to employ women only, wherever they can be employed; they should procure female instructors for their children; they should frequent no shops that are not served by women; they should wear no clothes that are not made by them; they should reward them as liberally as they do the men who have hitherto supplanted them."
-Priscilla Wakefield, Reflections on the Present Condition of the Female Sex 1798.

TOM TRIPLETT SUPPORTS SODOMY LAWS

At the October 15th Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the Southeast Georgia Unit of the National Association of Social Workers, held at The Pirates' House, FCN president and SGU/NASW executive committee member Lawrence Marley made a presentation to area legislators regarding legislation affecting Lesbian and Gay citizens. Concerns for the need for improvements in the legislators' response to Georgia's AIDS crisis were also aired. Lawrence requested that the legislators support House Bill 184 as a replacement for the current (archaic) sodomy law for Georgia. Representative Tom Triplett (D) responded to the presentation by saying he SUPPORTS (!) the Sodomy Law as it is currently written, even after Lawrence had explained its heterosexual nature. Rep. Triplett said that the law was "traditional" and that it had "served well all these years". In addition, he stated he not only supported the current law but would also oppose new legislation repealing it. In response, Lawrence pointed out that using "tradition" as a basis for supporting such laws would have maintained the slavery laws for all black people and would have prevented womyn from being allowed to vote. Rep. Triplett left the luncheon soon after this interaction.

Current Georgia Sodomy Law (enacted 1833) defines Sodomy as "when (a person) performs or submits to any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another." Lawrence pointed out to the legislators and social workers present that "probably 80% of Georgians are Sodomites by the current law, in its sexism, defines sex organs as the genitalia of a man and the breasts and genitalia of a woman. Thus, even a married couple, alone in the privacy of their bedroom where there is contact between the man's mouth and the woman's breasts has committed Sodomy".

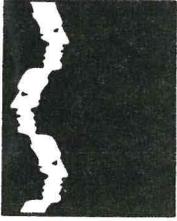
You may write Representative Tom Triplett at Box 9586, Savannah 31402, or call 944-3200. He represents District 128.



COASTAL EMPIRE'S SECOND GAY AND LESBIAN POSITIVE GROUP FORMS

The "Dignity Group", a Lesbian and Gay Positive Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al Anon chapter contacted FCN to advertise their presence in the Savannah area. Dignity Group representative, James H. said they will continue to meet every Monday and Thursday at 8:30pm inside the 'Chapel' entrance of St. Thomas Orthodox Church at 106 West Gwinnett St. These are all "open meetings" and they welcome your involvement as well as your loved ones. James H. pointed out that the group is not affiliated with any particular group or faith. For additional information, call him at 238-5146. FCN welcomes Dignity Group!





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Organizer

HOSPICE: A HOLISTIC AND CARING APPROACH TO DEATH AND DYING

It was July 4 when one of my best friends called from a D.C. hospital to tell me he had been diagnosed with AIDS and had pneumocystis pneumonia. Immediately I began asking myself the questions he too must have been asking, "Why Moses? Why now at the age of 35 was he given a death sentence? How could something like this happen to a gentle, loving man? A man who has been more of a brother to me than the four born to my family?" Anger and denial are two common responses to death according to Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. How could I give Moses hope when we both knew death was inevitable?

It was for rather selfish reasons then, that I signed up for the Hospice Savannah Volunteer's Training Course this Fall. I wanted to understand and accept my friend's impending death and I wanted to be emotionally, spiritually, and physically supportive to him in the last months (perhaps year) of his life.

What I found at Hospice Savannah was a room filled with warm-hearted, caring people - social workers, R.N.s, a doctor, counselors and many volunteers. The Hospice philosophy I was introduced to is a philosophy that recognizes that death is a natural part of life; it is the final stage of growth. The Hospice approach to death and dying is one in which a terminally ill person with a prognosis of six months or less and her/his chosen family are given support in the dying process, in the death, and in the bereavement period that follows. Hospice allows a dying person to choose to die with dignity, without pain, surrounded by her/his loved ones, and in a familiar setting (often the home).

In Medieval times hospices were way stations for weary travelers. They were also places for the poor, the sick, and the dying to take refuge. The modern Hospice movement was founded by Dr. Cecily Saunders in London in 1967. There are now over 1400 Hospices; Georgia has 18.

Hospice Savannah is a private, non-profit agency. There are no age, race, sex, or income restrictions for services. By providing medical, social, economic, and spiritual support and services to terminally ill patients and their families, Hospice is designed to improve the quality of life in the period of death and dying. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

Moses has been in and out of the hospital four times since July. We have held each other and cried. We have also laughed and giggled. He still has goals and he still has hope to live each day to its fullest. Hospice training has helped me accept his approaching death, but it has also helped me treasure the life he embodies. The training has prepared me to work as a volunteer with other terminally ill people. And probably one of the most important side effects is the ability to look ahead and to prepare for my own death and dying, whenever that comes.

Death may be a time of sadness and fear of the unknown, but it can also be a time of expansion and joy in that miraculous phenomenon called Life. Sister Brigid Buttmer, Pastoral Counselor for Hospice Savannah, shared a passage from one of Harold Kushner's books that sums up the Hospice approach: "It is better to die living than to live dying." If you or anyone you know needs Hospice care, call (912) 236-1182.

November is National Hospice Month. One of the community education programs being offered is a lecture, "Understanding Grief and Bereavement", Monday, November 17, Mall Branch Library. 12:00pm - 1:30pm. Repeat session from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

EXPERIMENTAL AIDS MEDICATION

The Food and Drug Administration today approved a "treatment" investigational new drug application for the experimental AIDS medication, AZT. Burroughs Wellcome Co. applied for this broadened use of the drug Friday, Sept. 26.

Assistant Secretary for Health Robert E. Windom, M.D., at the AZT press conference Sept. 19, asked FDA to act promptly on this drug for specific AIDS patients. As a result, FDA developed what it calls 1-AA designation for all AIDS and AIDS-related drugs. This gives AIDS drugs highest priority in FDA's review units.

The "1-AA" designation is an extension of the official 1-A, 1-B, 1-C classification system FDA uses to prioritize drugs within the approval process. Under this 1-AA designation AIDS drugs and AIDS-related drugs receive top priority within the agency. AIDS and AIDS-related drug developers will get special pre-investigational new drug consultation with the agency to facilitate rapid and effective clinical studies. In addition, AIDS and AIDS-related drugs will continue to receive prompt consideration for Orphan Drug Status—entitling their developers to certain tax and other financial incentives.

For detailed information on the patient eligibility criteria established under this treatment investigational new drug exemption contact the AZT Treatment IND information line at (800) 843-9388.

COASTAL CITIZENS FOR
A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

CCCE meets every other month (January, March, May, etc.) on the second Wednesday, at 7:30pm at the Mall Branch Library. However, in November the meeting is Thursday the 13th at usual time and location. November's speaker will be Catherine Varnedoe who will speak on the topic: Beyond War: a New Way of Thinking. A video about the organization Beyond War will also be shown. FCN members are encouraged to attend, call Miriam at 897-4546 for more information about CCCE's meetings and projects.

HELP FOR EMMA

Emma, Network News Editor is looking for someone to take on responsibilities of advertising coordinator for the newsletter. Duties to include: contacting prospects, gathering of ads (ready to print) for newsletter, billing and collections. Anyone interested please call 236-CITY and ask for Emma. She will return your call as soon as possible.

**Would You
Believe...**

Letters to the Editor

Emma,
Never again this
much stuff at this
late date.

Bill

As you can see, I have been reprimanded by my typesetter for not keeping to deadlines as I should. This cannot be repeated lest I lose my valuable help. So, absolute deadline for all entries to the newsletter must be submitted to the Network News by the 1st of the month thus allowing time for editing. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Please work with me. However all early entries will be appreciated by both Emma and Bill. Again, sorry Bill, and thanks!

Emma

SEXUAL PREFERENCE AN ISSUE IN

BRUTAL MURDER

Recently an Armstrong State College Professor was murdered. A News/Press article quoted a detective on the case as making a reference to the professor's alleged sexual preference and invitation of the accused killers into his home. The detective felt it was important to point out that the accused murderers hadn't broken in and killed the man, they were invited in and then purportedly killed the man. FCN would like to know: "WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE???" The equivalent to such heterosexism is found in rape cases where the prosecutor makes comments about the type of clothing the victim wore, how much s/he had to drink, or about her/his moral background. Statements as to whether a womyn or man invites someone to their home or bedroom ascribes the belief that once you say "I will" precludes your right to say "I won't". That's what 'date rape' cases have to deal with all the time. The ASC professor's rights to live seem to have been questioned in this case... and that's scary.

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NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD ADOPTS GAY RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS

In Atlanta Georgia, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association adopted three important resolutions supporting the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men. The NLADA is now on record as advocating legislation barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, strong legal protections against AIDS related discrimination, and repeal of state sodomy laws. The resolutions were submitted by National Gay Rights Advocates, the California-based public interest law firm.

"It is particularly significant that these resolutions were approved in Georgia, a state that imposes a 20 year prison sentence on all relationships not involved in procreation," said Leonard Draff, NGRA Legal Director. "It is of critical importance to have legal associations supporting policies which embrace fundamental liberties."

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, praised the NLADA for having the courage to take a leadership position in the battle for Gay civil rights. "These resolutions are another sign that support for Gay and Lesbian rights is increasing, even in oppressive times. The NLADA resolution will have a positive impact on lawyers around the nation," she said.

The NLADA is comprised of over 1100 organizations representing more than 15,000 lawyers.

On July 16, Lesbian and Gay activists from around the U.S. met in New York City to begin a national organizing effort for a March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Our rights to live and love as we choose are under attack from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Justice Dept., neo-fascist followers of Lyndon LaRouche and an assortment of racist bigots masquerading as Christians.

In 1979, some 250,000 marched on Washington in the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Now it's time for us to go back, to say no to all attempts, from whatever quarter, to push us back into the closet and slam the door shut.

Anyone interested in information concerning this March, please contact FCN at 236-CITY.

WSVH FM 91 WILLING TO REVIEW WOMYN'S MUSIC

After our third letter to Opus91, the membership magazine for Savannah's Public Radio, FCN decided to call the station's manager. We had requested consideration for a review of our members' collection of womyn's music. Although we have yet to receive a written response, FCN was told by phone that we could submit a tape. O.K., let's not wait for a written invitation any longer, womyn, now is your opportunity. A volunteer to edit a sample tape needs to call FCN at 236-CITY.

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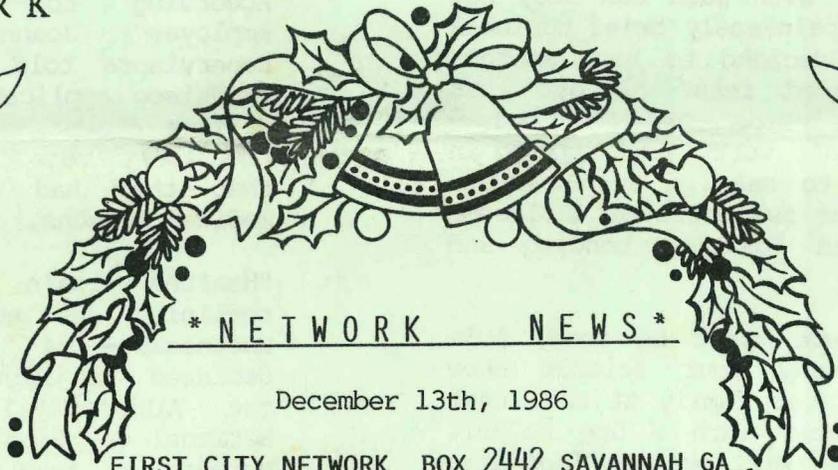
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...toward a Lesbian and Gay Positive community.

Our group is an organization of concerned citizens, who are focusing on the establishment of a Gay Positive community. We are striving for a forum in which our members are able to share ideas and strengths, stimulate personal growth, and enhance opportunities for socialization. The organization provides national, state and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.



// // WELCOME // // // // // // // NEW READER

If this is your first Network News, we welcome you and hope you enjoy reading and learning more about Gay and Lesbian issues. If you are considering joining our mailing list, just call 236-CITY, leave your name and address and the first two mailings are on us. After these two mailings you will be asked to pay \$15 for individual membership or \$25 for business membership (or \$8 for the newsletter only) to the First City Network in order to be kept on our list. So what are you waiting for? Your membership/subscription will help support Savannah's first Gay and Lesbian positive organization and newsletter. We need your support cause we are all in this together, so make that call.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 14th Sunday Shelley Ainsworth, Director of Safe Shelter speaks on Domestic Violence. Admission: \$1. and 1 can of food for non-members. For FCN members, 1 can of food.
- December 16 Tuesday Holistic Health Network meeting. Allied Health Bldg. Armstrong State College. \$2 for non-members.
- December 25th Thursday Christmas Day
- December 27th Saturday Hanukkah

- December 28th Sunday Christmas Pot Luck and Wassail Gathering. 321 E. York. St. 5:00pm Bring your out of town friends
- January 11 Sunday Emma Talk on New Year Resolutions. Bring your wish list.
- January 12 Monday Network News stuffing. 8pm. Call 236-CITY for more info.
- January 15 Thursday Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.
- January 19 Monday Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 24 Saturday Another basket weaving workshop by popular demand. Call Jan at 354-1580. \$2. FCN members, \$3. for non-members.
- January 25 Sunday Dinner Meeting. Menu and other particulars to be announced. Stay tuned!

Calendars

A YEAR OF GAYS

We just had to create a Gay and Lesbian Positive calendar... besides, it's a moneymaker for FCN (all profits go to FCN's account). Of course it's pink! In addition, the calendar list some famous/infamous Lesbians and Gays by their birthmonth. For \$3.00 we'll be happy to get one to you, even if we have to mail it (it'd be easiest if you'd simply attend the next meeting). Makes a great stocking stuffer. Send your \$3.00 ASAP to First City Network, Box 2442, Savannah, 31401.

Recipe for good living

FOOD IS WHERE THE GAYS & LESBIANS ARE

We had our largest turnout for a FCN Sunday Meeting (every 2nd and 4th Sunday) in quite awhile. 35 attended our covered-dish dinner... the food was incredible, wasn't it? We had so much variety that kept coming in the door as others were already in the serving line that we finally had to set up a separate dessert table. With such fun had, not to mention the painlessly brief business meeting, we've decided to have another scrumptious shared feast at our last meeting for the year: December 28th @ 5pm PROMPT. Don't worry about calling in what you plan to make... surprise us. Just join us for two hours of wholesome Gay and Lesbian Positive bonding and support.

Even though there won't be food, it's important you and your friends show solidarity with our family at our next meeting: December 14th @ 5pm PROMPT. Shelley Ainsworth will present 'domestic violence' as a topic for our consideration. You'll find Shelley's perspectives intriguing... you'll want to hear and share information surrounding thoughts on the incidence of Lesbian and Gay battering... yes in our family as well.

Please be with us. Bring someone you care about.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO GET TO KNOW US BETTER.



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OVERCOMING OUR RESISTANCE

"The right to vote, or equal civil rights, may be good demands, but true emancipation begins neither at polls nor in the courts. It begins in a woman's soul."

Emma Goldman,
"Woman Suffrage," Anarchism
and Other Essays, 1911

HEALTH PLAN ADOPTS SECRET AIDS POLICY-- REJECT ALL SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS

San Francisco— National Gay Rights Advocates has filed a \$500,000 consumer fraud complaint with the California Department of Corporations against HealthAmerica, a local health maintenance organization. HealthAmerica is charged with secretly redlining the city of San Francisco in an attempt to avoid AIDS-related medical expenses. According to former HealthAmerica employee Joanna Baugh, company supervisors told her to take all San Francisco applications and hide them in a desk drawer. These applicants were then sent rejection letters indicating that they had been turned down for medical reasons.

"HealthAmerica's crude policy of redlining is not only illegal and unethical— it is medically absurd," declared Benjamin Schatz, Director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of National Gay Rights Advocates. "AIDS is neither a 'gay disease' nor a 'San Francisco disease'—it is a national problem which affects men, women and children of all races and sexual orientations."

"It is time for the health care industry to realize that it can't avoid the costs of AIDS by resorting to scapegoating and stereotyping," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "If insurance companies and health plans are allowed to arbitrarily exclude entire social groups, more Americans will have to rely upon Medicare, Medicaid, and public hospitals if they become ill. In the long run, it's the taxpayers who will be forced to pick up the bill."

In its complaint against HealthAmerica, NGRA seeks the maximum penalty allowed by law— \$2,500 for each violation. Since the number of people defrauded by the company is at least two hundred, NGRA is calling for a fine of more than \$500,000. In addition, NGRA urges the Department of Corporations to require HealthAmerica to admit all San Francisco applicants who were unfairly rejected and to pay them for any increased costs which they incurred. If HealthAmerica fails to comply with these measures, NGRA will demand that the company's license be revoked.

Classified Marketplace

For Rent: Ardsley Park efficiency garage apartment, prime location. \$225/mo. & utilities. Call 238-3260 for more info.

The signs of change.

YELLOWPAGES ACCEPTS FCN'S TERMS

The words "Gay" and "Lesbian" seem to offend a number of individuals. Last year in fact, BellSouth (whose policies are the same for a 5 state region) refused to allow the presence of preferred terms last year in our YellowPages listing (see page 464 - Social Service Organizations). This forcing a cumbersome extra (and costly) line to convey our commitment to a Gay Positive identity.

Look for a dramatic change this year: we will be listed under Clubs with the revised (and approved) text: "First City Network... Gay and Lesbian Positive Information". "First City Network" will be in bold print at a \$1.00 monthly increase for the upcoming city directories.

AND

WOMYN'S MUSIC AT HOME?

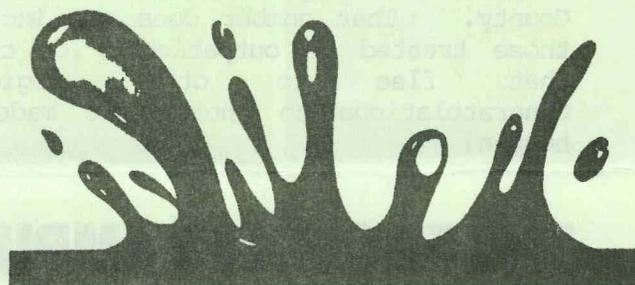
Larry Roberts, General Manager at WSVH FM 91 (Public Radio) has agreed to have his staff review our proposed Womyn's recordings. Carolyn has offered to record your favorite selection(s) onto a master tape (she has dubbing equipment). We will in turn submit this completed master to the station for their review (and hopefully approval). So if you have some choice selections at home, call Carolyn at 355-2500, when she's completed the process, we'll let you know. We have only a month though, so give Carolyn a call.

AND

GAY/LESBIAN GROUP EXPERIENCE

Diane Wilson of Adult Counseling at Tidelands Community Mental Health Center is starting a support group for Lesbians and Gays wanting to explore more closely their feelings about themselves, their sexuality, and society. Since the counseling group is just starting, now is an excellent time to call Diane at 944-2072 or write Box 23407, Savannah. See, Savannah may yet accept our people into the mainstream of services and society.

Our warmest thanks to the "Tidelands' community of professionals" who have been instrumental in initiating this special outreach option to Gay and Lesbian consumers.



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CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES AIDS TASK FORCE

Amy Estelle and Lawrence Marley had the pleasure of observing the approval by the Chatham County Commission of a proposal to create a locally focused Ad Hoc task force to investigate the current treatment and support of our PWA (person with AIDS) citizens. Assistant County Manager Pat Monihan will lead the group. A list of over 20 names for consideration for invitation to serve was given to Commission members Friday, November 21st by Lawrence after he had addressed the group.

The Commission had the AIDS Task Force on that day's agenda due to the efforts of COA (Coastal Area Healthcare Professionals' Coalition on AIDS), which in turn was initially organized by volunteers from First City Network. Small world, isn't it? Finally this area may be talking about alternatives to hospitalization, hospice and palliative care options, supportive network, some care and hope for the ill and shunned. Over 35 PWAs have been treated in a hospital setting already in Chatham County. That number does not include those treated as outpatients, or those that flee to other regions. Congratulations to those that made it happen!

THE TROUBLED EMPIRE

The United States handgun body count for the month of September, 1981 was estimated at 690. That is more than two-and-half times the number of people killed in Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, and West Germany during one entire year.

1986...?

INDUSTRY GIANT TAKES A FALL IN GEORGIA

National Gay Rights Advocates has forced the nation's largest insurance investigative organization to revoke its guidelines for identifying people at risk for AIDS. The guidelines were issued by Equifax, Inc., an Atlanta-based corporation, which performs detective work for most of the nation's insurance companies.

Equifax had instructed its investigators to help insurance companies screen out "high risk" applicants by highlighting their "lifestyles." Factors such as marital status, gender, occupation, "living arrangements" and "irregular beneficiary" were to be brought to the special attention of the insurance companies. When NGRA threatened to sue Equifax for discriminating against gay people, Equifax backed down and revoked its guidelines.

FCN GOES TO THE THEATER

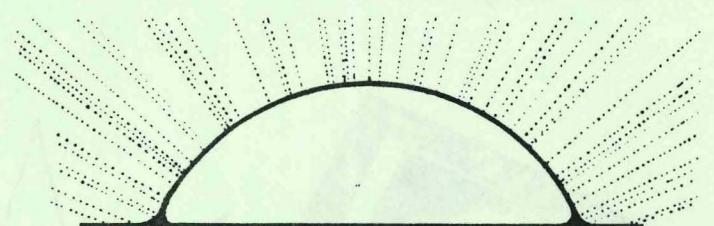
We may have goofed in not putting a thanks in the last newsletter to Jim Holt, the manager of City Lights Theater, so we'll do it this time.

Thank you Jim for the generosity when you gave First City Network 20 tickets to see "Night Watch". Not surprisingly so, we had only 5 people take him up on the offer, but those five had a suspense filled evening. The play was terrific and had us on the edge of our seats until the very last minute. Again, thanks Jim.

EDITOR'S NOTES

As the new year approaches we can look back and see where we've been. But now it is time to move ahead and this is where you come in. We at FCN need to set goals for the coming year. An organization without goals leads a meaningless existence. This cannot happen to the first Gay and Lesbian positive organization in Savannah Georgia. The active members of FCN have worked hard to get to this point but we need the ideas of all the members and readership in order to meet the needs of all its people. So on January 14th at 5pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 321 E. York St., come to another Emma Talk and get some things off your chest. Let's make setting our objectives for the new year as our New Year's Resolution.

Emma



SUMMING IT UP

Just wanted to let you know that as of January 1st, the price of the newsletter only will 'jump' from \$8. per year to \$10. per year. After a year, we have acquired a clearer understanding of the cost of printing and mailing. Although we are trying to keep cost down so that all interested parties can afford to receive our newsletter, the increase was inevitable. But if you love our newsletter as much as we do, what's a \$2. increase?

WE ALL PAY THE PRICE.

HAVE YOU HAD IT WITH SAVANNAH'S OBNOXIOUS INDUSTRIAL ODORS?

If so, please join the growing number of Savannahians who are agitating for the removal of "that awful smell".

DID YOU KNOW?

1. "The air you breath conatins the equivalant of twenty truckloads of toxic substances daily (over 200 million pounds per year). Our local paper mills are responsible for over 50% of this air pollution."
- Savannah News Press
2. "In 1981, the Georgia Legislature passed a law requiring the removal of air pollution caused by smoke-stack industries. (This law is not being enforced)"
- Board of Georgia Environmental Protection Division Publication 391-3-1
3. "Hydrogen sulfide is not just an unpleasant odor; it's a toxic gas."
- Kraft Pulping: Control of TRS Emmission from Existing Mills(EPA)

Coastal Citizens for a Clean Environment has adopted the "air issue" as our project for this year. Please join us.

Call or write your County Commissioners to voice your concern. Call City Hall for the phone number and address of your commissioner. Write a letter to the Savannah News Press.

Sign our petition at the next FCN meeting.

Bill McLaughlin



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'DEAL OF CENTURY' DELAYED

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS has postponed a satirical movie that had been scheduled for next week because it is about international arms sales and too similar to recent news events, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

The movie, "Deal of the Century," is a satire about arms merchants who run into difficulties in South America.

CBS spokeswoman Anne Luzzato said the movie, originally set for Tuesday (Dec. 2) was postponed "because of recent news events" - the controversy over the Reagan administration's sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

It is being replaced by another movie, "Risky Business."

Jeffery A. Bernstein, a spokesman for Warner Brothers which produced "Deal of the Century," told The New York Times on Wednesday that the postponement by CBS "wasn't for any political reason."

Savannah News-Press, November 29, "Seven Days in Savannah"

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I hate my friends
Let me tell you why
Its the way that they laugh
And won't tell me lies
Whenever I've been stupid
They're there to remind
"Hey! You'd better watch it! ...
You're getting out of line."

They make up all those stories
That usually include
Things I don't remember
That happened in the nude
And after the big party
Where I was acting oh so cool
The next day they all tell me
"You acted like a fool."

They're better than most lovers,
More constant than most work
And tactfully they point out
That you're going quite beserk.
But if there's definitely one thing
That I hate the worst of all
Its not having any friends for
Me to hate with at all.

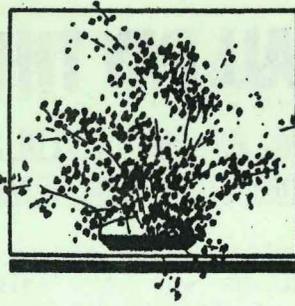
Deborah Faye
Janice Lynn

As we sit by the gas log fire, with Bub
and Ed frolicking, our love turns red
and green into gold.

A NEW ONE

A new person on a rainy and cold day.
A new woman that brings flowers
And sunshine, with
A voice of a thousand instruments,
Soothing and welcome.
Feelings of being talked to through
Those songs.
Maybe these feelings are delusions?
Fine and beautiful delusions.
Or are they illusions of reality?

Patty L. "1980"



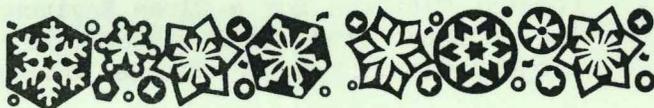
From the Grapevine

If you happen to see a very goodlooking &
skillfull group of volleyballing people
in Daffin Park on every dry Sunday at
2pm., take a second look. It is us.
Come and join us in the sport or the
spectating.

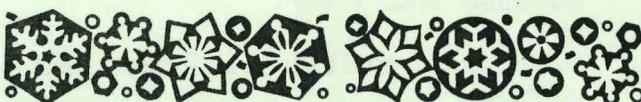


Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Albert and Danny! Many
more... Love, Richard.



Shhhhh! What River Street 'bar and
eatery' has a large crowd of our people
on Sunday evenings?



Rumor Hath It. Recently a sizable group
of Lesbians were seen eating at Crystal
Beer Parlor with traveling musician
Elaine Townsend. Much food was eaten
and much comradery shared with the
waitress who had 10 brothers and 3
sisters. Incidentally, 3 handsome
bartenders from Faces were on their way
out when they heard the raucous laughter.



Happy
Holidays

WITH LOVE



We would like to take a minute out to
wish each of you the best for this
season, whether it be Christmas,
Hanukkah, or the Winter Solstice, our
hope is that you will spend it in love
and joy. ...your editor, Emma & typist,
Bill.