

WELCOME TO . . .  
**APRIL**

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>ARIES March 20-April 18. TAURUS April 19-May 19.</p> <p>Flower: Sweet Pea Birthstone: Diamond.</p>	<p>April 1-2 in Jacksonville: FOOD FEST &amp; BLESSING OF THE FLEET at the city's Riverwalk.</p>	<p>Join us for a relaxing Spring day at the FCN Garden Party on the 1st. Bobby &amp; Michael have created one of Savannah's unique flowering gardens.</p>	<p>Also on April 1: SUGAR BABIES with Mimi Hines &amp; Phil Ford, 8 pm at the Civic Center, 234-6666.</p> <p>ANNUAL CLEAN UP SAVANNAH CAMPAIGN the 1st &amp; 2nd.</p>	<p>Also on APRIL 1: 10 am - 2 pm, GARDEN PARTY, free entry; wine, beer, Coke, hot dogs &amp; hamburgers available for a small donation to FCN; 318 E. 45th St.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>YARD SALE to benefit AIDS COASTAL EMPIRE from 9 until 1 pm at 318 E. 45th St. for pick-up of donations call Michael Kessler at 236-5339.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON born in 1805 in Denmark.</p> <p>MARLON BRANDO born in 1924 in Nebraska, "I too have had homosexual experiences I'm not ashamed".</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME April 2, turn clocks ahead Sunday at 2 am.</p> <p>MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL begins.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>AIDS COASTAL EMPIRE Support Group at 8 pm at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell, ground floor.</p> <p>"Advent of Modernism" by Dir. of Telfair, 8 pm.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>AIDS COASTAL EMPIRE (ACE) Board Meeting at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell St., ground floor at 7 pm.</p> <p>Author CHAIM POTOK lectures at the JEA at 8 pm.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>CHIPPENDALES at the Desoto Hilton, tickets available at the Civic Center.</p> <p>RAPHAEL born in 1483 in Italy, Renaissance painter.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>GAY AA at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell, ground floor, every Fri. at 8:30 pm (including holidays).</p> <p>CITY LIGHTS THEATER "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" thru the 9th.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>TOUR OF HOMES &amp; Gardens thru the 12th, call 234-8054.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>SCAD FOCUS WEEK: Architecture</p> <p>SAV. CONCERT ASSOCIATION presents music by the Royale Trio at the civic center.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>FCN BOARD MEETING at 7 pm at the ACE office.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>TELFAIR lunchtime films "Futurism" and "Ballet Mecanique", presented at 12:30, free; 232-1177.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>NIGHT IN OLD SAVANNAH thru the 15 at The Savannah Visitors Center on West Broad; The Tams are on main stage tonight.</p> <p>HERITAGE CLASSIC on Hilton Head thru 15th.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>GAY AA at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell, ground floor at 8:30 pm.</p> <p>NIOS features The Serendipity Singers tonight. NOGS GARDEN TOUR, 238-0248.</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>LEONARDO DA VINCI born in 1453 in Italy.</p> <p>SENATOR SAM NUNN: 303 Dirksen Senate office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Visit the ATLANTA GAY CENTER at 63 12th Street.</p> <p>GEORGIA CONSERVANCY 897-6462.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>AIDS COASTAL EMPIRE Support Group at 8 pm at the ACE office.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE, 1906.</p> <p>GEORGIA COLLECTS exhibit at the Telfair thru 6-11.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>AIDS COASTAL EMPIRE (ACE) Board Meeting at the ACE Office 335 Tattnell St., ground floor, at 7 pm.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>FULL MOON.</p> <p>BEAUFORT LITTLE THEATER "Arms &amp; the Man" thru the 23rd, (803) 524-8133.</p> <p>PASSOVER</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>GAY AA at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell, ground floor at 8:30 pm.</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>JAMES BUCHANAN, our only bachelor president, born 1791 in Penn.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>DANE EHTEL SMYTH born in 1858 in England, composer and early feminist.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>FCN MONTHLY MTG. &amp; Newsletter Stuffing at 7 pm at the ACE office; potluck dinner.</p> <p>Head of the Society of Cincinnati speaks at 7 at Scarbrough House.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE born in 1564 in England.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>MA RAINEY born in 1886 in Columbus, Georgia; great blues singer.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>GAY AA at the ACE Office, 335 Tattnell, ground floor at 8:30 pm.</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>ALICE B. TOKLAS born in 1877 in San Francisco.</p>					<p><b>29</b></p> <p>RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, a 30 acre 16th century village with jugglers &amp; knights, every weekend thru June 4th; south of Hartsfield Airport in Atlanta, (404) 964-8575.</p>

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**NETWORK NEWS**



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First City Network, Inc. is an organization of concerned citizens, focusing on the establishment of a Gay & Lesbian Positive Community. We are striving for a forum in which our members share ideas and strengths, stimulate personal growth, and enhance opportunities for socialization. First City Network, Inc. provides national, state, and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.



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APRIL '89

Welcome, Spring!



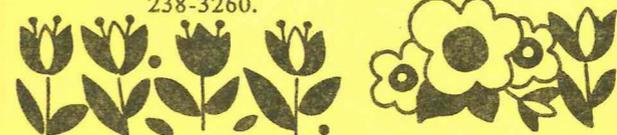
**April Fools' Fundraisers Saturday, April 1st**

**Yard Sale Sat - 2pm: NO 'EARLY BIRDS'!** Benefits ACE

Foundation. Michael K. hosts this annual event; your homosexually eclectic, rare, or typical yard sale item is still welcome for free pick up services by calling Michael K. at 236-5339. Held at 318 East 45th Street in Ardsley Park, at the beautiful home of Bobby & Michael B.

**Garden Party 10am - 4pm:**

Convenient to your Yard Sale plundering plans since it's held at the same location, but the Garden Party benefits the FCN Computer Fund. You've got to see this "backyard" to appreciate what a treat this will be: Personally guided tours by Bobby, plus *Deluxe* hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soft drinks, and our usual assortment of surprise treats ... all for a nominal donation to FCN. For Garden Party information, or to volunteer to help, call Bobby or Michael B. at 238-3260.



**typists needed !!!**

Assistance & training available on weekdays: 6pm - 10pm; & weekends: Noon - 4pm. Call if you can type during any of these prescheduled hours, April 15th through April 23rd: (912) 238-5858 (editor's home answering machine).

**The Prom is Coming!**

The Prom will be held on Saturday, June 10, 1989. Come join the fun at the Great Savannah Exposition Center, 303 West Broad Street.

\*Private parking, secluded and protected by private security.

\*Semi-formal and formal attire accepted.  
\*Music by the Veraflames (well known rockum-sockum entertainment).

\*Talented bartenders.  
\*PROM photographs-to-go (extra nominal fee).  
\*Dancing.

\*Come with a date or without.  
\*Random "King" and "Queen" prizes and gifts.  
\*It will be an evening to remember!

\*An added treat will be the famous "Day after Picnic" on Tybee Island the next day!

This is not a First City Network event, but you can call them for further information: (912) 236-CITY.

## Upcoming Events

**WATCH FOR DIFFERENT  
TIMES AND LOCATIONS**



### April Fools' Party

Saturday, April 1st:  
Fools' Cocktail Party 10pm  
- Midnight:

**ONLY THOSE DARING ENOUGH TO ATTEND  
ARE WELCOME** ...10pm to Midnight,  
**only**, cocktails, hors d'oeuvre, door prizes ...  
Donation to First City Network. At Lawrence  
Marley's: 123 West Gordon (4 doors  
from Barnard, facing Chatham Square, red  
door), phone 238-5858 for further information.

Fools' Finish at Midnight:

We all plan to continue our fun & games at *Club One*,  
#1 Jefferson at the stroke of Midnight.  
Join us to celebrate what surely will be a  
successful effort to support your Gay & Lesbian  
organization!

## Coming Event



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**BEGINNING IN MAY, ALL FCN MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE  
ACE OFFICE AT 335 TATNALL** (instead of at church & various Boardmembers' homes)

**Watch for further notice as to days-of-the-week**

(will probably schedule meetings for each Thursday)

**All FCN meeting times change from 8pm to 7pm**

## ACE Organizing Session

Sunday, April 2nd: Starting at 11am,

and probably lasting into the late afternoon, FCN members will volunteer to help *ACE Foundation* complete its filing system, and simply 'pow wow' with the ACE leadership as to how best continue planning as an AIDS services agency. Bring a covered dish to share ... we'll fix everything at the office at 335 Tatnall (there's a full-size kitchen on premises).

## FCN Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th: Everyone is

welcome. **NEW LOCATION**: ACE FOUNDATION, 335 TATNALL. Starts at **NEW TIME**: 7pm. Agenda is set at the beginning, is chaired by FCN president, Wilson Huff. Anyone is encouraged to come listen or speak on decisions about your corporation for Gays & Lesbians.

## Potluck & Newsletter Stuffing

Tuesday, April 25th: An unusual

calendar occurrence: both our Fourth Tuesday & Newsletter Stuffing dates coincide, so we're gonna do both at 335 Tatnall. Bring a dish to share if you'd like, but come anyways if you didn't have time to fix anything ... bring an appetite ... and wet tongue for all those newsletter stamps we might ask you to lick. Stuffings are always a hoot. Starts at 7pm.

\* This might be our last "Fourth Tuesday" as we will be scheduling all of FCN meetings on Thursdays most likely ... see May issue for this information.

## Share The Good Times...



### PROM '89 on June 10th!

\*Special Discount for Promwear available at "A. C. Thompkins Formal Shop" on Bull Street, near Washington intersection (next door to Stagefront Costumes) ... to those of you ordering for "The PROM", AC will give you a discount: his usual \$47.50 complete tuxedo and accessories will be \$40.00 plus tax ... he'll even throw in the shoes with no charge! Tell him Lawrence Marley with FCN sent you!

The Fourth Annual PROM promises to entice the largest gathering to date. Although not sponsored by FCN, Lesbians & Gays have come to expect only the finest of evenings at The PROM.

Because some of you wanted to come last year, but didn't want to rent or buy an outfit for the affair, we've changed our style to allow either formalwear or semi-formal, and arranged with A. C. Thompkins for the above discount ... dress your gender or someone else's. Some of you were shy because you thought you had to have a date ... 60% of last year's PROMgoers were singles looking for a cutie like YOU! Also, some of you thought the Ballroom at the civic center was too public for the faint-hearted; so this year we're holding The PROM at The Great Savannah Exposition Center at The Spirit of the South Museum 303 West Broad Street (Savannah Visitors' Center) which features secluded parking and private security. Lastly, some of you wanted more spice in the music ... we are especially pleased to announce this year's band will be the Veraflames, well-known throughout the Coastal South (Night Flight special guests) as a rockum-sockum powerhouse. They may prove wilder than us!

Ticket information: 236-CITY.

Boutonnieres will be available at The PROM, hundreds of dollars worth of prizes for the Queen & King (of course, did you ever see a prom without 'em?) and unlike most royalty, ours are chosen by random selection, photos ... ready to take home that evening, rather than delayed delivery, and the finest of cocktails, beer, wine, catering by the Exposition folks; along with other surprises to make it a once-a-year-experience. Look for more details in upcoming issues.

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#### HELP!!!

Typists for label production & brochure word processing currently needed; specific times, convenient for you will thankfully be scheduled. Anyone is welcome to learn these skills on the Apple Macintosh computer (if you can type, you can learn it!) by calling: 236-CITY (236-2489); or, editor's home: 238-5858 (confidential answering machine 24 hours; or call most weekdays, when a real person is likely to answer: 7pm - 9pm).

## HAPPENINGS

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) national convention will be held October 20th through the 22nd in Detroit, Michigan. "Listening...Learning...Loving" is the theme.

"Super Fag"... More flaming than cherries jubilee, "Super Fag" will premier on Gay TV's demo tape available to the media now. GTV, which only went public in 1988, can only be seen in gay bars, restaurants, and resorts. Interested gay establishment owners can contact FCN for further information.

National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, April 5-9, San Francisco. Over 2000 attendees expected.

Old Lesbian Conference, Aug. 4-6, San Francisco. For information write to P.O. Box 31787, San Francisco, Ca. 94131.

GPTV and PSRP (Ga. Public Radio and T.V.) undertake major public outreach about AIDS in April 1989. GPTV will broadcast at least one and one half hours of special AIDS-related programing every week, and 60-second public service announcements during targeted hours. The shows include:

April 3, 7:30pm:	AIDS: What Do We Tell Our Children?
April 4, 7:30pm:	The AIDS Movie
April 5, 8:00pm	America In The Age of AIDS
April 5, 7:30pm	I Have AIDS--A Teenager's Story
April 6, 7:30pm	Faces of AIDS
April 7, 7:30pm	Mark and Joey
April 11, 8:00pm	On The Trail of A Killer
April 14, 7:30pm	Capitol Hill Report
April 18, 8:00pm	AIDS: In Search of A Miracle
April 22, 5:00pm	The AIDS Quarterly
April 28, 9:00pm	Finding A Cure and It Can't Happen Here
April 29, 1:00pm	A Helping Hand

## Crab-boil Ahead

Crab-boil and beer-bust, May 6, Skidaway Island State Park .....a PROM fundraiser. Don't miss a good time!



**From President Huff:** I'm prompted to write by a discussion at the board retreat held a few months ago. It had been on my mind for some time that it seemed unnatural somehow to lump the words "gay and lesbian" together to denote, presumably, homosexual persons of both genders. What first struck me was it's sheer redundancy.

In 1972, when I initially became aware of gay activism or even gay positivism of any sort I had become active in what is now referred to as the "women's movement." At that time, when referred to collectively in a positive way, all queers were known as "gays", and the adverb/adjective as applicable was "gay", i.e. the gay community has recently been politicized by local harrassment of gays. It seemed to mean all of us, gay did---- male, female faggot, dyke, lesbian, pansy, homo, queer, fairy. Gay means someone who loves some other one(s) of the same sex and that was what we all (those differentiated perverts) had in common! (The word 'pervert' was used jokingly No angry letters, please.)

I wondered what I objected to. Was it lesbian being separated out of gay and specifically identified? I don't have any problem with the word 'lesbian'. It rolls easily from my tongue in speech, and I don't mind being called one either. The label doesn't bother me because I am a lesbian. I don't even mind 'dyke', which horrifies most lesbians in Savannah. To me it's just another of those words which means female homosexual.

I believe my discomfort comes from once again being a labeled "other". Even the rest of the gays must disassociate themselves from us. I want to say, "Why aren't we part of you \_\_\_\_\_ why aren't we all just us?" On the one hand, if we are ever to convince the straight, homophobic world to cease categorizing us as to our differentness, we can't keep differentially defining ourselves. On the other hand, if we act politically to further our basic human rights it seems imperative to present a united front, a picture of an undivided entity. I'll even cite the hackneyed strength in numbers (or preceived numbers) arugment.

In a subcultural way, it may be necessary to distinguish between gay male and gay female behavior in that there are real differences. Even in doing so, good grammar would preclude 'lesbian and gay' phraseology. Lesbian and faggot would be comparalbe words to me, but what I don't know is if gay men perceive 'faggot' as more or differently emotionally loaded than 'lesbian.' In other words, when what was originally The National Gay Task Force changed it's name to The National Lesbian anf Gay Task Force, in my opinion to make that kind of change one should have said something like The National Lesbian and Faggot Task Force. National Gay Task Force sounds more descriptive, together, focused, and solid, not to mention succinct.

see next column

It was brought out at our discussion at the retreat that this differentiation had come about out of a desire by lesbians for their own identity and wish to reclaim, in a sense, the word 'lesbian' as a positive identifier rather than a hurtful slur. That -- the reclamation of words used to hurt us-- I understand completely, and not only strongly advocate but have worked publicaly to perpetuate, but I am convinced by years of struggle in several rights movements that the front we present when a public front is called for must be a strong, untied, unquestioning one. Our language is insidiously powerful and even the words we use to describe ourselves send lots of messages on lots of levels to everyone with whom we communicate. It would seem too important for us not to pay attention to the message we're sending, because we all know how far it feels like we're sticking our necks out just to dialogue at all with good old homophobic America.

I'm curious to know how all of you reading this, feel about the phrase "lesbian and gay" as an inclusive description of ourselves and the way in which we present ourselves to the world. I'm sure Lawrence would love to include responses in future issues of the newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to say I'm pleased to be a member of FCN's board this year, and learning more about what other gays in the Savannah area think and feel is one of the things I most look forward to. Changing how Savannah's non-gays think and feel is another. I would like to see the Network News become more a forum for the exchange of ideas, as well as a source of information and news.

Respectfully,  
Wilson Huff

## PERUVIAN GAY GROUP

The Peruvian lesbian and gay organization MHOL (Movimiento Homosexual de Lima) has moved to larger offices and amplified the services which they offer to the gay and lesbian community.

MHOL, for six years, has been one of the leading service groups in Latin America. They have served as the Latin American Secretariat of the International Lesbian & Gay Association (ILGA) and continue to be very active in the ILGA.

Some of the services that MHOL offers include a medical clinic, legal assistance, publishing a magazine, *Conducta (Im)Propia*, for the lesbian and gay community as well as educational pamphlets. Additionally, they sponsor conferences and discussion panels on subjects such as and analysis of sexual orientation, the dynamics of the gay/lesbian movement, health, art, etc.

Source Philadelphia Gay News

## A TIME TO GIVE

If you have gotten to this point, you're reading the Network News. Since this article isn't on the front page, I'll assume that means you're really reading it, not just a glance at the lead articles as you rip it out of the envelope and toss it into the "I'll look at those later" pile for which later seldom comes. If you're taking the time and expending the energy to actually read it, then I'll assume again--this time that the Network News is therefore important to you. If the Network News is important to you, important enough to pay for and read, then I believe it's important enough to continue. Right? Good. Keep reading. If enough of you don't volunteer to spend 2-3 hours once a month typing the Network News, we won't have it any more. April, this month--the one in your hand--is the last month that we are guaranteed a newsletter if some of you don't call and agree to give 2-3 hours of typing, no matter how god-awful your hunt-and-pecking is. If you do it one month it doesn't mean you have to do it every month, but we need help and we need it now! I say this truthfully, friends. It's time to put up or we shut up. Volunteer this time. We can't afford to loose this. Call 236-CITY or 238-5858 today! A very small commitment goes a long way.

The President

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## **NOT ALL PARENTS STRAIGHT**

Of the estimated 22 million homosexuals in this country, there are 4-5 million gay and lesbian parents with anywhere from 8-10 million children. The stigma against homosexuality in our society forces many gay parents and their children into secrecy, so their experience is neither well-known nor documented. Does having a gay parent pose serious obstacles for the children? Do the children of gay parents grow up gay themselves? How do these children deal with their unusual situation? What are the emotional, social and legal issues that these families face?

NOT ALL PARENTS ARE STRAIGHT examines these and other questions by examining the dynamics of the parent-child relationship within several different households where children are being raised by gay and lesbian parents. Through open and honest interviews with the children and their parents, the film explores emotional conflicts within the family, legal custody problems, and the social discrimination that these families face.

The interviews in NOT ALL PARENTS ARE STRAIGHT enable viewers unfamiliar with these issues to judge for themselves whether or not these children are at a disadvantage. In the process, many viewers will be forced to confront their own unexamined assumptions of biases on these matters. The film can also serve as a support vehicle for viewers who are in a similar situation themselves, especially those in non-accepting environments, by allowing them to see how other families have resolved these issues. Ultimately, however, NOT ALL PARENTS ARE STRAIGHT addresses the universal problems of how prejudice held against adults can affect their children, while also serving as testimony to the similarities, not the differences, between all families.

Produced by Keven White &  
Annamarie Faro

Color, 58 minutes, 16mm film and all video formats.

Rental: \$95  
Purchase: 16mm - \$895  
Video - \$595

The Cinema Guild  
1697 Broadway  
New York, NY 10019

Source: "Mom's Apple Pie"

## **Notes from Hollywood**

Bob Hope--not America's idea of a gay activist--has just filmed a 30 second spot for television denouncing violence against homosexuals. "I was amazed to discover" he says, "that many people die each year in anti-gay attacks and thousands more are left scarred emotionally and psychically. Pleas don't be a part of it." This unexpected support for gays came about after Hope was taken to task for remarks he made on The Tonight Show last December, when he told Ed McMahon that the tie he was wearing would have labeled him a "fag" ten years ago. Outraged, GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) sent Hope a tape narrated by Harvey Fierstien about the affects of such careless comments and enclosed a public service script. Hope not only agreed to do the spot but added his own words to strengthen the message. GLAD is now negotiating with the major networks to air the spots.

### From Dallas to Dyke?

Addressing questions about the lesbian overtones in "Obsession", her planned ABC movie about one woman's all-consuming fascination with another, Victoria Principal said, "I think that at some time in every girl's life, there's another girl in school whom you cannot cease admiring. She's bright, she's funny, her socks are just right, and if she chooses to walk down the hall with you, you float. And that's a crush, and girls have crushes on other girls. Usually women outgrow that. Sometimes they don't."

# COASTAL EMPIRE

## **AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation**

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(at Charlton)**

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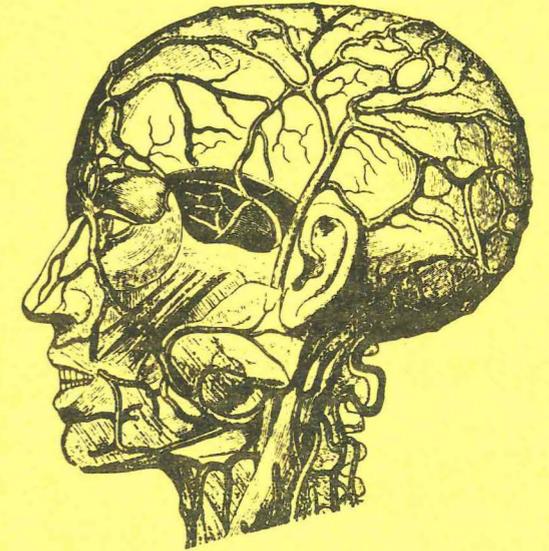
**Board Meetings (open to anyone): 7 - 8 pm;  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
PWA Support Groups: 8 - 9 pm;  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays**

**New Participants Welcome for Both Groups**

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## **April History Dates Chronological Events**

- 1 U.S. Air Force Academy est., 1954
- 2 First U.S. Mint est., 1792
- 3 Pony Express, Calif. to Missouri, 1860
- 4 First artificial human heart implanted 1969
- 5 Pocahontas married John Rolfe, 1614
- 6 Peary discovered North Pole, 1909
- 7 Poet Wm. Wordsworth born, 1770
- 8 Louisiana became 18th state, 1812
- 9 Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, 1865
- 10 Atomic Sub Thresher sank, 1963
- 11 Apollo XIII flight, 1970
- 12 1st Mutual Life Co. in U.S. charter, 1842
- 13 Thomas Jefferson born, 1743
- 14 John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln, 1865
- 15 Luxury liner Titanic struck iceberg, 1912
- 16 Aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright born, 1867
- 17 Explorer Giovanni da Verrazano discovered New York Harbor, 1524
- 18 San Francisco earthquake and fire began, 1906
- 19 Battle of Lexington and Concord starts Revolutionary War, 1775
- 20 First Electric Railroad began operation, 1851
- 21 Rome founded according to tradition, 753 B.C.
- 22 Rough Riders organized, 1898
- 23 First public motion pictures in N.Y., 1896
- 24 Spain declared war on U.S., 1898
- 25 Admiral Farragut captured New Orleans, 1862
- 26 Artist/naturalist J. Audubon born, 1785
- 27 Ulysses S. Grant born, 1822
- 28 Maryland became 7th state, 1788
- 29 Editor/publisher Wm. Randolph Hearst born, 1863
- 30 George Washington inaugurated 1st President, 1789



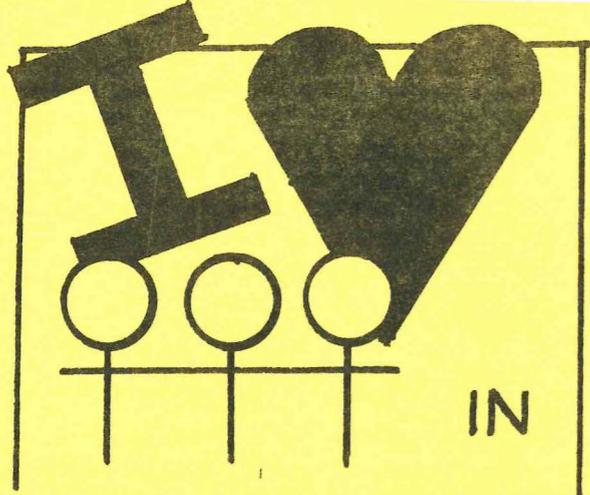
### **SHE SAID:**

**Also Known as "Wilson's Corner"**

## **Attention: Women Concerned About the Choice Issue**

The Georgia chapters of NOW, the National Organization For Women, have planned to picket certain Domino's Pizza outlets because the store's founder, Tom Monaghan, gave \$100,000 to an anti-abortion group. This announcement was made following NOW's threat to boycott the chain because of Monaghan's anti-abortion activities. He fought against Medicaid-funded abortions for low income women in his home state, and has appeared on telethons for anti-choice groups.

It's profits from the pizzas we eat that he contributes to these persons who would deny women the simple right of choice. I urge all of us to boycott Domino's outlets here. I know that "moi" couldn't get down the first bite without gagging now! And the most helpful thing that we can do, for only 25 cents, is write a one-line note to the Domino's nearest you informing the owner that you will no longer buy his products because the profits go in part to anti-abortion projects which you find grossly offensive. (Some of us even find it morally reprehensible, and feel it's everyone's responsibility to know just who is trying to deny or take away our rights.) So let's take care of ourselves and each other-----don't eat Domino's Pizza products and let them know why!



# FACES II

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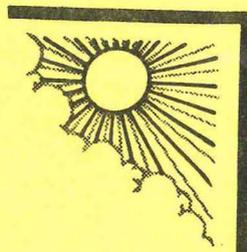
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## Oyster Roast Info!!!!

For those of you who for one reason or another were not able to attend the First City Network Oyster Roast at Tybee Island, and for those of you who did attend one of the most succesful fundraisers I would like to give my whole hearted thank you to the following persons for all the help in making it a success:

- Alicia - setup and cooking oysters.
- Angie - wood.
- Arnie - volleyball setup , and general help.
- Cat - ticket sales and setup.
- Cindy - ticket sales and setup
- Colette - set up.
- Gale - wood.
- Lawrence - beans and organizing.
- Mark and John - ice, and ticket sales.
- Melody - set up and cooking.
- Michelle - wood (she cut it!)
- Patty - donation collection, clean up, etc.
- Pat and Sandy (Momma G.) - beer.
- Phyllis - potato salad.
- Punk - supplying and cooking oysters.
- Steve and friend - music and equipment.
- Wilson - ticket sales, hotdogs, etc.
- And all of those others who helped!



A Very Big Thank You Goes Out To  
Michelle G. From First City Network!!!

Over three hundred people attended the Oyster Roast, and the ratio of women to men was 4 to 1! We have racked our little barins to figure out why a large number of men (and we know you are out there) have not attended the functions we provided them. If anyone has an idea why and what we can do about it please let us know. This is not to say though we women had truly a wonderful time with the men that did attend, and of course all the women how did attend had a good time, period!

We will have a complete financial report on the oyster roast donations and expenses in next months newsletter, but our estimated income was \$1130.00!!!! How about that for a success!

Again many thanks,  
Michelle G.

# GIVE US A PIECE OF YOUR MIND

HELP!

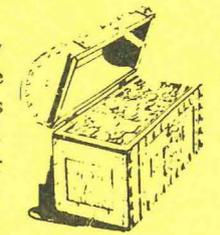
Hopefully by the time the newsletter reaches you we will have found these lost items, and if you know of their whereabouts please call 236-City:

- Sunglasses RayBan style - Dennis needs them!
- Dartboard and darts - Michelle G. needs them.
- 3 croaker sacks that are used over the oysters- Michelle G.'s Dad wants them back!!

And if you have found any missing items please let us know .

Thank you,  
Patty

Know of some other way we can raise money quickly? There have been those of you in the past who have come forward to help at times like these ... simply throwing a party and inviting your friends to donate to FCN at your party could make us strong again. We'll be happy to provide a Boardmember who will attend, and we'll even do the beggin' if you'd prefer. Please call when you read this paragraph, and give us some suggestions, or make that offer.....236-2489



# Directory\*

\* If you know of other listings we should include, call the Network News.

## Savannah Businesses

Who's Who (bar)	(912)	232-9432
Faces II (bar)	(912)	233-3520
Club One (bar)	(912)	232-0202
Captain Video (cards & video)	(912)	232-2951
Savannah Greengoods (landscaping)	(912)	352-2645
Riverworks Craft Gallery (artisans)	(912)	236-2012
Stardust Book Emporium (new age)	(912)	236-1441
Dream Weaver (books, tapes, & gifts)	(912)	656-0166

## Savannah Resources

First City Network, Inc.	(912)	236-2489
Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy	(912)	236-5802
Lesbian & Gay A. A.	(912)	927-0839
Savannah ACT-UP (political action)	(912)	238-5858
Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group	(912)	236-2012
Anonymous HIV testing site	(912)	356-2155
AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc.	(912)	238-5953
First Call For Help (24 hour hotline)	(912)	232-3383
Victim-Witness Assistance Program	(912)	944-4865
Georgia Legal Services	(912)	651-2180

## Georgia Resources

<u>Etcetera</u>	(800)	444-3821
<u>Southern Voice</u>	(404)	876-1819
Atlanta Gay Center & <u>The News</u>	(404)	876-5372
AID/Atlanta & <u>The Journal</u>	(404)	872-0600
GAPAC (Georgia Political Action)	(404)	888-0719
National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia	(404)	874-7926
S.E. Arts, Media, & Education Project	(404)	584-2104
Gay Cable Network / Atlanta	(404)	633-4754
Georgia ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights	(404)	523-5398
Georgia Physicians for Human Rights	(404)	876-8587
Gay & Lesbian Parents' Coalition	(404)	952-5322
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(404)	934-1042
Young Adult Support Groups	(404)	876-5372
Senator Wyche Fowler	(202)	224-3643
Senator Sam Nunn	(202)	224-3521

SAVANNAH ACT-UP: 238-5858

gay rights political action group  
(7pm - 9pm, weekdays)

P. O. Box 8711 Savannah, GA 31412

Mark Krueger, co-chair, Lawrence Marley, co-chair

## Quotable Quotes

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Robert F. Kennedy, 1966.

". . . in a time lacking in truth and certainty and filled with anguish and despair, no woman should be shamefaced in attempting to give back to the world, through her work, a portion of its lost heart." Louise Borgan from "The Writer on Her Work" Source: TOHR Reporter.

## Wanted: Distribution Artist

Southern Voice, a gay newsletter published in Atlanta needs someone willing to pick up bulk (but not massive) shipments of issues twice monthly and distribute them to local watering holes. A chance for socialization coupled with service! Winter's over, Spring's here, the sap is rising---so motivate yourself to assume this needed job/fun task and call 236-CITY today. Someone needs our help today--you may need help from someone tomorrow. Please call and volunteer.

## National Resources

ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights Project	(212)	944-9800
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force	(202)	387-3097
National Gay Rights Advocates	(415)	863-3624
National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays	(202)	265-7117
National Gay/Lesbian Health Foundtn.	(202)	797-3708
Lesbian Rights Project	(415)	621-0674
Human Rights Campaign Fund	(202)	628-4160
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(704)	922-9273
Fund For Human Dignity	(212)	529-1600
People for the American Way	(202)	462-4777
Southeastern Conference	(214)	522-8234

## National AIDS Information

ACE Foundation, Inc.	(912)	238-5953
AIDS Info Line / Georgia	(800)	551-2728
AIDS Action Council	(202)	547-3101
National Assoc. of People with AIDS	(202)	483-7979
National AIDS Network	(202)	546-2424
Project Inform (alternative AIDS info)	(800)	822-7422
National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse	(301)	762-5111
Coalition for Leadership on AIDS	(202)	628-4160
Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP)	(619)	234-3432
Public Health Service Hotline	(800)	342-2437
Gay Men's Health Crisis	(212)	807-6655

# NETWORK NEWS

## Subscription Info

**Annual subscription:** \$15.00 or more (includes voting privileges and discount admissions to many of our special events). If you received a complimentary edition, please consider a donation or subscription to cover the added expense subsidized by our subscribers.

**Person with AIDS (PWA):** No Charge, PWAs may call confidentially to request our mailings. Admission to all First City Network, Inc. (FCN) events is free to PWAs, and may be arranged in advance for confidentiality. You're an important addition to our family, so come see us sometime!

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**15th** of each preceding month. Advertisement design is the responsibility of the advertiser, we will be happy to assist with design as contracted; original designwork is very reasonable. Please call for advertising rates, which are subject to change. All submissions are subject to editing.

Call Lawrence for information about articles; and Steve about your advertising: (912) 236-CITY

**Calendar entries:** 20th of each preceding month.

Call Mark for Calendar information, submission of upcoming events, or for assistance with original designwork for your advertisement: (912) 236-CITY

**\*Distribution:** 25th of each preceding month. [Editor's note: This event is also known as our infamous "newsletter stuffing", held at Emma's. Call to volunteer].

Call Emma for subscription information, label changes, or difficulties in receiving your newsletter: (912) 236-CITY

**\*Distribution date will be changing soon ...** the Network News is moving to its new quarters at the ACE Foundation! See your May issue.

## Advertising Rates:

half-page / 3 issue run:	\$45.00
quarter-page / 3 issue run:	\$25.00
business card / 3 issue run:	\$15.00
personal ads per issue:	\$3.00

Call Steve for advertising information: (912) 236-CITY

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or write:

## First City Network, Inc.

P. O. Box 2442  
Savannah, Georgia 31401



WELCOME TO . . .

# MAY

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Flower: Lily of the Valley. Birthstone: Emerald. Taurus, through May 20th; Taurians are down-to-earth & practical.	<b>1</b> RAPE CRISIS CENTER volunteer training the 1, 3 and 6th at the center, 354-6742.	<b>2</b> SUPPORT GROUP for PWAs', 8 pm at the ACE office. PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP of ACE, noon at Hospice, Bull St. @ Washington.	<b>3</b> ACE BOARD Meeting at 7 pm at the ACE office. RAPE CRISIS CENTER volunteer training. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>4</b> "BILOXI BLUES" by Hilton Head Playhouse at 8:30 pm thru the 6th; (803) 785-4878. "ANNIE" at Cultural Arts Center. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>5</b> GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>6</b> SAVANNAH ART ASSOCIATION exhibit depicting Savannah & regional scenes thru the 15th, 232-7731; located at City Market. SCOTTISH GAMES.
<b>7</b> VOLLEYBALL at 2 pm at the west end of Daffin Park, sponsored by FCN, everyone is welcome! TCHAIKOVSKY born in Russia, 1840.	<b>8</b> EXPLORING THE PLANTS exhibit from the Smithsonian at the Science Museum through the 28th.	<b>9</b> JAMES BARRIE born in Scotland, 1860; creator of Peter Pan, "Do you believe in fairies?... If you believe, clap your hands!"	<b>10</b> SAVANNAH CEMETERIES lecture by Historic Sav. Foundation, at Scarborough House, 41 W. Broad St., 7 pm, 233-7787. CONSERVATION WORK SHOP 925-1523.	<b>11</b> FCN BOARD MEETING at the ACE office at 7 pm. "BIG BIRD GOES HOLLYWOOD" at the Civic Center thru Sunday. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>12</b> GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. PUMP BOYS & DINETTES at Savannah Theater, 8 pm, through the 20th. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>13</b> "THE CHELSEA GARDEN" slide lecture & luncheon at the Hilton send \$15 to: Southern Garden History Society 211 E. 53rd St. Sav., GA 31405
<b>14</b> SYMPHONY on River St., 8 pm FCN VOLLEYBALL, see the 7th. MOTHER'S DAY. ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH flower exhibit to benefit unved mothers, 232-0274.	<b>15</b> ALEXANDER THE GREAT born in 356 BC, conquerer of much of known world.	<b>16</b> SUPPORT GROUP for PWAs', 8 pm at the ACE office	<b>17</b> ACE BOARD Meeting at 7 pm at the office. GEORGIA SENIOR WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT at Bacon Park thru the 18th. ACE office 7-9pm.	<b>18</b> FCN NEWSLETTER & ACE NEWSLETTER work session at the ACE office at 7 pm, everyone is welcome. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>19</b> GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm "MY ONE & ONLY" at Civic Center, 238-1980. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>20</b> TYBEE ISLAND BEACH BUM PARADE 786-5444. FULL MOON. HUMAN RIGHTS CAMP AIGN FUND dinner at the Hyatt in Atlanta
<b>21</b> FCN VOLLEYBALL, see the 7th. American RED CROSS founded in 1881. PLANETARIUM SHOW every Sun. at 3, Science Museum.	<b>22</b> SCAD final exams begin. OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 897-2369.	<b>23</b> COASTAL SIERRA CLUB, Arte Rahn at 236-9725 evenings. SAV-A-LIFE Animal Welfare Agency, 354-LIFE. RCC volunteer mtg. at 6pm, 354-6742.	<b>24</b> KIDS' MEALS AVAILABLE to children enrolled in in-home day-care; providers must be licensed by state 234-5419 or 234-1741.	<b>25</b> FCN POTLUCK & NEWSLETTER STUFFING at the ACE office at 7 pm, everyone is welcome! ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>26</b> GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm SPOLETO FESTIVAL begins in Charleston, thru 5-11. ACE office is open from 7-9 pm.	<b>27</b> "YOUNG CAREERISTS" competition sponsored by Business & Professional Women's Clubs, in Statesboro, 236 6735. SCAD last day.
<b>28</b> FCN VOLLEYBALL, see the 7th. MILITARY THROUGH THE AGES at Old Ft. Jackson, 11-4; 232-3945.	<b>29</b> MEMORIAL DAY. SCAD GRADUATION.	<b>30</b> JOAN OF ARC died in 1431. CHRISTINE JORGENSEN born in 19-26, famous for her sex change operation.	<b>31</b> WALT WHITMAN born in 1819 on Long Island; famous poet. ATLANTA GAY CENTER, 63 12th St. ACE office 7-9pm.	FCN can be reached at 236-CITY (24 hr. machine); P.O. Box 2442 Savannah, GA 31401	ACE office is located at 335 Tattnall Street, Savannah, ground floor (south of the Civic Center) 238-5953; P.O. Box 1693 Savannah, GA 31402	

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P.O. 2442 31401

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... toward a Gay & Lesbian Positive Community

24 Hour Call Answering: [ 912 ] 236-CITY

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## May '89

### Uh oh! Volleyball Season is Open!

Every Sunday @ 2pm @ Daffin Park, West End, off Waters Avenue ... (across from the Kiddie Park, of course) ... until it gets too hot to play ... join us for open game volleyball, or just come watch us sweat. Be sure to bring shades & something cold to drink. Call FCN at 236-CITY or Lawrence at 238-5858. The Boiz challenge the Gurlz to a grudge match! C'mon you sissy Dykes.....Submitted by Lawrence, and he's entirely responsible for the content.

### Gay Rights Won't Come Easy

The Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989 was re-introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill is commonly referred to as the Lesbian/Gay Rights Bill.

To date, 73 Representatives and 10 Senators have signed up as cosponsors of HR655. The bill would amend all sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect individuals from discrimination on the basis of "affectional or sexual orientation" in housing, credit, employment, government-assisted opportunities, and all places selling goods, services, or accommodations.

"Gay men and lesbians are in every occupation and institution in our nation, be they doctors and nurses, lawyers or clerks, writers, union members, or managers. They number perhaps 20 million of the hard-working, law-abiding citizens among us. But this minority is different because they do not now have legal recourse when they encounter discrimination," posed Ted Weiss (D-NY) who re-introduced the bill.

Write your congressperson and urge...or demand... that they support HR 655.

### GAY RIGHTS WON'T COME EASY

The battle for gay rights has often been characterized as the last frontier of civil rights, following on the heels of the women's movement and the battle for equality for blacks and other minorities. Gay rights will be difficult to obtain. Let's face it. Even in America, the home of the free, people must fight for their rights, and they must fight to keep them. No one has ever voted to give equal rights to any group; they have been hard fought every inch of the way and we must persist in our efforts to keep the pressure on.

Source: **DIALOG**

### What-a-Garden!

Now that it's over, and the 'Early Birds' have flown to some other yard sale to arouse the hosts in the early dawn, Bobby T. & Michael B. have resumed control over their home & beautiful garden in Ardsley Park. Along with the host for the yard sale, Michael K., this gallant couple made the Saturday event April 1st a great success. Over \$500 was raised that day between the two fundraisers: the yard sale benefitted ACE and the Garden Party proceeds went to FCN.

### An 'Apology' from the Editor

I am so truly disturbed by the delayed delivery of this issue to your door. Never has the *Network News* missed a deadline date, and you deserve someone's apology. Here's mine.

There ... I feel better already

\_\_\_\_ *Lawrence S. Marley*, Former Editor

### Editor Position Open

Although Lawrence Has offered to resume the duties he's held over the past year after a Macintosh SE personal computer is obtained, we obviously cannot stop production in the meantime.

The nonpaid position of editor needs to be filled in order to produce the June issue ... and those that follow. Please contact Wilson Huff, *FCN* president at 355-6654. It's a plus if you know how to operate an Apple Macintosh, but not a requirement ... consistent dependability is.

### Volleyball

Can you have Spring without the grunts & groans of volleyball diehards filling the air? Everyone is welcome to come watch or play with folks who represent

a diversity of skills at the game: some fairly skilled, and others who ... well, er ... show a great deal of sincerity and room for improvement. If you feel you're even too intimidated by this description are welcome to simply bring your favorite beverage & cooler to "Rah rah" (& chuckle).

We don't have any formal teams set up, so don't take it so seriously! For further info, call Lawrence at 238-5858.

### Volleyball

Every Sunday at 2pm  
Daffin Park, West End  
across from kiddie park

off Waters & Washington intersection

### Crabboll at Skidaway May 6

May 6 from 2pm 'til 8pm

Skidaway Island State Park

... Group Shelter ...

\$10 donation to benefit *Prom '89*

#### Includes:

Fresh-pulled-from-the-sea-that-morning Boiled Crab, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, beer, sodas, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes; and IMPORTED ENTERTAINMENT

*Jill Knight* of San Luis Obispo, California;

&

*Jan Riley* of Hotlanta, Georgia

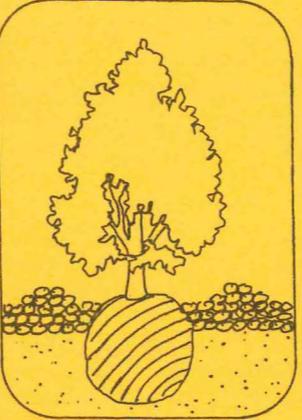
Questions? Call 236-CITY.

Sure to be as outrageously successful as the oyster roast, which over 100 of you witnessed in person!

### A Day at the Office

When was the last time you dropped in at our long-awaited office site? What ... you've never stopped by to say hello and get the 35¢ tour? Incredible! If your guilt hasn't prodded you into some project yet, please let it motivate you to come see what we as a community have grown into.

335 Tatnall, Ground Level, represents a true milestone in the gay community. Subleasing from *ACE Foundation, Inc.*, *FCN* now has access to a private group room (with fireplace), community office with commodore 64 computer (thanks to one of several generous "office-warming" gifts from Kathy A.) (also with fireplace), library stocked with literature of interest to gays & PWAs, bathroom (of interest to everybody), and equipped kitchen. Call 238-5953 for your guided tour, or drop by during office hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays from 7pm to 9pm.



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### Candi's Lounge & Restaurant

The easiest directions are "across from Popeye's Chicken on West Broad Street". Better yet, call ahead, and ask for Candi or Donald. Located at 530 West Broad, *Candi's Lounge & Restaurant* is the newest gay business to come to our attention. Previously, the spot *Candi's* is now located in was once a predominantly-black gay bar called *Magnolia's*0. Before then, it was called *Condominium*.

Donald's a friendly and accommodating bartender who spoke at length during the four recent visits by Lawrence Marley (c'mon Lawrence, did it really take four visits to get the story, or were you just having too swell a time?). There's the required disco room, but the lounge is just as much known for its food ... especially the fried chicken gizzards. Donald is also eager to cater private luncheons in which the menu is flexible and creative. After all, southern gays weren't meant to live by gizzards alone (Lawrence admits shame-facedly he did not opt for them either).

While you're there you'll see *FCN* materials about the business. Donald has been educating his patrons about our group ... we want them to join us, so do the neighborly thing and extend your personal invitation.

**Candi's Lounge & Restaurant**  
(912) 232-0373

## Upcoming Events

Refer to our calendar on the back cover, circled dates indicate events we'd like you to treat with special attention ... your calendar each month is created by Mark Krueger, who also conjures up most of our original designwork & advertising

## 3rd AIDS & HIV Symposium

Produced at no charge to those attending by  
**AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc.**

Saturday  
April 29, 1989

**Desoto Hilton Hotel**  
Harborview Room  
15 East Liberty Street

Historic District  
**Savannah, Georgia**

Conference on 15<sup>th</sup> floor  
Overlooking Historic Downtown  
Free. Secure Parking in Hotel Basement

## Sexual Deviation

Washington, D.C.....In March, HR1280 was introduced into the House of Representatives. This bill would seek to end descrimination against gays trying to immigrate into or visit the U.S. by removing the current "sexual deviation" exclusionary clause. The bill affects tourists, resident aliens or immigrants who wish to become citizens.

"It's time the Statue of Liberty started openly greeting moreof those wearing the pink triangle," said Robert Bray, Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) communications director.

"For too long many gays and lesbians have been denied entry into our country, while America was being denied the skills, talents and energies of gays and lesbians from around the world."

## ATTENTION

The following letter was received from Georgia State University, Public and Urban Research Center:

First City Network  
P.O. Box 2442  
Savannah, Ga. 31401

Dear Group,

We write to you with a request for your help in contacting bisexual and gay males in Georgia for an anonymous, confidential survey concerning risk and knowledge about the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This research is being conducted by The Center for Public and Urban Research at Georgia State University for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Infectious Diseases in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control.

The survey consists of confidential, anonymous, post-paid, mail-in questionnaires. We will contact again in the near future to speak with you further about this. We would like to set up a time when your group meets so that we can briefly explain what we are doing and distribute questionnaires to your membership. This would take about 10 minutes allowing time for questions. Perhaps there is another way you would like to proceed.

You probably understand and share our interest in this research. It is likely that you have special knowledge and contacts that might help us in our efforts to survey bisexual and gay males in Georgia.

We appreciate any help and advice you might provide.

Sincerely,  
David Whittier  
Project Manager

## HATE CRIMES BILL

When a group of teenagers in San Francisco dragged David Johnson from his car in a supermarket parking lot, they did so solely because he was a homosexual. They called him a "diseased faggot", beat him with their skateboards, broke his jaw and three ribs, gashed his head and bruised his kidneys.

David Johnson is just one of the thousands of victims of the anti-gay violence that has been growing at an alarming rate during the past several years. On Feb. 22, legislation was introduced in the U.S. Congress that takes the first step in ending the national epidemic of hatred and "crimes of bias."

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act (HR947) requires the Justice Department to collect comprehensive national data on crimes of prejudice committed because of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

Incidents of hate crimes against gays have risen dramatically during the 1980's. Recent attacks on homosexuals and other minorities by "skin-heads" and other gangs have recieved national attention. Groups that monitor acts of intimidation and violence against homosexuals agree that 80% of gay-bashings go unreported.

Additional surveys by federal, state, and local organizations indicate the problem of anti-gay violence may be far worse than suspected. An October 1987 report on hate violence solicited by the Department of Justice stated that "homosexuals are probably the most victims [of hate crimes]."

Last year, the Hate Crimes bill passed by an overwhelming vote of 383 to 29 in the House, after members rejected attempts to remove gays and lesbians from the bill. THIS WAS THE FIRST PIECE OF PRO-GAY LEGISLATION PASSED IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. However, the act was killed in the Senate after threats by Jesse Helms (R-NC) to gut the bill with anti-gay ammendments.

Activists are predicting a floor vote on the newly re-introduced bill in the next few months. WRITE YOUR CONGRESSPERSON!

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## Special Notes of Appreciation

Bernard Nutter, editor of the ACE News has been so consistently available to help with the typing and production of the Network News and we just thought you should know ... Thanks, Arn. Thanks to Wilson Huff for bein' such a swell soundin' board ... she's listened to my rantin' 'n' ravin' with a great amount of understanding, and she's taken steps to help reduce the 'responsibility load'. Thanks also to Mark Krueger for his constant production of those "dreaded" flyers you innocent victims receive when he and others go beating the bushes at the nightclubs for new members. Steve Nichols has joined the (all-volunteer) staff of your Network News as our marketing & advertising representative. He would appreciate your suggestions for area businesses that would welcome the buying power of the Gay & Lesbian community. He's already received ad copy from new advertisers ... welcome aboard, Steve. Lastly, but not leastly (?) much appreciation is deserved by the kind folks down at Curry Copy Center who never seem to complain when I walk in at the last moment with the layout of this issue, and with a smile they still mangle such a professional job on what you are now reading ...enjoy!

## Deadlines for June Issue

### Articles, Advertising, Community

Calendar: No later than \_\_\_\_\_ 15.

Original designwork is very reasonable. All submissions are subject to editing.

Articles: Editor @ 236-CITY;

Advertising: Steve Nichols @ 236-CITY;

Calendar: Mark Krueger @ 352-2645

Call Emma for subscription, label changes, or difficultles in receiving your newsletter: (912) 236-CITY.

## Network News

### Advertising Rates:

half-page / 3 issue run: \$45.00

quarter-page / 3 issue run: \$25.00

business card / 3 issue run: \$15.00

*Personally Personable* (free, for now): \$0.00

Call Steve for further advertising information: (912) 236-CITY

## June 10th

The wise person has already completed most of their plans for *Prom '89*, the Savannah gay community's most auspicious evening ... a truly gala affair for singles & couples to dress in their finest, to be seen, and to flirt (latter option reserved for the singles).

Most come formally dressed, although semi-formal will be acceptable this year. Special Discount for Promwear available at "A. C. Thompkins Formal Shop": (912) 238-4631 on Bull Street, near Washington Intersection (next door to Stagefront Costumes) ... to those of you ordering for "The PROM", AC will give you a discount: his usual \$47.50 complete tuxedo and accessories will be \$40.00 plus tax ... he'll even throw in the shoes for no charge! Tell him FCN sent you! ... and hurry, special sizes are in limited quantities.

### From the Prom Committee

▼ The *Fourth Annual PROM* promises to entice the largest gathering to date. Although not sponsored by FCN, Lesbians & Gays have come to expect only the finest of evenings at *The Prom*.

▼ Because some of you wanted to come last year, but didn't want to rent or buy an outfit for the affair, we've changed our style to allow either formalwear or semi-formal, and arranged with *A. C. Thompkins* for the above discount ... dress your gender or someone else's.

▼ Some of you were shy because you thought you had to have a date ... 60% of last year's PROMgoers were singles looking for a cutie like YOU!

▼ Also, some of you thought the Ballroom at the Savannah Civic Center was too public for the faint-hearted; so this year we're holding *The PROM* at The *Great Savannah Exposition Center* In The Spirit of the South Museum 303 West Broad Street (Savannah Visitors' Center) which features secluded parking and private security.

▼ Lastly, some of you wanted more spice in the music ... we are especially pleased to announce this year's band will be the *Veraflames*, well-known throughout the Coastal South (Night Flight special guests) as a rockum-sockum powerhouse. They may prove wilder than us!

### Ticket information: 236-CITY.

▼ What, there's more? ... Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes for the *Queen & King* (of course, did you ever see a prom without 'em?) and unlike most royalty, ours are chosen by random selection (like door prizes at the royal palace);

▼ Photos ... ready to take home that evening, rather than delayed delivery. There's even the full size train engine of the 'Nancy Hanks' to use for those *special* customized shots. \$5 extra;

▼ ... And the finest of *cocktails, beer, wine, catering* by the Exposition folks; along with other surprises to make it a once-a-year-experience.

▼ Start calling for your \$20.00 tickets (that's right, the same price as last year, and if purchased by Sunday, June 4th, we'll throw in the *Day After Picnic* on Tybee Island at the Memorial Park Pavilion ... FREE!).

▼ Alternate Ticket Request Number: (912) 232-3771.

### Infant Adoption by Lesbians

A lesbian couple in Portland, Oregon was recently allowed to adopt an infant biologically unrelated to either woman. It is only the third time a lesbian couple is known to have jointly adopted a child in Oregon.

The case is also unusual in that the woman have agreed to an "open" adoption; meaning the birth mother knows the adoptive parents and is allowed continued contact with the child.

Source: Partners: the Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples

Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109

# The PROM Is Coming!

**Prom '89** will be held **Saturday, June 10th**  
at the **Great Savannah Exposition Center** at  
**303 West Broad Street, Historic District**  
**9pm - 1am**



- \* Private, secluded, wall-enclosed parking with Private Security
- \* Semi-formal & Formal attire acceptable (Formalwear discount available through A.C. Thompkins Formalwear [238-4631] tell AC "It's for the PROM")

\* Music by the *Veraflames* (well-known rockum-sockum group)

\* Random "Queen & King" Prizes worth hundreds of dollars

\* Talented Bartenders serving cocktails, beer, and wine



\* Hot Hors D'oeuvres \* Great Dancing \* Extravagant Setting

\* Ticket Prices the same as last year: \$20.00 includes everything!

\* PROM-Photos-to-go (\$5.00 extra, includes photo sheath)

\* After-PROM bar specials that night at Downtown Nightclubs

\* Come with a date, or find a cutie there! It'll be 50 / 50 gay men & lesbian womyn



\* Day After Picnic at Memorial Park on Tybee Island:

Sunday, June 11th ... if you purchase your PROM '89 Tickets before June 4th, the Day After Picnic is Free (includes beer or sodas, hot dogs, crab, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, volleyball, basketball, taped music, etc. (\$10.00 if you didn't attend PROM '89, or bought your tickets after the June 4th deadline)

\* NOT a First City Network event, but you can always call them for ticket information: (912) 236-CITY.....

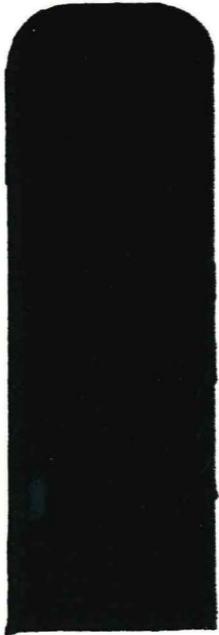
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- WINE \$1.25 UNTIL ONE
- THE ORIGINAL DRINK & DROWN \$3.00 COVER
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- WILD & WOOLY WEEKEND!
  - SAVANNAH'S HOT NIGHT SPOT
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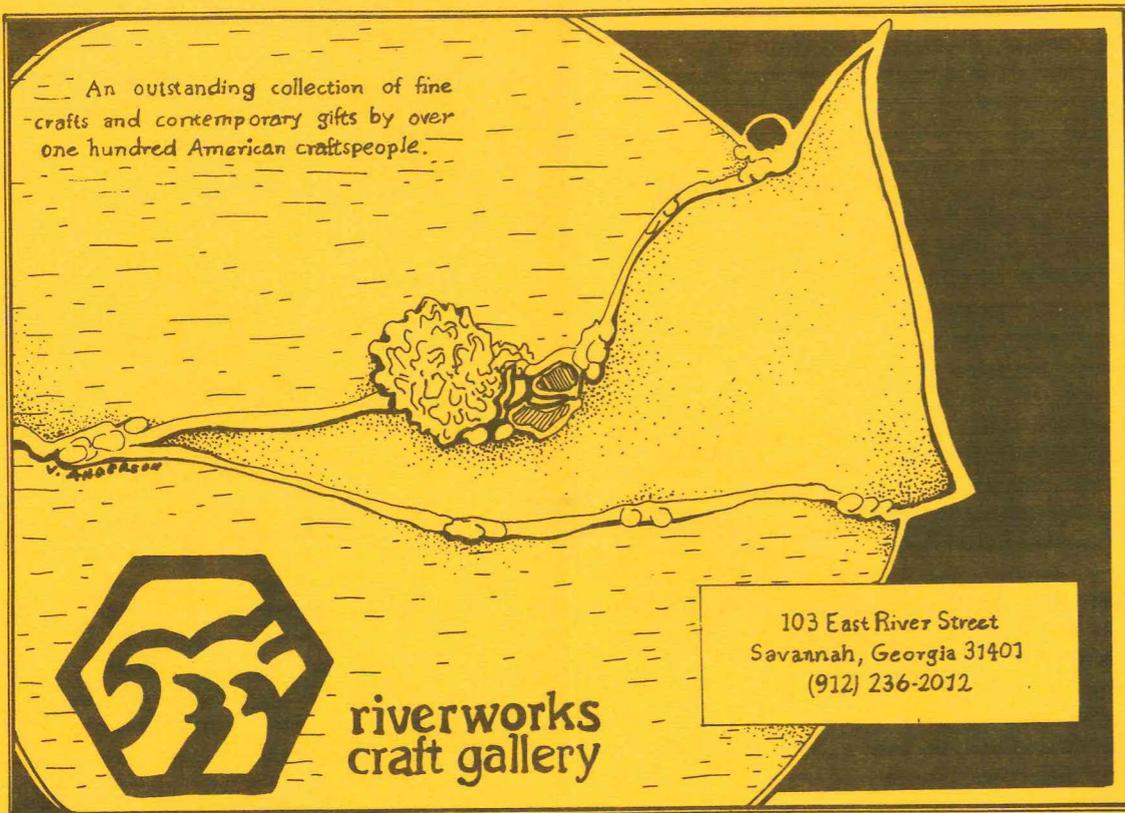
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Topic: "The Network News, HELPI!"  
**Thursday, May 25 @**  
**7pm**  
ACE Foundation Office  
335 Tatnall, Ground Level  
Historic District  
bring a dish to share & be prepared to help  
us mail out the June issue and re-commit to  
sharing the creation of your newsletter

Emma's Newsletter Stuffings are what generate each mailing ... come feel the spirit of participating in a very important way with *First City Network, Inc.* Call to volunteer ... and bring that tasty recipe

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### HELP!!!

Typists for label production & brochure word processing currently needed; specific times, convenient for you will thankfully be scheduled. Anyone is welcome to learn these skills on the Apple Macintosh computer (if you can type, you can learn it!) by calling: 236-CITY.

### ALWAYS GAY

"Why is my Child Gay?" is a 16 page booklet published by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) with answers to the question provided by 11 nationally known scientists in the fields of human development and sexual behavior.

The booklet invites the 11 scientists to address the three questions: How is sexual orientation affected by genetic, hormonal, social or psychological factors? Do any of these factors determine sexual orientation alone? Can lesbians and gay men permanently change their sexual orientation through therapy or other means?

Most of the eleven surveyed agree that there is a biological predisposition toward sexual orientation at birth, no single factor determines homosexuality, and sexual orientation cannot be changed permanently through therapy.

The booklet also includes a reading list, information about the Kinsey Scale, and information about the PFLAG Federation of over 200 chapters and contacts.

One free copy is available to those who send a long, self-addressed stamped envelope (45cents) to PFLAG, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, Colorado 80220.

### AIDS MEMORIAL: MAY 28th

An international candlelight AIDS memorial will take place on Sunday, May 28, 1989. The event will take place on the day before Memorial Day in order to accommodate regions sponsoring memorials outside the United States that do not observe the holiday.

In past years, the memorials have taken place in over 100 locations each year in over 15 countries. From thousands to a few hundred people attend the various functions to take part in services, marches, vigils, and other programs of grief, love, anger and concern.

The memorials are individual community observances created by groups from cities, towns and villages around the world to express their sentiments about the true toll of AIDS. The 1989 memorials will be the sixth annual observance sponsored by the Mobilization Against AIDS, a California-based health and civil rights advocacy group.

### Gay Issues Presented

Listeners to public radio, FM 91, and those attending a recent rally sponsored by STARR (Street Team for AIDS Risk Reduction) heard from openly gay *FCN & ACE* member of the board (and editor of the *Network News*) Lawrence Marley on the inseparability of homophobia & AIDS.

Lawrence also spoke as a gay man at the April 29th *ACE Forum III*, sponsored free-to-the-public by *AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc.* Such steps are still (unfortunately) viewed as extraordinary by the many 'home-grown' in-the-closet gays in Savannah.

After four years of being in the media as an openly gay person, Lawrence is pleased to report he's never once been a target of skinheads or other overzealous marauders. Other members of the board, and *FCN* members-at-large have been coming out more often, especially this past year, and all of us benefit from that.

A warm aside in the above developments: Lawrence had been sitting next to a minister at the STARR rally who had spoken about moral decisions with AIDS. After the last presenter, and Lawrence's "surprise" coming out ... which stunned the crowd; the minister arose, and with no reluctance gave our representative a great bear hug! They exchanged business cards, and the minister offered to help with a fundraiser at his small church.

### GLOVES FORCE RETRIAL

The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled this week that a criminal defendant was denied a fair trial because court officers suggested to the jury that he had AIDS by wearing rubber gloves during his trial. Holding that "AIDS prevails in a climate of fear" the unanimous court wrote that "it is not far-fetched that the jury, observing the gloves, thought it better...that the defendant be withdrawn from public circulation."

According to ACLU staff council William Rubinstein, this is the first time a criminal conviction has been overturned because of AIDS prejudice.

The Court of Appeals vacated the defendant's conviction and sent the case back to the lower courts. The state will now have to decide whether to appeal the court's decision to the United States Supreme Court or try him again.

## Free Service Ads for May & June

Starting July: 25¢ per line  
checks payable to FCN

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Gay Personal Ads: 236-2489

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ATTN: Personally Personal (Box Code)

Box Code required

□ Goodlooking, athletic, muscular man seeking very muscular poser, any age, for grappling, worship, & rubdowns. Shy & First-timers welcome. Write with photo & phone. Box Code: SRD 443.

□ Feminist Lesbian is seeking painting contracts for home & office. Buy from family ... not some heterosexist! Box Code: IEW 291. Or call 236-2489.

□ Gay Spirituality Group is welcoming new participants. Call Franklin at 232-6987; or Linda Jeanne at 236-2012. Held in private homes. Box Code: CG 865.

□ Interested in a tiring weekend with a SAFESEX Slut? Camping trip to Okefenokee Swamp? White-water rafting? Nature Hike along Casey Canal or in Savannah Wildlife Refuge? Are you in good shape, do not smoke cigarettes, or believe in b\*\*lsh\*\*ting people? Then you might like to spend some time with 39 y.o. gay guy, 5'11", 170, brown eyes, regular workout weekdays, & expect you nearly do the same. Those with complimentary photos answered first, and photos are always returned. Box OBM 27.

## typists & writers

### still needed

Assistance & training available on weekdays: 6pm - 10pm; & weekends: Noon - 4pm. Call if you can type during any of these prescheduled hours: (912) 238-5858 (home answering machine).

Typists who have already volunteered in the past are invited to become completely independent on the Macintosh SE & Mac II personal computers at Armstrong State College. Simply show up at the "Academic Computing Center", next to the bookstore, at the times scheduled below. If you haven't received a personal invitation yet, please be forgiving of an addled-brain former editor, and call again: (912) 238-5858 or 236-CITY.

### Great Dates for Typing:

Saturday, May 20th: Noon - 4pm

Sunday, May 21th: Noon - 1:30pm

Monday, May 22nd: 6pm - 10pm

Tuesday, May 23rd: 6pm - 10pm

simply show up at Armstrong State College

Academic Computing Center  
(next to bookstore)

on any of the above dates & times

**Note:** some of you volunteered, but may not have had name placed on roster ... if you've not heard from Editor yet, please call again!

**HELP!** Know of some way we can raise money? There have been those of you in the past who have come forward to help at times like these ... simply throwing a party and inviting your friends to donate to FCN at your party makes a big difference in what we can offer back to the community as its social development organization for Lesbians & Gays. We'll be happy to provide a Boardmember who will attend, and we'll even do the beggin' if you'd prefer. Please call when you read this paragraph, and give us some suggestions, or make that offer.....236-2489.

## Directory\*

\* If you know of other listings we should include, call the Network News.

### Savannah Businesses

Captain Video (cards & video) (912) 232-2951  
Savannah Greengoods (landscaping) (912) 352-2645  
Riverworks Craft Gallery (artisans) (912) 236-2012  
Stardust Book Emporium (new age) (912) 236-1441  
Dream Weaver (books, tapes, & gifts) (912) 656-0166  
Brighter Day Natural Foods (912) 236-4703

### Nightclubs in Historic District:

Who's Who (912) 232-9432  
Faces II (912) 233-3520  
Club One (912) 232-0202  
Candi's Lounge & Restaurant (912) 232-0373

### Savannah Resources

First City Network, Inc. (912) 236-2489  
Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy (912) 236-5802  
Lesbian & Gay A. A. (912) 927-0839  
Savannah ACT-UP (political action) (912) 238-5858  
Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group (912) 236-2012  
Anonymous HIV testing site (912) 356-2155  
AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc. (912) 238-5953  
First Call For Help (24 hour hotline) (912) 232-3383  
Victim-Witness Assistance Program (912) 944-4865  
Georgia Legal Services (912) 651-2180

### Georgia Resources

Etcetera (800) 444-3821  
Southern Voice (404) 876-1819  
Atlanta Gay Center & The News (404) 876-5372  
AID/Atlanta & The Journal (404) 872-0600  
GAPAC (Georgia Political Action) (404) 888-0719  
National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia (404) 874-7926  
S.E. Arts, Media, & Education Project (404) 584-2104  
Gay Cable Network / Atlanta (404) 633-4754  
Georgia ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights (404) 523-5398  
Georgia Physicians for Human Rights (404) 876-8587  
Gay & Lesbian Parents' Coalition (404) 952-5322  
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (404) 934-1042  
Young Adult Support Groups (404) 876-5372  
Senator Wyche Fowler (202) 224-3643  
Senator Sam Nunn (202) 224-3521

### National Resources

ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights Project (212) 944-9800  
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (202) 387-3097  
National Gay Rights Advocates (415) 863-3624  
National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays (202) 265-7117  
National Gay/Lesbian Health Foundtn. (202) 797-3708  
Lesbian Rights Project (415) 621-0674  
Human Rights Campaign Fund (202) 628-4160  
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (704) 922-9273  
Fund For Human Dignity (212) 529-1600  
People for the American Way (202) 462-4777  
Southeastern Conference (214) 522-8234

### National AIDS Information

ACE Foundation, Inc. (912) 238-5953  
AIDS Info Line / Georgia (800) 551-2728  
AIDS Action Council (202) 547-3101  
National Assoc. of People with AIDS (202) 483-7979  
National AIDS Network (202) 546-2424  
Project Inform (alternative AIDS info) (800) 822-7422  
National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse (301) 762-5111  
Coalition for Leadership on AIDS (202) 628-4160  
Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP) (619) 234-3432  
Public Health Service Hotline (800) 342-2437  
Gay Men's Health Crisis (212) 807-6655

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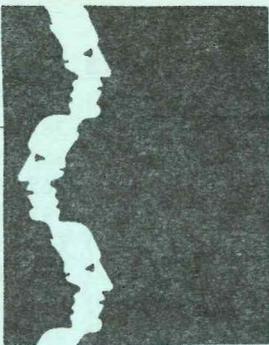
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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
GEMINI 1-20th; CANCER 21-30th.  SPOLETO continues thru June 11th in Charleston.	SAVANNAH PLAY- WRIGHTS FESTIVAL begins in early June at City Lights Theater; call 234-9860 for dates.	Also on the 1st: Norma Jean Baker born in Los Ang- elos in 1926	<b>1</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  FIRST CITY NETWORK Planning Session, everyone is wel- come to share ideas about fut- ure activities, 7 pm at the ACE office.	<b>2</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  GAY AA, 8:30 at the ACE office.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am. GONE WITH THE WIND at Victory Square Theater.	<b>3</b>  JEFFERSON DAVIS birthday.  FIRST SATURDAY Festival on River Street.  ALLEN GINSBERG poet, born 1926.	
<b>4</b>  VOLLEYBALL every Sunday, 2 pm at the Waters Avenue end of Daffin Pk.; all skill levels welcome, as are cheerleaders; sponsored by FCN.	<b>5</b>  5th International Conference on AIDS, Montreal, Canada, June 4-9; (514) 874-4006.	<b>6</b>  SUPPORT GROUP for PWA's & family & friends, 8 pm at ACE office; free.  PAUL GAUGUIN, French painter, born 1848.	<b>7</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  ACE BOARD MTG., 7 pm at the ACE office.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am. Rape Crisis Ctr. SELF DEFENSE Class 354-6742.	<b>8</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  FCN BUSINESS MTG. 7 pm at the ACE office.  BARBARA BUSH turns 64.	<b>9</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  GAY AA, 8:30 at the ACE office.  Final weekend of SPOLETO in Charle- ston.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.	<b>10</b>  PROM '89, the Gay Community's 4th annual affair; 9pm-1am at the Great Savannah Exposition; call 236-CITY for info.
<b>11</b>  THE PROM day after picnic, Sunday afternoon at Mem- orial Park on Ty- bee (behind libr- ary), free to Prom goers, \$10 all others; food, beer, softball, volleyball. <i>No Prom Pt. Vauxy</i>	<b>12</b>  CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF, a 1958 classic with Paul Newman & Liz Taylor at Victory Sq. Theater.	<b>13</b>  PAUL LYNDE born in Ohio in 1926.  B.B. KING at the Civic Center, at 8 pm on June 14th.	<b>14</b> ACE office open 7-9 pm  TELFAIR lunch- time talk/film, every 2nd Wed. at 12:30, free; call 232-1177 for topic.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.	<b>15</b> ACE office open 7-9 pm  FCN NEWSLETTER work session, everyone is wel- come to join in; 7 pm at the ACE office.	<b>16</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  GAY AA, 8:30 at the ACE office.  Alaskan GOLD RUSH began in 1897.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.	<b>17</b>  DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE, 1941 film at Victory Sq. Thea- ter.
<b>18</b>  VOLLEYBALL, 2 pm Waters Ave. end of Daffin Park; an FCN '89 event.  PLANETARIUM SHOW every Sun. at 3 at Science Museum FATHER'S DAY.	<b>19</b>  FULL MOON.  SCAD summer quarter begins.  GAY PRIDE WEEK, a nation-wide observance.	<b>20</b>  SUPPORT GROUP for PWA's & family & friends, 8 pm at ACE office; free.  ERROL FLYNN born in Tasmania in 1909	<b>21</b> ACE office open 7-9 pm  ACE BOARD MTG., 7 pm at the ACE office.  1st day of SUMMER  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.	<b>22</b> ACE office open 7-9 pm  ACE & FCN NEWS- LETTER STUFFING, everyone is wel- come, 7 pm at the ACE office.	<b>23</b> ACE office open 7-9 pm  GAY AA, 8:30 at the ACE office.  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.  CLUB ONE Show & Raffle, to benefit ACE, all night; thanks to M & M.	<b>24</b>  BICYCLE RIDE AC- ROSS GEORGIA arrives in Sav. the end of a 406 mile ride  A NIGHT AT THE OPERA, 1935 Marx Bros. film at Victory Square.
<b>25</b>  VOLLEYBALL, 2 pm Waters Ave. end of Daffin Park; an FCN '89 event.  PLANETARIUM SHOW every Sun. at 3 at Science Museum	<b>26</b>  GRAN HOTEL, a 1932 film with Greta Garbo & Joan Crawford.  Coming July 8: Club One 1st Anniversary Party!	<b>27</b>  On the 28th... THE STONEWALL RIOT took place in Greenwich Village in 1969 marking the beg- inning of Gay Liberation in America.	<b>28</b> ACE office open 7-9pm  JOHNSON SQUARE CONCERT 11:30 am.  THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, a 1945 Oscar Wilde film at Victory Sq. Theater.	<b>29</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  THE TELFAIR presents 'Ash Can School' paintings, special exhibit.	<b>30</b> ACE office open 7-9pm.  GAY AA, 8:30 at the ACE office.  US sends troops to Korea in 1950.  SCAD students vs. faculty softball 4pm, Forsyth Park.	Also on the 30th:  NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING, a time to reflect on the Hardwicke trial in Atlanta.

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## Give Us An Earful

O.K., it's Springtime and time to bare it! Take a load off! Relieve yourself off all those ideas that clog your brain about what you want from FCN. At our June 8th gathering, the Board would like to help relieve you of some of those ideas---we want to hear just what it is that you want, need, expect, or don't get from FCN. To use a plant analogy, we want

to grow and bloom gloriously this season, but we need the rain and plenty of fertilizer to do our best, and that's what y'all can bring to the pot-luck and discussion on June 8th---the fertilizer, not just more bull! The organization is much more likely to be what you want and need if you express those wants to your Board members. We're having a roundtable discussion, so come out, come out wherever you are and join us! We're at the ACE office; 335 Tattnall Street at 7:00PM, June 8, 1989.

## Subscription Info

**Annual subscription:** \$15.00 or more (includes voting privileges and discount admissions to many of our special events). If you received a complimentary edition, please consider a donation or subscription to cover the added expense subsidized by our subscribers.

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## Editor Position Open

Although Lawrence Has offered to resume the duties he's held over the past year after a Macintosh SE personal computer is obtained, we obviously cannot stop production in the meantime.

The nonpaid position of editor needs to be filled in order to produce the June issue ... and those that follow. Please contact Wilson Huff, **FCN** president at 355-6654. It's a plus if you know how to operate an Apple Macintosh, but not a requirement ... consistent dependability is.

## Volleyball

Can you have Spring without the grunts & groans of volleyball diehards filling the air? Everyone is welcome to come watch or play with folks who represent

a diversity of skills at the game: some fairly skilled, and others who ... well, er ... show a great deal of sincerity and room for improvement. If you feel you're even too intimidated by this description are welcome to simply bring your favorite beverage & cooler to "Rah rah" (& chuckle!).

We don't have any formal teams set up, so don't take it so seriously! For further info, call Lawrence at 238-5858.

## Volleyball

Every Sunday at 2pm  
Daffin Park, West End  
across from kiddie park

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This is a NEW SCHEDULE of FCN meetings, with a little different focus for the time being. You know that old adage, "Nothing is as constant as change".

**1st Thurs:** Business meeting. Board of Directors meeting, open to everyone

**3rd Thurs:** General get-together/pot-luck, with main emphasis on work session for **Network News**.

**4th Thurs:** Emma's traditional newsletter stuffing.

All meetings are held at the ACE Foundation office located at 335 Tattnall St., ground floor, at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

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## Letters

*To the Editor*

1 May 89

Editor  
FIRST CITY NETWORK, INC.  
P.O. Box 2442  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Sir or Madame:  
As a member of First City Network Inc., I am very concerned with the addition of the PERSONALLY PERSONABLE column in the May '89 newsletter. I have no problem with the work ad or the spiritual group ad, but I do not feel we need to promote sexually oriented ads. The Network News should be used to promote a positive Gay and Lesbian community, and be a publication that we can be proud for everyone to read. In my opinion, this type of ad promotes the stereotype that gay men are only out for sex and a goodtime. I hope you will reconsider your decision to run this form of advertisement.

Sincerely yours,  
Mike Hawk

## Domestic Partner Benefits Challenge

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced the filing of a potentially precedent-setting challenge to the refusal by the Minneapolis Library Board to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of three lesbian employees. The complaints were filed with the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights after extensive negotiations with the Library Board failed. Lambda represents three lesbian librarians who claim that the denial of health insurance to their domestic partners violates the city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status. Like most employment policies, the Library Board extends health care coverage to the spouses of its heterosexual employees, but not to unmarried partners. "These cases really highlight the outrageous injustices cast upon lesbian and gay relationships that are not recognized by the law, by employers, or by society in general," stated Paula Ettelbrick, Lambda's Legal Director and lead attorney on the case. "In a society where 1/3 of an employee's compensation consists of benefits, most of which is insurance, every lesbian, gay, and unmarried employee

in the country is essentially paid less than their married heterosexual counterpart who gets these benefits for their partners. It is unjust and inhumane to value some individual's health care more than others."

Founded in 1973, Lambda is the oldest and largest legal organization dedicated to the rights of lesbians and gay men, and to educating others about the gay community.

source... L.L.D.E.F.

**GAYS 2  
ROTC 0**

When the Harvard-Radcliffe Undergraduate Council decided last month to allow the Reserve Officers Training Corps back on campus for the first time since its tumultuous ouster in 1969, the university's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Student Association protested, arguing that the military discriminates against homosexuals. A week later, the council reversed itself. That triumph two weeks ago was but one among several signs that gay power is burgeoning at Harvard. For the first time, an assistant dean, Jean Viggiani, has been delegated to deal with gay issues on campus. A tutor specializing in gay concerns has been assigned to each of Harvard's undergradu-

ate houses. About 1,000 pink triangles offered to sympathizers for the Gay Awareness celebration were gone in a record three days. Lesbian couples now appear at Radcliffe's formal Senior Soiree, and gays routinely dance together at Harvard events. That can sometimes lead to friction. In February a ruckus broke out when a gay student asked the younger brother of a straight student to dance. Gay students soon after staged a "kiss-in" to protest alleged harassment. Says Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian co-chair Kelly Dermody: "This year was wild." (Time, May 15, 1989)

## Discrimination Victory

A decision requiring two beauty salons to serve a woman with an AIDS-related illness is the first ruling establishing that Maryland anti-discrimination laws cover AIDS victims, lawyers said. "This sends a message to businesses that are discriminating or might discriminate that if they do so, they are going to be charged with violating state law," said a lawyer for the state Human Relations Commission. The woman, who said she got the virus from a male lover in 1985, said the settlement may not change attitudes toward the disease but will at least give persons with AIDS some legal ammunition..

source...The Associated Press



"All progress has been essentially an enlargement of the liberties of the individual with a corresponding decrease of the authority wielded over him by external forces. This holds good in the realm of physical as well as political and economic existence."  
Emma Goldman  
("Red Emma")

## Anti-choice = Anti-gay?

Washington, D.C.....The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay lobbying group, joined 76 other organizations committed to women's equality in a friend-of-the-court brief supporting women's right to reproductive freedom. The brief was filed in the U. S. Supreme Court case Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services. Webster poses the most serious threat of a cutback of privacy rights since the Supreme Court decided Roe v. Wade, saying the choice of an abortion is part of the constitutionally protected privacy right.

"The principles underpinning Roe v. Wade must be upheld in order to maintain the right to privacy," said Eric Rosenthal, HRCF Political director. "That right should also include sexual conduct between consenting adults,

but if that is ever going to happen, first the basic right to privacy represented by Roe must be maintained."

"Gays and lesbians need to understand how important it is for us that decisions like Roe be upheld. If there is an erosion of women's rights to have control of their own bodies, then it will be all the more difficult to persuade the courts that gay sexual activity is private--and therefore constitutionally protected. To a large extent, women's rights issues are gay civil rights issues. By working in coalition with women's and civil rights groups, we not only advance efforts toward equality in general, but specifically for gays, lesbians, and people with AIDS," Rosenthal added.

Those of us who are gay, but oppose a woman's right to choose an abortion might think more carefully about it.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

County of Chatham  
State of Georgia

I, Wilson Huff, being of sound mind and body ...

Most of the people who know me well and my therapist would certainly find reason to contest that bold bit of hyperbole, but as it is the traditional opening of a will, I can get away with it this time. I've been thinking about wills since I read an article in The News, one of Atlanta's gay papers. In that article, the author quoted a line from a television movie about AIDS, in which a seriously ill person with AIDS is told by a lawyer with AIDS why he needs a will even when he has but a few personal possessions. "You need a will," he says, "to show that you've been here."

The article, written by a practicing attorney, goes on to say you probably need an attorney to draft your will, and tells how to locate one. As a non-practicing attorney reading the article, I became uncomfortable because it is relatively simple to draw one's own will and have it be perfectly legal without having to go to the expense of having to see an attorney.

Unless you have a sizable estate, or properties, you probably don't need an attorney to draw your will.

Besides the reason quoted for having a will, it's nice to be comfortable with what's going to happen to one's "stuff" when one dies, and sooner or later we all do. I wouldn't want a distant relative or the faint-of-heart to come across some of the things in my house when I go! And even if it's only your Marilyn Monroe memorabilia or your Judy Garland shrine, you don't want it to go to some totally uninterested sibling... or worse, the dump!!!

To die without a will is called "intestate". and when one dies intestate, the laws of descent and distribution determine what happens to your "stuff". In Georgia, if one dies intestate without either spouse or issue (children), one's surviving parents and siblings (brothers and sisters) take equal shares of your estate. If there are neither parents nor siblings, the state of Georgia gets all you've got---Marilyn, condoms, whatever. If legally married, and/or with children, very generally speaking the spouse and children take equal shares. The state does not recognize lovers or friends if you die

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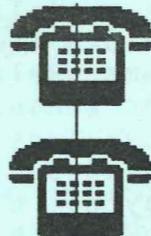
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intestate. You may have been totally estranged from your Mother during the entire 25 years that you have been in your current monogamous relationship, but if you die without a will and Mom is your only surviving relative, Mom gets it all. Since the law in Ga. doesn't recognize same-sex

marriages in Georgia, the rules of descent and distribution don't either.

See a lawyer, or draw your own will. Just have one. There are gay attorneys in Savannah, just as there's gay every thing else, and FCN can refer you. If you draw your own will, you must make sure it is typed and contains all of the following: (a) the county and state of residence (b) the date (c) some specificity as to bequests (say what you're leaving to whom and describe it clearly) (d) must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who do not benefit from the will (e) Witnesses must sign and date an attestation clause, wherein they swear to have witnessed your signature on the will

Witnesses don't need to read the will nor be aware of it's contents. You should name an executor/executrix in the will or the court will appoint one for you and the appointee will collect a fee from the estate off the top. It's best to tell your executor of your choice, and give them a copy of the will if you don't have a safety deposit box and are not leaving a copy with your lawyer, as you would if the lawyer drew the will.

You cannot control your burial, cremation nor funeral via your will, but you can make your wishes known to those close to you and specify in the will that anyone who does not abide

by those wishes shall be entitled to take no benefit from bequests in the will.

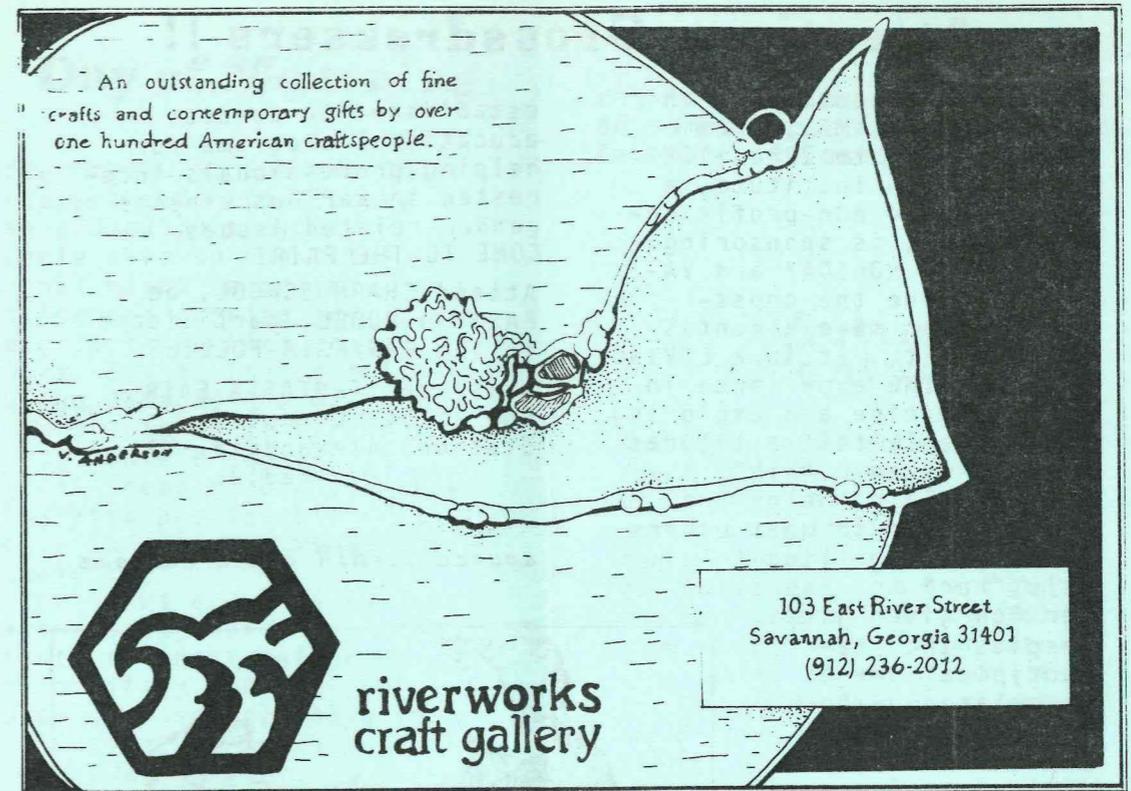
This tells you a little bit about the process. If you want a book on the subject try A Legal Guide For Lesbian And Gay Couples, by Curry and Clifford, Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., Reading, Massachusetts. Ask for the revised addition; the revisions are recent.

*Wilson Huff*

## Waldenbooks

A letter to the Editor from Thomad Cowan urging support of his recently published book Gay Men and Women Who Enriched the World suggests we spread the word about this book, and ask bookstores and libraries to order it. So I did. At our request, Waldenbooks has ordered a dozen copies, so gird up your loins and hit the Mall for your copy soon.

"It is crucial to get the entire truth of who we are before the American public so that they--and we-- can answer the vital questions of gay life: Who are we? Where did we come from? What is our purpose? We have a distinguished heritage. The people in the book made great contributions in art, literature, economics, mathematics and music. It's time America recognized them for what they were," he wrote. Ask the library to order a copy on your next visit, too.



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Bowers v. Hardwick  
June 30, 1986

## Come! Come!

CLUB 1 is proud to announce a special show and raffle to benefit AIDS Coastal Empire. The Friday, June 23rd event is being produced and hosted by the one and only 'Mutha'. Join us for an evening of live entertainment, dance, and good company!

## Attention Crossdressers !!

For the fifteenth year in Provincetown, MA., from October 13th to 22nd, 1989 the Outreach Institute, a Boston based non-profit organization, is sponsoring a nine day HOLIDAY and VACATION where the crossdresser can make a fantasy into reality. It is a LIVING and LEARNING experience in being feminine and exploring those deeply felt attitudes of the "woman within".

Fantasia Fair helps the crossdresser to meet others who will be willing to help "her" to understand her God given gifts.

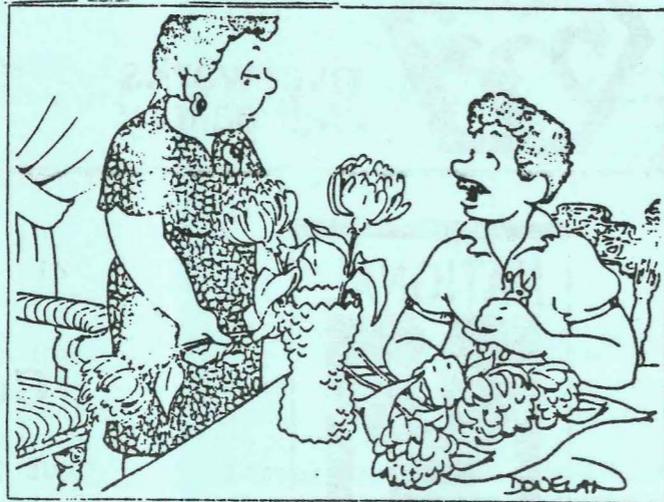
Despite the stereotypical images circulated by both the straight and gay community for various socio-political reasons that place the crossdresser in a deep closet, the average crossdresser wishes to release the woman within, not "put her down". The proceeds from the Fair are used to support the Outreach Institute,

established to conduct educational programs for helping professionals interested in various aspects of gender related issues. COME TO THE FAIR!

Attend CHARM SCHOOL, be a FASHION MODEL, participate in the FAN/FAIR FOLLIES.

Write to: FANTASIA FAIR  
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Station, Alexandria, VA.  
22312

*source...FAIR press release*



"Yes, Mom, I'd do almost anything to make you happy...but Mother's Day is not a good reason to go straight."

### Writers, Artists, & Poets-in-Residence

We're interested in your copyright-free material which you'd so graciously give or loan to us for inclusion in your most humble local gay rag.

## Day of Mourning

After the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Georgia sodomy law and ruled that gay people have no constitutional right to privacy, sex police and leering judges did not start knocking on our doors. Still, the Court's ruling damaged the gay community by making it harder for us to achieve social and sexual freedom. Did you know: 25 states and the District of Columbia classify us as "criminals"?

Sodomy laws are used to deny gays custody and visitation rights to their children? The military routinely prosecutes gay servicepeople for the "crime" of private, adult, consensual sex?

Sodomy laws and the Hardwick decision are cited over and over in legal decisions that infringe on basic civil rights of gay people?

**Now it's our turn to speak out!** Raise your voice for gay freedom/gay rights on **June 30, 1989**. Join other concerned citizens in the **National Day of Mourning for the Right of Privacy**, held on the third anniversary of the Hardwick decision. Visit a larger city (such as Atlanta) and join in their public protests; write letters to your elected officials; write a letter to the editor of The News-Press; share your concerns with your friends and family on a one-to-one basis. Imagine if all 20 million members of our community took one small step in speaking up for our

rights! The important thing is to do something, no matter how small. Remember, **Silence=Death**.

## Writing Contest

The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning lesbian and gay families, Lesbians and gay men have created, and are evolving, relationships which expand traditional notions of families. The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of lesbian and gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest.

The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Bérubé, poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a \$500 prize, and three runners-up will each receive a \$100 prize.

The deadline for entries is August 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission St. Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103. For more information, please contact Doug Warner at (415) 621-3900.

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# WHO'S WHO

## All I Need

Most of what I needed to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Cold milk and warm cookies are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and plan and work some every day.

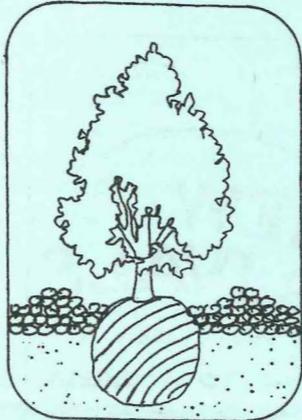
Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world hold hands, watch for traffic, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup---they all die. So do we. Think about what a better world it would be if we all---the whole world ---had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon, and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

## THANKS LAWRENCE

Many many thanks are in order for Lawrence Marley for handling the numerous chores of publishing the Network News for the last year, largely and most often with little or no assistance. We can all be proud of the fine newsletter his energy and talents have produced. Like most of our readers, I had no idea of the magnitude of this task until trying to be of help to Lawrence recently. **KUDOS..KUDOS..KUDOS AND THAT'S NOT ENOUGH !!!!**

## BROTHER TO BROTHER New Writings By Black Gay Men

The deadline for submissions of poetry and prose manuscripts for Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men has been extended to June 30, 1989. Essex Hemphill, poet and publisher of Be Bop Books, Washington, D.C. will complete the editing of Brother to Brother which Joseph Beam was at work on at the time of his death. Barbar Smith, writer and publisher of Kitchen Table Press will assist in the reading of submitted materials. Manuscripts by Black gay men about the Black gay male experience are being sought. Manuscripts may be submitted in the following forms: Essays and short fiction (up to 5,000 words), poetry (no more than five poems), brief excerpts from plays and novels, letters, journal entries, performance pieces, narratives, and interviews. Among the experiences of interest are: coupling and intimate relationships, coming out, interactions with family (particularly fathers) interactions with the communities we live in, rural living, youth, substance abuse, spousal abuse, the military, incarcerations, the arts, gay activism, AIDS, oral histories regarding Black gay life in previous decades, how to create positive self-images, male bonding/brotherhood, aging and erotica. All manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced (no exceptions) on 8½x11" white paper with the contributor's name on each page. Please include a phone number. Manuscripts should be sent in duplicate, with sufficient return postage to: **Brother to Brother**, P.O. Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103



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## Gay : A Dirty Word?

FCN holds many of its meetings at the ACE office on Tattnall Street. This a privilege granted by the ACE Foundation, not a right we can take for granted. Currently we are not charged a fee for using the affice on Thursday nights.

When the new ACE Board takes office, one of the issues they will be discussing is what non-profit organizations will be allowed to use the office, if any, and what if any fees will be charged. They will also be discussing what type literature (magazines, posters, pamphlets) will be allowed in the office. While it is true that FCN gave birth to ACE, ACE has become the larger and wealthier of the

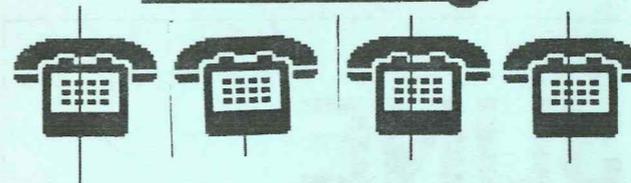
two. A variety of Savannahians have joined the ACE Board, reflecting a broad spectrum of local concerns. It has been mentioned, ever so briefly, that they may want to down-play ACE's connection to the gay community for fear of alienating potential clients, including teenagers. Gay is not a dirty word. We should all be proud of the leadership efforts the gay community has made in the fight against AIDS. We need to remain vigilant so that AIDS service organizations don't try to hide us in the darkness of the closet. What some see as an effort to make AIDS service organizations more palatable to the public, I see as another potential source of anti-gay discrimination.



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Stardust Book Emporium (new age)	(912)	236-1441
Dream Weaver (books, tapes, & gifts)	(912)	656-0166
Brighter Day Natural Foods	(912)	236-4703

### Nightclubs in Historic District:

Who's Who	(912)	232-9432
Faces II	(912)	233-3520
Club One	(912)	232-0202
Candi's Lounge & Restaurant	(912)	232-0373

### Savannah Resources

First City Network, Inc.	(912)	236-2489
Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy	(912)	236-5802
Lesbian & Gay A. A.	(912)	927-0839
Savannah ACT-UP (political action)	(912)	238-5858
Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group	(912)	236-2012
Anonymous HIV testing site	(912)	356-2155
AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc.	(912)	238-5953
First Call For Help (24 hour hotline)	(912)	232-3383
Victim-Witness Assistance Program	(912)	944-4865
Georgia Legal Services	(912)	651-2180

### Georgia Resources

Etcetera	(800)	444-3821
Southern Voice	(404)	876-1819
Atlanta Gay Center & The News	(404)	876-5372
AID/Atlanta & The Journal	(404)	872-0600
GAPAC (Georgia Political Action)	(404)	888-0719
National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia	(404)	874-7926
S.E. Arts, Media, & Education Project	(404)	584-2104
Gay Cable Network / Atlanta	(404)	633-4754
Georgia ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights	(404)	523-5398
Georgia Physicians for Human Rights	(404)	876-8587
Gay & Lesbian Parents' Coalition	(404)	952-5322
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(404)	934-1042
Young Adult Support Groups	(404)	876-5372
Senator Wyche Fowler	(202)	224-3643
Senator Sam Nunn	(202)	224-3521

### National Resources

ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights Project	(212)	944-9800
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force	(202)	387-3097
National Gay Rights Advocates	(415)	863-3624
National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays	(202)	265-7117
National Gay/Lesbian Health Foundtn.	(202)	797-3708
Lesbian Rights Project	(415)	621-0674
Human Rights Campaign Fund	(202)	628-4160
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(704)	922-9273
Fund For Human Dignity	(212)	529-1600
People for the American Way	(202)	462-4777
Southeastern Conference	(214)	522-8234

### National AIDS Information

ACE Foundation, Inc.	(912)	238-5953
AIDS Info Line / Georgia	(800)	551-2728
AIDS Action Council	(202)	547-3101
National Assoc. of People with AIDS	(202)	483-7979
National AIDS Network	(202)	546-2424
Project Inform (alternative AIDS info)	(800)	822-7422
National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse	(301)	762-5111
Coalition for Leadership on AIDS	(202)	628-4160
Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP)	(619)	234-3432
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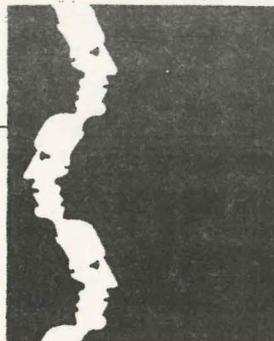
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		CANCER from 1st thru 21st, Leo from 22nd thru end of month.	Boy about that PROM? 170 well dressed men & women of our community at the Exposition Center dancing & having a unique GAY SAVANNAH time! We thank our out-of-state guests for joining us.	The Telfair presents THE ASH CAN SCHOOL OF PAINTING thru August 13; plus visit the Telfair on the 12th at 12:30 pm for AMERICAN VISION.	JULY 1st... 1st Anniversary of incorporation of FCN!	1 Birthdays: GOERGE SAND 1804, CHARLES LAUGHTON 1899, TAB HUNTER 1911. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm. 1st Saturday Fest.
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VOLLEYBALL in Daffin Park at 6 pm toward the west end of the Park. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT of 1964 signed by Pres. Johnson.	THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN at the Victory Sq. Theater, also on the 2nd. CARDINALS BASEBALL at 7:15 pm.	SUPPORT GROUP for PWA's and those concerned, 8 pm at the ACE office. Free, canceled for the holiday. INDEPENDENCE DAY.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. ACE BOARD mtg., 7 pm at office. CAMILLE, a 1936 film with Greta Garbo thru the 6th at Victory Sq. Theater.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. FCN Board mtg., 7 pm at the ACE office, everyone is welcome. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. GAY AA, 8:30 pm at the ACE office. BROADWAY MELODY OF 1938, with Judy Garland at Victory Sq. Theater thru 8th.	CLUB ONE's 1st Anniversary Party. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm. LIBERTY BELL cracked in 1835.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
VOLLEYBALL in Daffin Park at 6 pm, toward the factors Avenue end of the Park. THE RAND KACON with Fred Astaire & Nanette Fabray at Victory Sq.	MARCEL PROUST b. in France in 1871.	ACE wishes to thank all of the FCN members who helped with our June 23 Raffle, esp. Wilson & the men of volleyball.	We need your donations for the ACE yard sale coming the 15th; call 238-5953; we will pick up.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. JULIUS CAESAR b. 100 BC in Rome.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. GAY AA, 8:30 pm at the ACE office. BASTILLE DAY. DINNER AT EIGHT with Harlow & Barrymore at Victory Sq. Theater.	ACE Yard Sale at the HOUSE OF MANY COLORS, 426 Habersham Street, starts at 8 am; coffee, coke, muffins, & croissants available; donate by calling ACE W, T, F 7-9 pm.
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THE WOMEN, a 1939 film of Clara Booth Luce's play starring Joan Crawford and an all female cast, again on 17th.	Trees & shrubs that will bloom in the heat of summer include Oleander, Grape Myrtle, Yarrow, Bottle Brush, Dahlia, Daylilies, Gerber Daisy.	SUPPORT GROUP for PWA's and those concerned, 8 pm at the ACE office. Free. FULL MOON MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS at Victory.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. ACE BOARD mtg., 7 pm at office. EDGAR DEGAS b. 1834 in Paris	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. FCN & ACE NEWSLETTER work sessions, 7 pm at the ACE office. We need your writing, typing, layout, proof-reading skills.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. GAY AA, 8:30 pm at the ACE office. SHOWBOAT opens at Sav. Theater, for next three weekends; F&S at 8 pm, Sun. at 7 pm. HART CRANE b.	SHOWBOAT at Sav. Theater.
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DOCTOR CHIVAGO thru the 27th at Victory Square Theater. 30th: Happy B.D. Allison!	AMELIA EARHART b. in Kansas in 1898, famous aviator. CARDINALS BASEBALL at 7:15 pm.	KOREAN WAR ends in 1953. SAVANNAH CARDINAL Baseball at 7:15 pm.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. MICK JAGGER b. 1944 in England. U.S. POSTAL SERVICE founded in 1775. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm.	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. FCN & ACE NEWSLETTER stuffings, no skill required, everyone welcome at 7 pm at the ACE office. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm. KOREAN WAR ENDS!	ACE OFFICE open 7-9 pm. GAY AA, 8:30 pm at the ACE office. 1st SINGING TELEGRAM, 1933. CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm.	ACE office is at 235 Tattnall, ground floor (two blocks south of Civic Center). CARDINALS BASEBALL, 7:15 pm.
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*FCN provides national, state, and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.*

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## WHERE IT HURTS—AT HOME

In reading gay papers from other areas, I have come to see that there is turmoil in major cities over the issues surrounding the disassociation of AIDS service organizations from the gay communities that started them. As gays, we would have done well to disassociate ourselves from the "scourge of AIDS", but we became vocal and visible to save our very lives, and we cannot now believe that going back into the closet on this issue will accomplish the same goal. We joined the battle---fought for public caring, raised thousands of dollars from our own shallow pockets, and work to reach the whole community, to stop the dying---and we're told to back off. We make the issue too controversial, less palatable. If being gay is o.k. and there is nothing wrong with it, where does this attitude come from? And why would we give these people our money and trust them to look out for us?

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## Editor Position Open

Although Lawrence Has offered to resume the duties he's held over the past year after a Macintosh SE personal computer is obtained, we obviously cannot stop production in the meantime.

The nonpaid position of editor needs to be filled in order to produce the June issue ... and those that follow. Please contact Wilson Huff, **FCN** president at 355-6654. It's a plus if you know how to operate an Apple Macintosh, but not a requirement ... consistent dependability is.

## Volleyball

Can you have Spring without the grunts & groans of volleyball diehards filling the air? Everyone is welcome to come watch or play with folks who represent a diversity of skills at the game: some fairly skilled, and others who ... well, er ... show a great deal of sincerity and room for improvement. If you feel you're even too intimidated by this description are welcome to simply bring your favorite beverage & cooler to "Rah rah" (& chuckle!).

We don't have any formal teams set up, so don't take it so seriously! For further info, call Lawrence at 238-5858.

## Volleyball

Every Sunday at 2pm  
Daffin Park, West End  
across from kiddie park

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This is a NEW SCHEDULE of **FCN** meetings, with a little different focus for the time being. You know that old adage, "Nothing is as constant as change".

- 1st Thurs:** Business meeting.  
Board of Directors meeting, open to everyone
- 3rd Thurs:** General get-together/pot-luck, with main emphasis on work session for **Network News**.
- 4th Thurs:** Emma's traditional newsletter stuffing.

All meetings are held at the **ACE Foundation** office located at 335 Tattall St., ground floor, at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

## \$\$ Treasury \$\$

Beginning Balance (5-1-89)	\$1707.90
Income:	
Memberships	\$195.00
Donations	\$ 85.00
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# FLY UNITED

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced recently that it filed a major federal court lawsuit against Trans World Airlines for discriminating against gay couples in its Frequent Flyer Bonus Program. The case was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Lambda represents William Johnson, who is a member of TWA's Frequent Flyer Bonus Program. According to program rules, Johnson is entitled to free travel benefits for himself and, in some instances a companion, once he has traveled a certain number of miles on the airline. The more miles traveled, the greater the benefits awarded. By July, 1988, Johnson had accumulated over 100,000 mileage credits with TWA, entitling him to two free tickets to any TWA destination worldwide. Johnson requested that TWA issue two round-trip tickets for himself and his domestic partner of seven years, William Hibsher, to travel to Istanbul, Turkey where Hibsher had served in the Peace Corp in the 1960's. TWA issued one ticket to Johnson, but denied the companion ticket for Hibsher claiming that Johnson's relationship with his domestic partner did not qualify for an award under TWA's rules. TWA provides companion tickets to "relatives", which it defines as "spouse, parents, children, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, first cousins and their spouses, or in-laws." Though TWA's agent advised Johnson to claim that Hibsher was his cousin, Johnson refused to lie about his relationship to Hibsher.

Federal aviation law makes it illegal to unjustly or unduly discriminate against any person in air transportation, according to the Lambda attorney handling the case. The complaint also alleges that TWA has breached its contract with Johnson and discriminated against him on the basis of marital status. Lambda seeks a reimbursement of the ticket price, \$100,000 in punitive damages, and a declaration that TWA's policy discriminates against lesbian gay and unmarried couples.

"This case has enormous potential for changing the policies of all businesses which give discount rates to married couples but not to others. Just as do married couples, lesbian and gay people often share vacations, car insurance expenses, and recreational

memberships with their domestic partners, not with their mothers or brother-in-law. Yesterday's decision by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to outlaw discrimination against domestic partners illustrates the growing recognition that domestic partners, whether gay or not, are not given the same economic benefits as those related by blood or marriage."

This case is part of a major initiative by Lambda Legal Defense, a national gay and lesbian legal organization, to gain greater recognition for gay couples and their families. Those who have also been discriminated against in this way are encouraged to call Lambda Legal Defense between 9:30-5:30 EST at (212) 995-8585.

## the truth

*For every one of us who, when confronted with a gay-related issue of some sort, has said these words, "I can't"..... about coming out to your family or friends, about telling your boss on your employees, about backing up a gay who needs help, about supporting changes that would be good for millions, about speaking out, about showing up, about all those myriad situations that agonizingly lead us to say "I can't, I just can't". Consider these words which I found as the quote of the month in the Rape Crisis Ctr.'s newsletter "Stinning Voices":*

*"I gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which I must stop and look fear in the face... To say to myself, "I've lived through this and can take the next thing that comes along... We must do the things we think we cannot."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## WHAT'S EVERYBODY SO AFRAID OF?

It's very distressing that either Savannah is so repressive or her gay community is so cowered that we are unable to hold any public celebration of Gay Pride Week/Day/Month. Indeed, it seems we have no gay pride to celebrate. If First City Network had held a gathering of any sort, as the Board of Directors had discussed, no one would have come, to put it bluntly. Oh sure, some---not all---of the Board would have shown up. Period. And the list of reasons we and our friends would give for not publicly celebrating Gay Pride is probably just as long as the list your local redneck would give of perfectly logical reasons all queers should be killed. A sad state of affairs. As members, one would assume we share the philosophical goals of F.C.N., which include "focusing on the establishment of a gay-positive community". Well, honey, this is going to be tough, because we're not even gay-positive individuals, and we are the homosexuals whereof we speak!

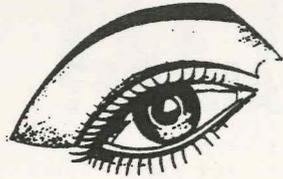
How on earth do we think we're going to impact on community attitudes when we need an attitude adjustment ourselves? Is the community at large going to buy that "gay is o.k." when we personally do not send out that message?(And don't tell me that someone else who can afford to will just have to do it right now because of your job and all, or whatever; I'm out and it's damn hard doing it for myself sometimes, and I can't do it for you--won't-- and think you unconscionably nery for even asking.) The bottom line being, in a sense, you sure can't sell it if you aren't even buying it.

If we're so in the perverbal closet then a celebration of pride would be a rash undertaking, but if that's so, what do all of you think you're doing belonging to an organization that strives for normalization of relations with the surrounding community, the world at large? I guess if we just want a social conduit, then friendship

is certainly a worthwhile pursuit. It still saddens me that I have seen so many personal acts of courage and bravery in living our day-to-day lives, and now deaths, but that we haven't yet come to a communal bravery here in Savannah. We are very o.k. and strong, but we don't yet have that sense of ourselves.

Let's work at developing it. Don't let someone at the office get away with homophobic statements, fag jokes or impressions. Write radio stations or television stations that air anti-gay sentiment or blatant stereotyping. Every time you let a remark or a joke, or a T.V. show pass unprotected your silence says it's o.k. for it to go on. If you don't disagree, silence is construed as consent. SILENCE=DEATH. So if you register your protest you build pride in yourself. Courage builds pride. Imagine if on a certain date worldwide every gay person turned lavender for the day. It would become obvious that we can't be discriminated against because there are so blooming many of us. We're everywhere, in everything. If everyone were out of the closet who would want to? We're your Mothers, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, preachers, teachers, doctors, artists, lawmakers, psychiatrists, judges, policemen, and generals.

So be proud of your life and your place in your community, and if altering the life of only one person close to you is your act of pride, then do it. Remember, twenty years ago (20 yr.s !) on June 28, 1969 the Stonewall Rebellion started on Christopher Street in New York City when police, pulling one of their regular raids on the Stonewall Bar expecting them to quietly arrest and harass queens and bar employees, were met with resistance for the first time. The sissies in high heels and makeup weren't going to take it any more. They called the cops "pigs" and threw bottles at them, driving them to barricade themselves inside the bar and call for reinforcements. Those flaming faries in drag battled the cops for three days, and all because when it started to get hot in the beginning some queen yelled, "Come on, girls! We've had enough of this shit!" and charged. Twenty years ago in high heels, and we can't make Daffin Park in 1989 in Adidas. Let's work on it.



# media watch

By Steve Nichols

## BYE BYE "BROTHERS"

Last month we all said good-bye to some of our television favorites. Everyone mourned the death of Lucy, but the less tragic farewells came as some shows simply closed down production. *Dynasty* is gone, only to return as a movie-of-the-week during 'sweeps' months. *Tubbs* and *Crocket* (I could never keep it straight as to which was which) have sailed off into the sunset, although NBC is already showing "lost" episodes of *Miami Vice*. And not since Mary told Mr. Grant "so long" have I been so teary-eyed as when Alex P. Keaton broke some Family Ties in their final episode.

But one show many readers may not be familiar with, which also ended a very successful run, was the Showtime cable sitcom "Brothers". If you don't have cable or friends with cable, Brothers was about three Philadelphia brothers, one of whom is gay. Another main character was gay, and a great deal of the episodes were devoted to these characters and their lives.

Although the show was as predictable as most sitcom fare, it did break a lot of ice and cleared the way for other shows to feature gay characters and topics. It also placed some positive examples of gay men (as well as reinforcing a few stereotypes) in over one third of the homes in the U.S. and Canada. And even though the cast and crew have stopped production (after more than a hundred episodes) its best days may still be ahead. The show's producers, Nardino Productions and Paramount TV, have announced they will sell the show into syndication beginning this Fall. "Stay tuned to Channel 4 as Ginger puts on her best gown and does a show for the gang on Gilligan's Island--- then at 5:30, Donald puts on his best gown and does a show for the gang on Brothers."

The "Hot Stuff" in the media is the recent release and success of Donna Summer's single, "This Time I Know It's For Real". The controversy over the Top-40 smash stems from comments made by Miss Summer a few years ago. After experiencing a well-publicized change of religious attitude, the disco diva who brought us the sleazy "Love to Love You, Baby" and "Bad Girls" made no bones about the fact that she was offended by gays and their lifestyles. Her most famous disparaging remarks came at a concert where she stopped between numbers to lecture the largely gay audience that, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve". And the remarks aimed at the gay community, which was largely responsible for her celebrity status, didn't stop there. As the Seventies slipped into the past, so did Miss Summer...until last month.

Critics (including myself) agree that the record is terrific! It's got a great beat and you can dance to it...I give it a '69'. But Summer has made NO public apology or amends for her remarks. In a recent interview on the VH-1 cable network, she was asked about her "born again" status and the associated loss of popularity she suffered after her religious experience. She stated that her beliefs and opinions had not changed, but the "more relaxed" record-buying public was enjoying her platter simply because it was good. Period. End of statement. No regrets.

As it stands now, gay dance clubs are playing the record more often than a drag queen shaves her legs, and the dance floor is consistently packed. But on the same note, many club patrons are politely expressing to DJ's and management that the song cannot be supported until a public apology is made by Summer.

Even the super homophobe Eddie Murphy is doing his share to make amends for his anti-gay "humor" by doing AIDS benefits as well as contributing to Dione Warwick's noted Warwick Foundation. It would seem appropriate if not fashionable for Summer to follow suit.

Although she may be a few mortgage payments behind, this writer thinks that it would be most appropriate for Miss Summer to donate a small portion of the proceeds of her hit to AIDS research or to PWA supportive organizations.

The song is one of the biggest hits of the summer and is climbing the charts like a bullet, but Summer's remarks are also like a bullet, in that they are dangerous and painful.



Another example of the daily homophobia our youth are saturated with: on the album *Lies* by the popular heavy metal group Guns and Roses, a song titled "One In A Million" contains these lyrics, "Immigrants and faggots, they make no sense to me/they come to our country, and think they'll do as they please/like start some mini-Iran, or spread some fucking disease." LOVELY! The album cover also shows, among many questions, lots of racist slurs and the querie, "Have you ever been attacked by a homosexual?". This group is produced by Warner Brothers, Inc. who also produce Sam Kinison, a really homophobic comic. Boycott Warner productions.



## 3 Things You Should Never Forget

1. We remember what enhances us and gives us pleasure.
2. We forget what doesn't enrich our immediate lives.
3. Anyone with a belly button is allowed at least a 20 percent margin for error.

## PROM PRATTLE

What a difference a year makes! Last year the Prom was a little hazy. I remember the anticipation, the excitement, the preparations, then... it all goes dark... bright white of the E.R., then pitch black again. The next thing I know, (a funny choice of words with morphine flowing directly into my veins in large amounts) is that in a more "dark and lovely" guise I experienced the Prom '88, begowned and jeweled as I had intended. Perhaps the coif was a bit different, and I know Cindy hadn't counted on having to "hold me together" quite like she did. I never began to imagine the latent fondling behavior which burst from all my friends! It's all on film---I saw the movie.

But experiencing the Prom vertically on my own two feet (what a laugh!) with no i.v.'s (drugs of choice self-administered) made last year a mere shadow of an experience. Even though I was told I had a great time last year, I know I had a ball this year. What a cool place for a party! I can see the headlines now, "Surrounded by history, homos dance the night away in their crisp formal wear, cocktails in hand, h'or doves only a glance away...". Oh, yes! Dancing music, family-type staff, pictures instantly and about 175 of our nearest and dearest! Weren't we hot! Didn't we look spiffy! Didn't it give you chills to see us look so "mainstream"!?

I even danced a little this year- a first since the wreck. When the Veraflames struck up Wipe-Out, Angie (my crash partner from last year) and I knew they were playing our song and we had to hit the floor. (At least we didn't hit the ing tree again!) I hope all of you had as wonderful a time as I did at the Prom '89. I guarantee that the view from the Great Savannah Exposition beats heck out of the view from MMC, and I was glad to be back.

Cocca Wilson/Wilson

ONLY THOSE WHO  
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# BAD "D"



National Gay Rights Advocates filed an amicus curiae brief in the California Court of Appeals attacking the use of the "homosexual panic" defense. Frankie Huie was convicted of first degree murder in 1987 after brutally beating and stabbing Stephen Mayeda, a 41 year old gay man living in San Francisco. Now, Huie is appealing his murder conviction claiming that his violent acts resulted from a panic-ridden reaction to alleged sexual advances by Mayeda.

In it's brief, NGRA argues to the court that the defense simply has no merit and that trial court Judge Timothy Reardon properly excluded expert psychological testimony offered in support of the defense.

"The 'homosexual panic' defense is nothing but bigotry in disguise," said Cynthia Goldstein, Director of NGRA's Anti-Violence Litigation Project. "We will fight the use of this baseless defense tactic here in California and in every other state in which it rears it's ugly head."

"There is not factual or legal justification for the use of this defense. Just as our society will not allow a defendant to use racial or gender-based prejudices as an excuse for his violent acts, a defendant's homophobia is no defence to a violent crime," said Joyce Norcini, who is leading the legal team for NGRA.

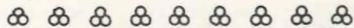
Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA said, "The gay and lesbian community already suffers great injury at the hands of gay-bashers. NGRA will not allow the courts to compound this injury by officially sanctioning this defense."

# 1-800-SOS-GAYS

The National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline, America's only toll-free gay information and counseling service, has adopted a new and easier to remember number. The nationwide calling number is:  
 1-800-SOS-GAYS  
 or 1-800-767-4297

Simultaneously, the Crisisline increased its incoming call capacity by 25% with the addition of a telephone line made possible through the gifts of private donors.

The Crisisline, which has been in operation for more than 6 years, is a program of the New York-based Fund for Human Dignity, a national non-profit organization that provides and promotes better information about gay and lesbian lives. A computer database of more than 6,000 entries, developed especially for the Crisisline, provides local referrals to the caller for social support, information about AIDS, healthcare, legal, psychological and other services. For more information about the National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline contact Julien Maurice, Coordinator, The Fund for Human Dignity, 666 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012, (212) 529-1600.



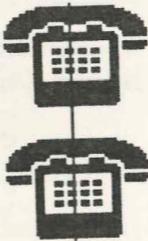
## Help defeat anti-gay amendments to AIDS bills!

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Send Congress a message. Ask for Operator 9184. Choose a prepared mailgram. Only \$4.50 each, charged to your telephone. If you don't know who your legislator is, the operator does.

### CALL NOW!

The *Speak Out* mailgram campaign is sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. For further info, contact the Field Division, HRCF, P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20013 or call (202) 628-4160.



# Writing Contest

The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning lesbian and gay families, Lesbians and gay men have created, and are evolving, relationships which expand traditional notions of families. The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of lesbian and gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest.

The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Bérubé, poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a \$500 prize, and three runners-up will each receive a \$100 prize.

The deadline for entries is August 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission St. Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103. For more information, please contact Doug Warner at (415) 621-3900.



### Writers, Artists, & Poets-in-Residence

We're interested in your copyright-free material which you'd so graciously give or loan to us for inclusion in your most humble local gay rag.

# ACT NOW!

# (SAPPHO'S DEN)

In your September Network News, you will be receiving a ballot on which you cast your votes for seven persons to act as your Board of Directors for the following 12 months. Please mark this ballot and return it to FCN by the specified deadline. PLEASE VOTE!

In your August issue, you will find nomination forms. Please nominate yourself or whomever you want. (Of course, you must have the acquiescence of someone other than yourself.) No point nominating someone who refuses to fill the position! **NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ALL DURING AUGUST.**

## ON THE NATURE OF THINGS

Every woman is the breath of beauty, and every one of us a witch; we learned this magic in the back paths of the father land. This is the existential tilt of it. We pretend to be what we are, and make its truth threefold: so, no-so, seeming-so. It is a neat trick, and every woman works it.

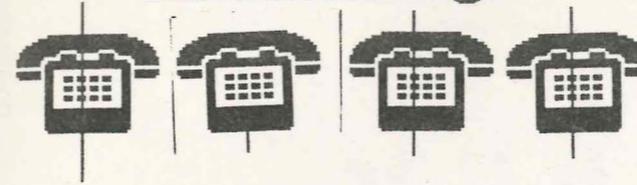
From Every One of Us a Witch,  
by Jean Sirius

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- Candi's Lounge & Restaurant (912) 232-0373

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- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (202) 387-3097
- National Gay Rights Advocates (415) 863-3624
- National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays (202) 265-7117
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- Lesbian Rights Project (415) 621-0674
- Human Rights Campaign Fund (202) 628-4160
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (704) 922-9273
- Fund For Human Dignity (212) 529-1600
- People for the American Way (202) 462-4777
- Southeastern Conference (214) 522-8234

## National AIDS Information

- ACE Foundation, Inc. (912) 238-5953
- AIDS Info Line / Georgia (800) 551-2728
- AIDS Action Council (202) 547-3101
- National Assoc. of People with AIDS (202) 483-7979
- National AIDS Network (202) 546-2424
- Project Inform (alternative AIDS info) (800) 822-7422
- National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse (301) 762-5111
- Coalition for Leadership on AIDS (202) 628-4160
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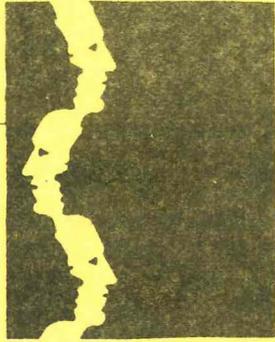
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Zodiac: Leo thru the 21st, Virgo for the rest of the month.  Full Moon on the 16th.  FCN Volleyball every Sunday at 5 pm at the Waters Ave. end of Daffin Park!	<b>1</b> ACE Support Group for PWA's and their family & friends, 8 pm at the ACE office.  Yves St. Laurent b. 1936 in Al- geria.	<b>2</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  ACE Board Meeting at the office at 7 pm.  James Baldwin b. 1924 in New York.	<b>3</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  FCN Business Mtg. at the ACE office at 7 pm, everyone is welcome!  Cardinals Baseball	<b>4</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30.  Wynton Marsalis 8:30 Civic Center	<b>5</b> 1st Saturday on Riverstreet.  Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tourna- ment on Skidaway Island, \$20,000 in prizes, 598- 0023.
<b>6</b> A-bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.  Andy Warhol b. in 1927, artist & celebrity.  Vigil at Sav. River Plant 10am til 7 pm, 352-8446.	<b>7</b> Renaissance Sav- annah meets every 1st Monday at the Cock'd Hat Restaurant on Drayton near Bay at 5:30; 233-2004 evenings.	<b>8</b> Business & Professional Women's meeting of each month at Johnny Harris at 6:15.	<b>9</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  SCAD Lemonade Lecture "Current Work" by Prof. Mark Flowers, 11:30 Kanter Hall, Bull & Jones.	<b>10</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30.	<b>11</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  "Side by Side by Sondheim" at City Lights Theater, also on the 10th & 11th, 234-9860.  Radclyffe Hall b. 1880 in England, author.
<b>13</b> Robert Mapple- thorpe photo exhibit ends today at the Washington Project for the Arts in D.C.  FCN Volleyball 5 pm at Daffin.	<b>14</b> Japan surrenders in 1945.	<b>15</b> Panama Canal completed 75 years ago.  Napolean Bonaparte b. 1769 in Corsica.  ACE Support Group 8 pm.	<b>16</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  FULL MOON.  Cardinals Base- ball vs. Asheville thru the 19th.	<b>17</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  FCN get together & potluck, 7 pm at the ACE office everyone is wel- come.	<b>18</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30.  Tybee Beach Walk ever. F, S & S at 10 & 1 thru Aug. 15th St. & beach.
<b>19</b> "West Side Story" at the Hilton Head Playhouse, Aug. 1-19th on Tues thru Sat. at 8:30, (803) 785- 4878.  Coco Channel b. 1883 in France.	<b>20</b> Registration deadline for a sobriety renewal for Gays & Lesbians at a 1,200 acre re- sort in Minn- esota, 1-800- 54-PRIDE. FCN Volleyball.	<b>21</b> Congratulations to Wilson Huff for putting together a great FCN newsletter!	<b>22</b> Claude DeBussey b. 1862, French composer.	<b>23</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  Cardinals baseball vs. Augusta at 7:15, also on the 22nd.	<b>24</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  FCN & ACE news- letter stuffing, join Emma & the gang at 7 pm at the ACE office.
<b>25</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30.  King Ludwig II of Bavaria b. in 1845.	<b>26</b> ACE Buddy System & Volunteer Ori- entation; open to anyone willing to help in any way; afterwards you may sign up as a volunteer; call 238-5953; held at the office.	<b>27</b> FCN Volleyball at 5 pm at the Waters Avenue end of Daffin Park, all skill levels welcome; bring lounge chairs & refresh- ments; our thanks to M.G.	<b>28</b> Savannah Public Schools begin; good luck to Martha F. & Cecil Carter.  U.S. Open Tennis Championships begin in New York.	<b>29</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.	<b>30</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm.  ACE office is at 335 Tattnell St., ground floor (2 blocks south of civic center); 238-5953.
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*FCN provides national, state, and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.*

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## MAKING AN IMPACT

Do homosexual couples have any rights as families? The New York State Court of Appeals ruled 4 to 2 that a gay couple who had lived together for 10 years could be considered a family under the city's rent-control regulations. Protection against eviction, the majority held, "should find its foundation in the reality of family life. A...realistic, and certainly valid view of a family includes two adult life-time partners whose relationship is long-term and characterized by an emotional and financial commitment and interdependence". The New York decision was the first by a state's highest court to find that a homosexual couple qualified as a family.

Together with the recent San Francisco domestic partners benefits act, and the winning settlement with TWA over their frequent flyer program's anti-gay bias, we can be greatly encouraged. Let's keep fighting---it's working!!!

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## Volleyball

Can you have Spring without the grunts & groans of volleyball diehards filling the air? Everyone is welcome to come watch or play with folks who represent

a diversity of skills at the game: some fairly skilled, and others who ... well, er ... show a great deal of sincerity and room for improvement. If you feel you're even too intimidated by this description are welcome to simply bring your favorite beverage & cooler to "Rah rah" (& chuckle!).

We don't have any formal teams set up, so don't take it so seriously! For further info, call Lawrence at 238-5858.

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This is a NEW SCHEDULE of FCN meetings, with a little different focus for the time being. You know that old adage, "Nothing is as constant as change".

**1st Thurs:** Business meeting. Board of Directors meeting, open to everyone

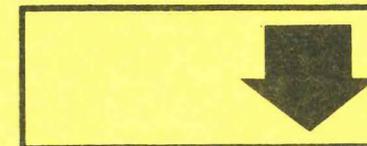
**3rd Thurs:** General get-together/pot-luck, with main emphasis on work session for **Network News**.

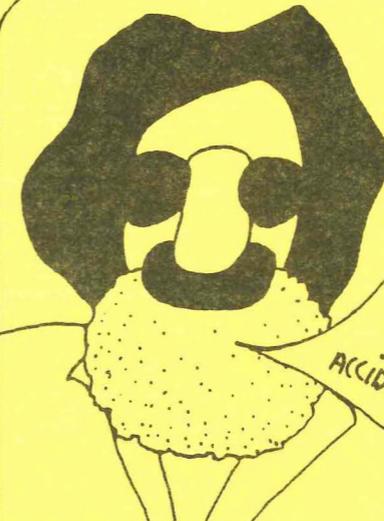
**4th Thurs:** Emma's traditional newsletter stuffing.

All meetings are held at the ACE Foundation office located at 335 Tattall St., ground floor, at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

## \$\$ Treasury \$\$

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Income:	
Memberships	\$ 75.00
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# REVIEWING

I've just finished reading Gay Men and Women Who Enriched the World by Thomas Cowan. I recommend you read it for two reasons. First, it is very interesting. Covering the lives of forty people, the author devotes only five or six pages per person. So what you get is short and sweet. And sweet it is, because Mr. Cowan concentrates not on the sex life of these individuals but rather on how they contributed and gave direction to our western society. He examines how these people helped create the world we live in (for better or worse). Horatio Alger, Jr. inspired a nation to excell and prosper. Bessie Smith is the Blues and remains "the greatest of them all". Andy Warhol and his pop creations forever changed the direction of art. And the list goes on and on. Secondly, I'd recommend this book because we need to be educated. We need to know more of our distinguished forebearers. Reading a list of "Famous Gays" is alright, but to get a real feel for their place in history is special. It connects us.

We all have our daily trials and tribulations, but when we realize that the writers Marcel Proust, Collette, and Tennessee Williams all had their initial manuscripts rejected, perhaps it will encourage us to "keep on keeping on". Indeed, all the people discussed in this book had obstacles to overcome. Whether they had to broach new artistic arenas, quide political aspirations, or just get by in a hostile world ---they were survivors.

This year we celebrate Gay Pride's Twentieth Anniversary (but not here in Savannah, of course). Twenty years of fighting back. Twenty years of not accepting "our place". Twenty years of creating a future. Brothers and Sisters, I submit that we can't guide our futures until we've learned from the past. This book could be your beginning. I am donating this volume to the FCN library in celebration of Twenty Years of Pride. It will be available for checking out during ACE office hours.

J. VanCott

Editor's note: FCN library is in the ACE office at 335 Tattnal St., lower level. Waldenbooks stocked copies of this book at FCN's request. It is on the shelves under Social Sciences. I couldn't find it at first perusal (it's on a bottom shelf) so asked a salesperson to direct me to it. Got one funny look, then lots of apologies!

# WHAT'S NEW

The first annual Lambda Literary Awards (Lammies) Banquet was held on Friday, June 2nd at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C. The glittering event was attended by a capacity crowd of over 300.

The following is a list of the winners in each category:

**Lesbian Fiction...**Trash, by Dorothy Allison  
**Gay Men's Fiction...**The Beautiful Room is Empty, by Edwin White

**Lesbian Nonfiction...**Lesbian Ethics, by Sarah Lucia Hoagland

**Gay Men's Nonfiction...**Borrowed Time, by Paul Monette

**Gay Men's Small Press...**Goldenboy, Michael Nava and The Delight of Hearts, Ahmad al-Tifashi (a tie)

**Lesbian First Novel...**Bird-Eyes, Madelyn Arnold  
**Gay Men's First Novel...**The Swimming Pool Library, Alan Hollinghurst

**Lesbian Mystery/Science Fiction...**Skiptrace, by Antoinette Azolakov

# FLASH

Paths Untrodden, a gay-owned/gay-operated mail order book service for literature pertaining to male homosexuality and the gay liberation movement has released it's 1989 catalogue, listing hundreds of titles in a subject classification that includes 46 areas. Paths Untrodden specializes in hard-to-find books, out of print, small press and imported titles. The first part of the catalogue focuses on the erotic element in gay literature and the second part consists primarily of titles never before listed, as well as books related to men's issues and sale books. A special tribute to gay activist Ed Murphy is included. The catalogue, a 32 page bibliography, is available for \$3.00 from Paths Untrodden, P.O. Box 459, Village Station, New York, new York 10014-0459.

## GAYS ON TV UNDER ATTACK

The American Family Association has launched an all-out drive to stop sponsors from advertising on TV shows with gay or lesbian characters.

Led by the Rev. Donald Wildmon, the Tupelo, Mississippi-based AFA claims 380,000 followers and an annual budget of \$5 million. The group made headlines in all the national media by successfully persuading Pepsi to drop its support for Madonna's upcoming tour (it found her "Like a Prayer" video blasphemous), Domino's Pizza to pull commercials from *Saturday Night Live*, and Mennen to cancel its sponsorship of ABC's *HeartBeat*.

Since *HeartBeat's* debut last year, the AFA has conducted a nationwide campaign against the show, focusing on lesbian nurse practitioner Marilyn McGrath. For example, the *AFA Journal* reported: "In one scene, two lesbians are talking...Claire, a patient at one time...had a crush on Marilyn...This entire episode contains a lot of lesbian dialogue...The last scene, in which Claire dies...evokes sympathy for homosexuality." The AFA urged its followers to write the show's sponsors and threaten to boycott their products if they continued to "promote homosexuality."

In March the Mennen Co. cited mail objecting to the show and pulled its ads (the AFA claimed credit). Shortly afterwards ABC put the show on hiatus. The network had already decided not to renew *HeartBeat* for next season.

**Mennen's Silence.** Mennen has refused to respond to GLADD's (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, INC.) request that it state in its advertising guidelines that it will not discriminate against shows because they portray gays and lesbians.

Tell Mennen that gays are family, too. Write L. Donald Horn, Chairman, Mennen Company, Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960 or call (201) 631-9000.

The AFA also protested ABC's *The Women of Brewster Place* mini-series for showing a lesbian relationship, and urged members to write Chrm. Samuel C. Johnson, S.C. Johnson & Sons, Inc. 1525 Howe St., Racine WI 53403

and to PepsiCo. We suggest you write to support sponsors who have withstood the AFA's attacks.

P.P.S. With the cancellation of *HeartBeat* and *Hooperman*, and the departure of Hank Eliot from *As The World Turns*, there will be no permanent gay or lesbian characters on network television next season. GET THE PICTURE?

(The GLAAD Bulletin June/July 1989)

## Would You Believe...

### NAACP'S BLIND SPOT

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, some minority gays have complained of receiving limited support from traditional civil rights groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Althea Simmons, chief lobbyist for the NAACP, told the paper, "We have no position on homosexuality, period." Can you imagine if a gay rights organization said that it takes no public stand on whether blacks should have civil rights? Let's remind the NAACP that courageous leaders such as Jesse Jackson and Coretta Scott King are unequivocal in their support of gay rights, and they should be too. Write to: Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director, NAACP, 4805 Mount Hope Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215.

(The GLAAD Bulletin June/July 1989)

## Something you've depended on for years could be taken away from you.

In its recent Webster ruling, the Supreme Court has begun a retreat from the landmark Roe v. Wade case which guaranteed women the right to safe, legal abortions. In 1973, the Court agreed that a woman has the right to make decisions governing her own reproductive capacity. In 1989, the Court now says that states have that right.

Unfortunately, the Court's ruling tosses the issue back to this country's state legislators, 85% of whom are male. States may now restrict access to public funds and facilities for abortions. This may not have any immediate impact in Georgia, which already prohibits the use of Medicaid funds for abortion except in cases in which the mother's life is endangered. (Tragically, suicidal depression over a rape or incest-induced pregnancy is not considered "endangering" to a woman, according to state policy.)

However, Webster will give new hope to anti-choice forces in Georgia, who will undoubtedly attempt to railroad Georgia legislators into further restrictions on a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy, and it raises puzzling questions about determining "viability" of 20-week fetuses.

The issue of a woman's right to choose must concern all of us. Lesbian or straight, **one out of three women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime**, according to F.B.I. statistics. If pregnancy results from a rape, should the victim then be forced to carry the pregnancy to term?

If a woman cannot properly care for a child ---if she is drug-addicted or alcoholic, has AIDS, has abused previous children, is pregnant by her father, or is a mere child herself--- should she be forced to continue an unwanted and unintended pregnancy? Should the resulting child then be forced to grow up in an unloving and perhaps violent environment, eventually shunted from one foster home to another, unhappier and angrier by the day, until that child turns on the society that forced it to be born? Doesn't every child deserve to be wanted, planned for, and loved?

Perhaps as important an issue, particularly for the gay community, is that of privacy, and the right to be left alone. Does the government--federal or state--belong in our bedrooms and doctor's offices making blanket decisions about our personal choices?

Should what we do with our bodies be up to anyone but ourselves?

According to a recently released Harris poll, the American public says "No". An overwhelming 77% agree that, in consultation with her doctor, a woman should have the right to seek a safe, legal abortion, and 61% now favor the Roe decision (up more than 20% from the Harris poll of a few years ago).

The National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood of Savannah are attempting to organize a local pro-choice coalition, and we invite FCN members to join with us. For more information, please call Planned Parenthood at 351-0116.

Kris Rice



A candlelight vigil in remembrance of those women who died from abortions before 1973 will be held on August 28, at 5:30pm as an observance on International Women's Day. Call 351-0116 for location info and details of the next coalition meeting Aug. 15th.

**REMEMBER THAT THE OPPOSITE OF ANTI-ABORTION IS NOT PRO-ABORTION, BUT PRO-CHOICE**



## A SETBACK, YES. BUT THERE'S STILL OPPORTUNITY

Washington, D.C., July 5...Calling the Supreme Court's decision in Webster v. Reproductive Health Services a "blow to individual liberty and women's freedoms," the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has vowed to continue its fight for the right of privacy of all Americans and lend its support to a nationwide coalition organized by key prochoice groups.

"As gays and lesbians concerned about equality and keeping the government out of our bedrooms, we are extremely troubled by the Court's decision," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director. "We will look for opportunities to educate politicians and support prochoice groups as the battle for privacy now moves from the courts to you legislatures."

HRCF has been part of the prochoice coalition organized by NARAL, Voters for Choice, National Organization for Women and others. The coalition will continue to educate, advocate and mobilize constituents and politicians around the choice issue.

"As gays and lesbians, we must continue to stand up for the civil rights and privacy of others if we ever want to see our own rights protected," said Eric Rosenthal, HRCF political director.

"The victories we want in the courts depend on precedents set in such cases as Roe and Webster," said Rosenthal. "If we want anti-gay sodomy decisions like Hardwick overturned, the right to privacy must be upheld across the board."

Following the ruling, HRCF activists and prochoice and women's rights groups reiterated that the key issue at stake in Roe, Webster, and Hardwick is individual freedom.

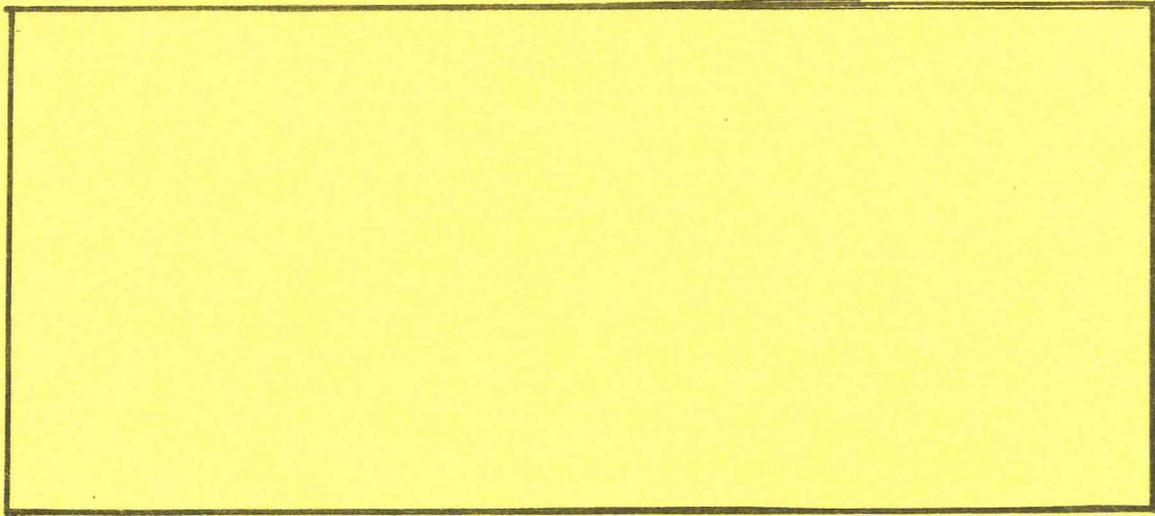
"Who decides about abortion or sexual practices, the government or the individual?," said Robert Bray, HRCF communications director. "In recent rulings the Supreme Court now heavily stacked with Reaganappointed justices seems to be shifting away from individuals and toward the government."

Prochoice coalitions are now gearing up for intense legislative and electoral battles over abortion. NARAL plans to make choice a major issue in key campaigns around the country.

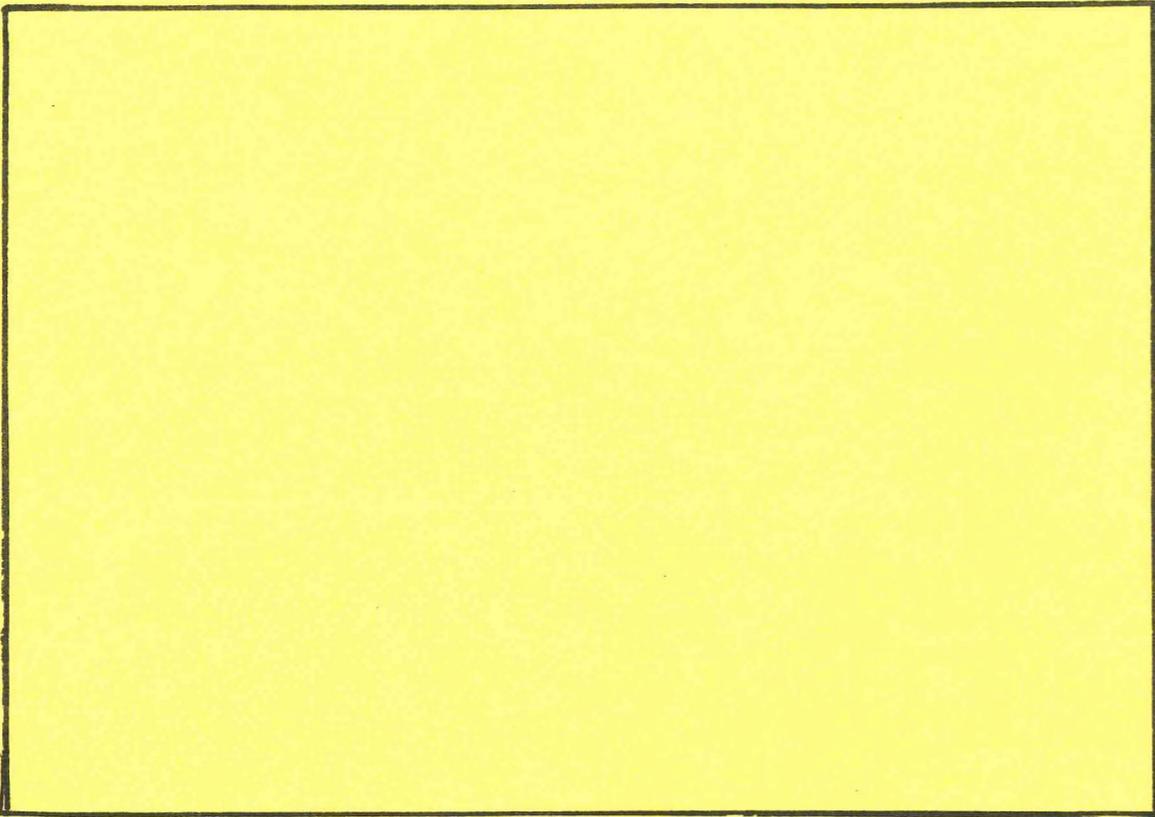
"Gays and lesbians must do the same with issues of privacy and civil rights," said HRCF's Rosenthal. "We cannot depend on the Court to uphold the Constitution and defend individual liberties. We must protect ourselves by using the ballot box."

## "Before Stonewall" Video Available

A videocassette release of "Before Stonewall", The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community, is now available from MPI Home Video. Winner of two Emmy Awards including Best Historical Program, the classic 1986 documentary revealingly and humorously tells the story of the sometimes horrifying existences of gays from 1920 to the present. The tape (87 min. long) retails for \$29.95. To purchase, call 1-800-338-7710. Will not be widely available through video shops.



*SCENES FROM SAVANNAH'S GAY PRIDE PARADE 1989*



*Scenes from Atlanta's 1989 Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade*



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**The only way to  
destroy homophobia  
is to confront it.**

#### POSTOFFICE TO ISSUE STONEWALL CANCELLATION

The U.S. PostOffice will become the first federal agency to officially acknowledge lesbian and gay pride when it observes the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising by offering a special lesbian and gay pride stamp cancellation on June 25, 1989. The special cancellation, which was requested by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, (GLADD) will be available at "Stonewall Station", a mobile postal unit to be located in New York's Sheridan Square all day Sunday, June 25, the day of New York's Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade.

The cancellation reads: "Stonewall Sta./20 Years 1969-1989/Lesbian and Gay Pride" and features the Heritage and Pride Logo designed by New York Artist Keith Haring. It will be affixed to first class stamped mail dropped at the mobile unit on June 25, (or sent in advance to Postmaster, Room 1037, Morgan General Mail Facility, NY, NY, 10199-9991 with a request to use the special Stonewall cancellation.)

To further commemorate the Stonewall anniversary and facilitate use of the cancellation, GLADD will sell specially designed postcards for \$1.00 each (\$1.50 if prestamped and cancelled) at the site of the mobile post office. GLADD urges parade participants and spectators to show their pride by sending postcards to George Bush, Monday or whenever. Postcards may also be purchased in Bulk in advance by writing to GLADD, 80 Varick Street, Suite 3E, New York, N.Y. 10013-1923.

#### KELLOGG CRITICIZED

Joseph Norton, a 70 year old relative of the founder of the Kellogg Company and shareholder in the cereal giant stunned 800 stockholders gathered in Battle Creek when he denounced a product's television advertisement which has been criticized for its promotion of violence against gays and lesbians.

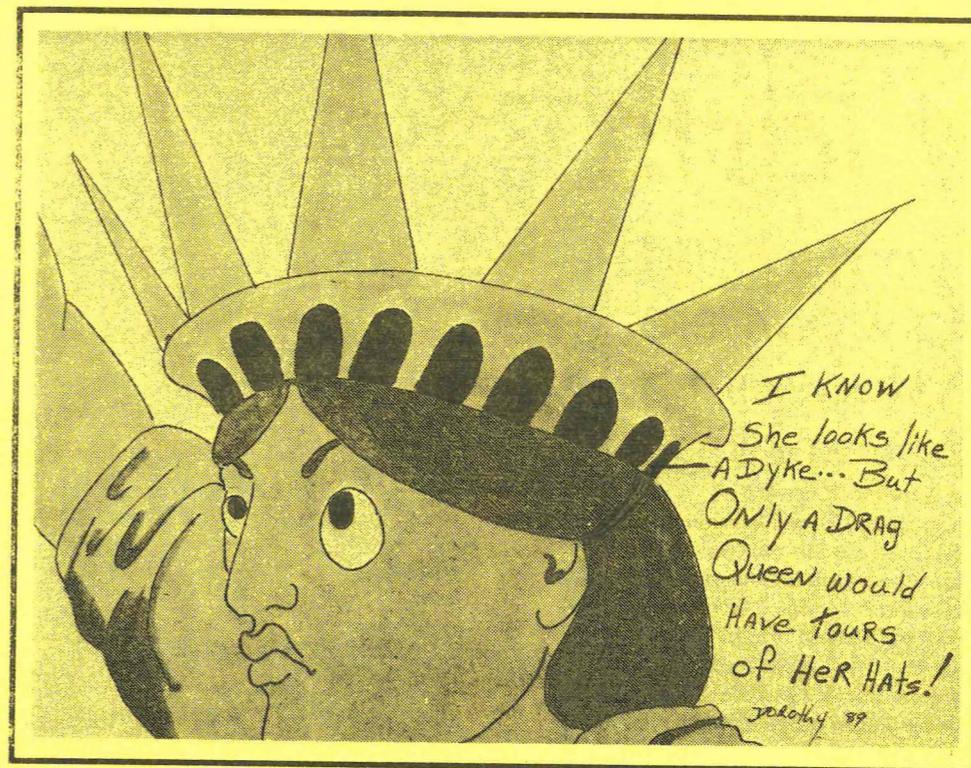
Norton told shareholders he was gay and that the company's 1988 commercial depicting a group of cowboys drawing their guns on a trail cook after he told them there was 'nuttin honey' for breakfast - the line was a play on the cereal's name, Nut'N'Honey. "Some of us gay males have been rather upset by this commercial. We believe the company should be opposed to pulling a gun on anyone's head for any reason."

Kellogg's Chief Executive Officer, Bill LaMothe, said during a news conference following the meeting, Norton's remarks and those of other activists has raised his consciousness. When you go through these experiences, we have to be sure we keep broadening our viewpoint. When the noise level reaches a certain point, then perhaps that's a noise level we have to address," he said.

Norton indicated that he did not consider the issue dead. "I still disapprove of this ad," he noted. Norton is the nephew of a niece of W.K. Kellogg, the company's founder.

**We are coming out to  
fight the lies, the  
myths, the distortions.  
We are coming out  
to tell the truth.**

**-- Harvey Milk**



THIS MAYBE OLD NEWS BUT IT IS GOOD NEWS

#### "COMING OUT TO YOUR PARENTS"

"Coming Out to Your Parents" is a 16 page booklet published for lesbians and gay men who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their gay child's sexual orientation.

The stages (shock, denial, guilt, anger, personal decision-making, and true acceptance) are described, along with specific ways young adults can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a gay son, relates his personal experience and that of hundreds of other parents who have come to Parents FLAG meetings.

The booklet (in its third printing of over 1000,000 copies) begins by raising 12 questions that need to be considered before one comes out to parents. It offers an annotated list of resources about coming out to parents; it also provides an appendix of books and pamphlets to give to one's parents.

A list of over 200 parent groups/contacts in 50 states is provided. These parent groups are members of Parents FLAG, whose headquarters is Washington, D.C.

For a free single copy send a self-addressed \$.45 stamped business envelope to Parents FLAG, P.O. Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish; no additional marks will be added.) Additional copies are \$.25 each; \$20 per 100 includes postage.

# THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE

One of the things that happen to you when working with any volunteer organization is "burn-out." This is usually caused by too few people doing most of the work. We all experience it from time to time and often wonder what is the cure? One answer might be a surprise appreciation party at a restaurant in town. Well, that's what happened to me on July 12th.

It was at the last newsletter stuffing that 'ole dependable Emma expressed feelings of being taken for granted. I guess that's where the idea for the party started. I thought I was going out to dinner with my friend Wilson. However, when we arrived at Cancun Mexican Restaurant, there sat 15 of my friends yelling surprise as I walked in the door! What a nice surprise!. After a delicious dinner, the presentation began. First I recieved a beautiful flower arrangement from Janice Powell and ACE Foundation. Lawrence made the presentation of the plaque which read - Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Emma for Outstanding and Dedicated Service, First City Network, Inc. 1989. Then came Wilson's turn. Since Wilson has been doing the newsletter, she knows the pain, frustration and hard work required, so she seemed the likely character to present this next barrage of gifts.

- 1) Horn - for tooting my own horn.
- 2) Lady Grecian - to remove those newsletter grays.
- 3) An extra pair of hands (rubber) - we could all use.
- 4) Extra large bottle of Excedrin - for whatever ails you.
- 5) Wig - in case I want to pull my hair out.

6) Bronze typewriter - because when doing the newsletter it becomes your baby and bronze shoes didn't apply.

7) Purple football jersey with Emma on the front and Editor #13 on back.

8) Miss Kitty "gold" watch - my favorite.

I do believe that was one of the nicest things to have happened to me in a long time. It is so vital that we all recieve the pat's on the back for our efforts. It helps us all feel needed, wanted and most of all appreciated. Such an event should happen to all of us who put forth the effort and care that is necessary to make things work. Any positive strokes we can give one another help us all to continue our good work. I want to thank the initiators, presenters and participants of this event, even the "one" who couldn't join us because we couldn't be found. I walked away feeling much better about everything, and know I will probably be able to hang on a little longer in trying to make all our goals a reality. Thanks everybody!!

EMMA

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## ARBITRATOR MAKES CASH AWARDS IN HISTORIC MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR GAY EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CASE AGAINST PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE

San Francisco... National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) announced today that 205 of the 232 gay and lesbian claimants in the 14 year, precedent-setting employment rights case against Pacific Bell were awarded more than \$3.2 million as a result of a settlement reached in December, 1986. The settlement is the largest single financial award in the history of the gay rights movement.

In December of 1986, Pacific Bell was forced into a \$3 million outofcourt settlement to benefit a class of claimants in the nation's largest and longest running antigay employment discrimination law suit, Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. The record setting settlement also produced a landmark California Supreme Court decision, in May of 1979, protecting lesbians and gay men against job discrimination in the State of California.

The suit was filed in June of 1975 when several Pacific Bell employees were forced to leave their jobs or were rejected for employment because they were gay. It was later learned that Pacific Bell had a specific policy, approved at the highest level of management, forbidding the employment of "manifest homosexuals" and that gay applicants were systematically rejected by labelling their job applications "Code 48 Homosexual."

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA said, "This historic settlement confirmed the civil rights of gay men and women in the work place. It puts monetary teeth in a major law suit and puts others on notice that employment discrimination will not be tolerated.

The funds will be distributed within the next 60 days.

(July 7, 1989 NGRA Press Release)

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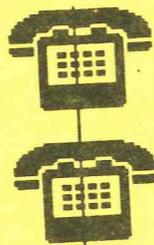
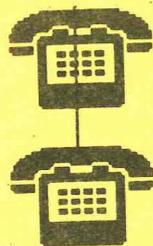
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## Value System

### TEXAS JUDGE CHARGED

Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct has charged Judge Jack Hampton with violating judicial ethics and making rejudicial comments about the victims in a case he heard.

Last year, Hampton sentenced Richard Bednarski to 30 years in prison for killing two gay men. Hampton was quoted in the press as saying that he gave Bednarski a lighter sentence because his victims were homosexual.

After a storm of protest from Dallas' lesbian and gay communities the judge apologized. He claimed that he was misquoted by the press and is not prejudice against gays.

During the Commission's investigation it was revealed that a Associated Press Radio reporter had recorded Hampton in a separate interview criticizing gay people. The seven panel commission will consider Hampton's fate which could result in his removal from the bench.



Matthew Broderick.

MICHAEL PARIS

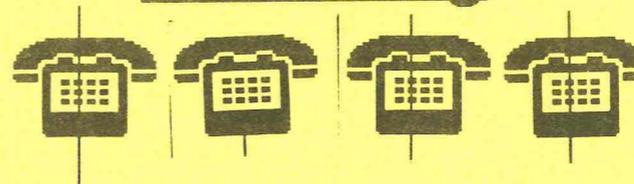
## STRAIGHT TALK

Recently, a reporter asked Matthew Broderick how it felt "being straight" to kiss co-star Brian Kerwin in *Torch Song Trilogy*.

To which Broderick replied: "Who said I was straight?"

Harvey Fierstein, who gave Broderick his first acting job as his gay, adopted son off-Broadway in *Torch Song*, cackled. "It was a brave, but unnecessary thing for him to do, to say that to the press. I said, 'Honey, I want you to be proud of being straight. It's okay to be straight, it really is. And don't ever apologize if that's what you are.'"

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Coming up... FCN 4th anniversary party, Oct. 8th (Sunday) from 2-9 pm on Tybee behind the library.	Virgo thru the 21st; Libra thru the end of the month.		<b>1</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. Concert in Johnson Square, 11:30-1:30, free.	<b>2</b> 1st Saturday on Riverstreet 'The Civil War Soldier' at Ft. McAllister State Park, 11-5, 727-2339. GA South. Football.	
<b>3</b> PUMP BOYS & DINETTE at the Savannah Theater, see the return of a wonderful show, also on the 1st & 2nd; 233-7764. FOLK MUSIC in Forsyth Park all day.	<b>4</b> LABOR DAY Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. Mall Road Race, 354-6573. Beach Walk at 10 & 2 at Tybee's Marine Center on the beach between 15th & 16th.	<b>5</b> Coastal Citizens for a Clean Environment 711 Sandtown Rd. Sav., GA 31410	<b>6</b> ACE OFFICE IS OPEN 7-9 pm. ACE board meeting, at the office at 7 pm.	<b>7</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. FCN business mtg. 7 pm at the ACE office. ACE support group at the ACE office, 8 pm, free.	<b>8</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. Richard the Lion Heart born in 1157 in England, constant companion of King of France.
<b>10</b> AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES Conference thru the 12th in Washington DC; First Baptist Church, 328 16th St. NW Wash., DC. AGAPE, see 24th.	<b>11</b> NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY; 505-982-2558 for info. SCAD Faculty Show at Exhibit A and Library Galleries, thru the 30th. D.H. Lawrence born.	<b>12</b> Business & Professional Women mtg., 6:15 at Johnny Harris. Maurice Chevalier born in 1889 in Paris.	<b>13</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. 'Portraits & Prospects', a gallery talk at the Tel-fair, 232-1177.	<b>14</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. ACE support group at the ACE office, 8 pm, free. Kate Millett, author of Sexual Politics & Sita, born 1934 in Minn.	<b>15</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. Full Moon.
<b>17</b> PLANETARIUM show at the Science Museum every Sunday at 3 pm, \$1.50 Dallas at Atlanta FOOTBALL.	<b>18</b> FCN deadline for return of ballots for the board; mail to FCN, P.O. Box 2442, Sav., GA 31401. Greta Garbo born in 1905 in Sweden.	<b>19</b> To contact: Hon. Sam Nunn U.S. Senate Washington, DC 02510 Hon. Wyche Fowler (same address as above).	<b>20</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. ACE support group at the ACE office, 8 pm, free. FCN get together & potluck, 7 pm, at the ACE office.	<b>21</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. First day of Fall.	<b>22</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm. First day of Fall.
<b>24</b> AGAPE Spiritual Group, call 786-7364 for info; also on the 10th Atlanta at Indianapolis FOOTBALL.	<b>25</b> Coming up... 1st International Glassnet Ballet Tour with members of Kirov, Chinese & Hungarian Ballet; Oct. 14th 351-9636.	<b>26</b> T.S. Eliot, poet, born 1888 in St. Louis.	<b>27</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. SCAD fall quarter begins.	<b>28</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. FCN & ACE newsletter stuffing, Join Emma & the gang at 7 pm at the ACE office. ACE support group.	<b>29</b> ACE office is open 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office at 8:30 pm.
				<b>30</b> ROSH HASHANNAH. SYMPHONY at the Skidaway Marine Center, 5 pm., free. Salamander Trek thru Science Museum, 355-6705.	

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## Election Slate

**ATTENTION, MEMBERS OF FCN:** Enclosed in the envelope with your newsletter is an already addressed and stamped postcard on which are listed the names of those persons nominated to the Board of Directors for 1989-90. The Board consists of seven persons. You should mark the postcard, voting for up to seven names...no more. The seven persons elected to serve as the Board will subsequently elect the officers of FCN from among themselves. The officer positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. That leaves three at-large boardmembers. Please mark your ballots and post them by September 18, 1989, in order for your vote to be counted. Remember, it does make a difference. Now those of you who threw the envelope into the coffee ground-riddled, bacon grease-soaked, ash and butt covered trash better hurry on down to Hardee's and get some strength because you're going to have to dig that pre-paid postcard out of the gross trash because this poor organization can't stand that kind of abuse! Keep those cards coming, y'all.

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## Corrections

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I would like to apologize to The News in Atlanta for not crediting the cartoon and the two picturees from Atlanta's Gay Pride March. I plead both inexperience and dead-line exhaustion. Sorry, and thanks.  
The Editor  
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## Volleyball

Can you have Spring without the grunts & groans of volleyball diehards filling the air? Everyone is welcome to come watch or play with folks who represent

a diversity of skills at the game: some fairly skilled, and others who ... well, er ... show a great deal of sincerity and room for improvement. If you feel you're even too intimidated by this description are welcome to simply bring your favorite beverage & cooler to "Rah rah" (& chuckle).

We don't have any formal teams set up, so don't take it so seriously! For further info, cali Lawrence at 238-5858.

## Volleyball

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## Network News

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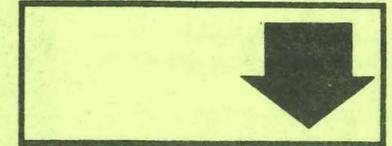


This is a NEW SCHEDULE of FCN meetings, with a little different focus for the time being. You know that old adage, "Nothing is as constant as change".

- 1st Thurs: Business meeting. Board of Directors meeting, open to everyone
- 3rd Thurs: General get-together/pot-luck, with main emphasis on work session for Network News.
- 4th Thurs: Emma's traditional newsletter stuffing.

All meetings are held at the ACE Foundation office located at 335 Tattnall St., ground floor, at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

GENTLE READERS,  
I would like to apologize for the "thinness" of the content of this newsletter. Sometimes you've got it and sometimes you don't. And since there's no one doing this but me, this month it just isn't here! Maybe I'm just dulled by summer's "dog days". Maybe we just don't make as much news in the summer. Whatever! Hopefully next month will bring a meatier newsletter, and I might add that contributions from any of you would be a great help.  
THE EDITOR



**NEW ARRIVALS**

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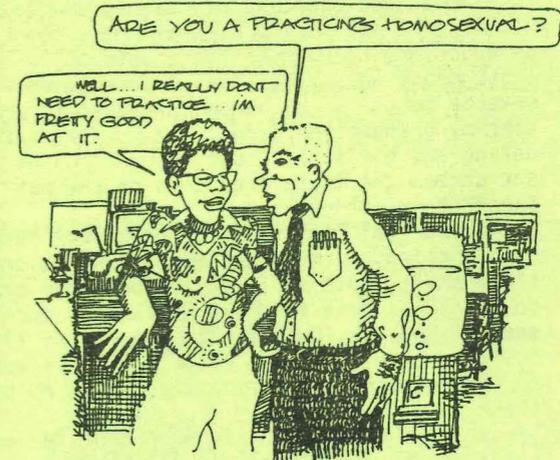
Co-Chairs: Rob Eichberg, Jean O'Leary  
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## IN THE NEWS

It would seem that with all the mad rooting for every sordid detail, and salivating over each scurrilous shred of testimony at the courts-martial of female Marines at Paris Island, SC charged with being lesbians, the local, straight daily newsrags would like to report more details of said Marines. But the only news these days is good news, and if it's good news about queers, that's not good news to report for the Savannah newspapers. In a stunning reversal of a discharge recommendation, a Marine Corp Board of Review on July 6 reinstated a female Marine Corps Captain who had been court-martialed for her friendship with a civilian lesbian. Captain Judy Meade, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, was notified that the board determined the evidence against her was "insufficient to justify an involuntary separation from the Marine Corps". Meade was court-martialed in February on charges that she had engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer. Prior allegations that she had engaged in homosexual conduct evaporated when military prosecutors were unable to present evidence supporting that charge. Nevertheless, the Marines proceeded with prosecution on charges that Meade had a "longtime personal relationship with a known lesbian" and that she was on one occasion "in the presence of" persons suspected of being lesbians. (Ed. Note: !!!) Meade's court-martial resulted in a recommendation for other-than-honorable discharge. Meade was one of scores of women investigated by the Naval Investigative Service in connection with the alleged lesbian activities at Paris Island, SC. She and three other active duty and veteran military women testified at the April 1989 meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS), describing the damaging impact of witchhunts on both individuals and the military. DACOWITS recommended that the Department of Defense recognize lesbian baiting as a form of sexual harassment and include material to that effect in its training programs to stop sexual harassment.

In addition to Captain Meade's reinstatement, Marine Sargent Cheryl Jamison was released from the Quantico brig after serving a one-year sentence for her July 1988 court-martial on charges that she engaged in homosexual activity and "indecent acts" with another female Marine. She was one of three women convicted and 14 discharged from Paris Island last year. Two other women court-martialed were given early releases from their prison sentences in exchange for divulging the names of other women allegedly involved in homosexual activity. Glad the girls are out early, but what a crappy way to do it! The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has also won the preliminary round in a suit that charges the U.S. Naval Academy with unconstitutional discrimination when it forced Joseph Steffan, a highly commended midshipman, to resign solely because he was gay. The head of the Academy separated Steffan from the institution less than two months before he was to graduate and receive his commission in the U.S. Navy.

KRIS KOVICK



OUT/LOOK,  
Summer 1988

## Would You Believe...

Editor's Note: I ran across this column in **Baltimore Gaypaper** (7-21-89) and found it amusing.

I hope everything is OK at the paper, and the computer is working. I'll see y'all Yankees soon, but right now I have to get out and work some more on my wonderful tan, sipping daiquiris on the beach, and watching the boys. It's rough. And whatever you do, don't print this in the paper.  
Yours,  
James

*James Olin is a regular columnist for the Gaypaper*

Dear Everyone at the Gaypaper, Having fun, wish you were here. It's nice having a week off from my column. I don't think anyone really reads it anyway. My ex-boyfriend and I, who moved to Baltimore from the South about the same time I did, used to argue about whether the guys are better looking down here or up there. I originally said that there was no contest, that the Baltimore/D.C. area boys won hands down. But now I am changing my mind. Oh, in the bars there are better looking guys up North. No question. But on the streets down here, in the restaurants, I find myself repeatedly craning my neck and drooling. I can't explain the discrepancy what goes to the bars here and what one sees in public, but I swear it's true.

Charleston is a pretty, pretty city, but I could no longer live here. It is sterile--- a sun-drenched showcase of history and charm with little substance. Progress here means only preserving what has gone before. I get moody when I go home. I suppose one reverts to one's childhood. At least this time my grandmother didn't ask me if I was dating any girls. I wonder why not? Either she senses the truth deep down or she has tired of my ambiguous evasive answers. There are **real** beaches here--beautiful dunes, easy parking, warm water, no boardwalks or tacky shops. Nothing like the four hour trek to Rehobeth. Here the beach is not so much a social occasion, but a fact of everyday life. Dull at times, yes, but easy. One day I went to the "gay" beach. Zzzzzzzzz. Almost no one there.

I went to the gay bar here one night. Major snooze there, too. There are only two bars here; a big dance bar and a smaller one. I talked to some people I met last Christmas who recognized me. Nothing ever changes in this place.

## YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD YOU HAVE IT UNTIL YOU HAVE IT.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has signed onto a "friend of the court" brief in support of privacy and a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. The briefs will be presented during two upcoming Supreme Court cases pro-choice activists say will further test the constitutional right of a woman to have an abortion. The two cases, and one other also scheduled to be heard, may provide the Court with an opportunity to erode or overturn the constitutional guarantees to privacy rights articulated in the landmark Roe v. Wade case.

HRCF is the largest national AIDS and gay and lesbian advocacy organization and political action committee (PAC). HRCF lobbies, educates and helps elect members of Congress, in addition to field organizing and mobilizing which influence public opinion.

"These issues are critical to us as lesbians and gays. Court rulings are built on previous judicial decisions, and the privacy rights guaranteed in Roe must stand if our privacy rights are ever to be protected by the courts. If we want the constitutional rights of women upheld, if we want to see sodomy decisions like Hardwick v. Bowers overturned, then the right to privacy must be upheld," said Eric Rosenthal, HRCF Political Director.

## Working the bugs out



A National Lesbian Conference moved one step closer to happening when more than 160 lesbians gathered at Portland St. Univ. in July for a second planning session. The conference is scheduled for April 24-28, 1991 in **ATLANTA**. Planners anticipate more than 5,000 gay wimmin will converge for workshops and plenary sessions as well as other related events such as a business and trade exposition or a national lesbian softball tournament. The first planning meeting last March in Durham, NC resulted from concerns about the lack of a focused lesbian agenda and need for a national conclave expressed by all regions of the country. A conference office will be opening in Atlanta in the Spring of 1990.

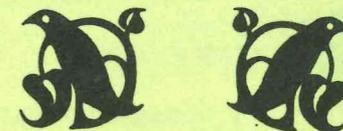
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## An Exclusive Alternative



**Partytime! Partytime! Partytime!**

Yes, it's once again partytime for good old FCN...time to celebrate the anniversary of our founding, or birth if you will. **THE FCN BIRTHDAY PARTY!** The festivities will begin at 2:00pm on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** at **TYBEE IS. MEMORIAL PARK**. Party hearty til 9:00pm with plenty of cold kegs, volleyball, tasty munchies, and more, more, more! We'll also be announcing the results of the election to the Board of Directors for 1989-90. **BE ADVISED: THIS IS A PENGUIN PARTY.** Your attire must be either all white, all black, or black and white. More details of all the fun and frolic that await you at the party will appear in next month's newsletter, but flip that page and mark your calendar now for OCT 8.



## COMING OUT ACROSS THE NATION

The second annual National Coming Out Day, October 11, is being co-sponsored by a broad base of respected gay community leaders and organizations. The goal of NCOD is to increase the visibility of the more than 20 million gay people in the United States. Last year's activities received positive media coverage throughout the country, including coverage in USA TODAY, CNN, National Public Radio, and the OPRAH WINFREY SHOW among others.

As coming out is a process and not a singular event, individuals are being asked to "take the next step" in their coming out process--a step which may be very personal for some and very public for others. "Our power is awesome, and its time we use it. NCOD is a chance to take the spirit and the message of the march on Washington home to communities throughout the country," said Jean O'Leary.

**National Coming Out Day is a call to action!** It is a day to be truthful, powerful, and liberated. It is a day for each of us to take our next step in coming out.

NCOD is a day designed to encourage gays --and their families and friends--to enlarge the circle in which they are "out" about homosexuality and the issues that concern the gay community.

We will only be treated with respect and dignity if we expect and demand it. This cannot be done from the closet. Our ability to "pass" and to hide has perhaps been our greatest disability. Most people don't think that they know anyone who is gay, and that's what we get for hiding. You might choose to:

- ✓ Write a check or contribute your time to a gay organization.
- ✓ Come out to your family, friends, co-workers, or elected officials.
- ✓ Resolve any personal issues that interfere with your accepting and loving yourself.
- ✓ Develop legislation and lobby for gay rights in your city or state.

Whatever your next step is...discover it, declare it, take it! You personally make a difference! We are everywhere! National Coming Out Day is about demonstrating that fact and celebrating it!

### MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

- BEAT THE CLOCK
- SHOW AT 12:30
- SCHNAPPS NITE \$1.00
- WINE \$1.25 UNTIL ONE
- THE ORIGINAL DRINK & DROWN \$3.00 COVER
- SHOWS AT 11:30, 12:30 AND 1:30
- POT NIGHT, \$1.00 AT DOOR, \$1.00 OFF 1st DRINK

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- WILD & WOOLY WEEKEND!
  - SAVANNAH'S HOT NIGHT SPOT
- 217 EAST BAY STREET

# WHO'S WHO

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

The oldest regional lesbian/gay conference in the United States, the **SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN** will be held in Raleigh, NC, March 22-25, 1990. The Raleigh-based steering committee welcomes the participation of anyone who has an interest in the full acceptance of gays in our society. To find out more, or to volunteer to help with planning this conference, write to: SECLGM, Inc., PO Box 28863, Raleigh, NC, 27611 or call (912) 833-1209. Start making plans now to attend. Make the time. These conferences are really fun and empowering!

Closer in time, but further from home, is the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force (NGLTF) "Creating Change" Conference, a national conference for gay and lesbian organizing and skill building, to be held November 10-12, 1989, at the Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD. If you want to know registration particulars or other information about this conference, call the FCN phonenumber, 236-CITY.

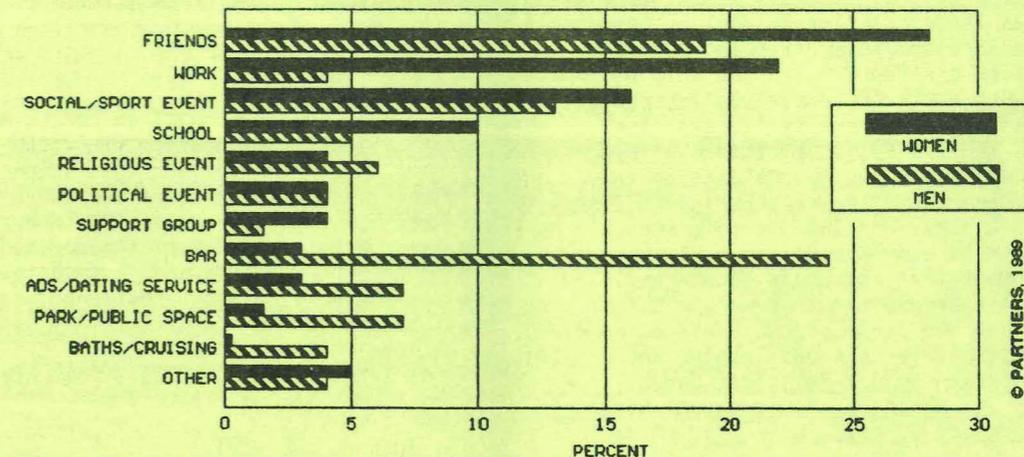


*I knew it was going to be one of those days when I began getting an erotic thrill from eating my yogurt—pink, succulent and creamy.*

(From *Lesbian Etiquette* by Gail Sausser, \$6.95)

## HOW SAME-SEX COUPLES MET

Preliminary results from a national survey of gay and lesbian couples conducted by **PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. Based on 663 couples, about half the data available. Respondents answered more than 100 questions; in this case, completing the sentence "We met through:"



## Revised Information

I had run across a reference to the Stonewall Rebellion being initiated by a lesbian fighting back in reading the FCN mail in the month preceding the anniversary of Stonewall this year. It was my first reading of such an idea, and engendered a conversation with Mark Krueger about the possible validity and the, yes, shock of such a thought. We were perhaps equally skeptical. (OK, I lied. I probably believed it a tiny bit more than he.) Anyway, what a pleasant surprise to run across the following article in the most recent issue of Lesbian Connection.

On the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Christopher Street riots, which started outside of a bar in New York City, we received a fundraising letter from the Human Rights Campaign Fund which began: "Twenty years ago, the sight of a paddy wagon in front of a gay bar was no surprise. So when one pulled up outside the Stonewall Inn just before midnight on June 27, 1969, most passerbys considered it 'business as usual'...but it wasn't business as usual for long...A lot of the drag queens started jeering at the police, drawing a crowd...Then a lesbian was pulled out of the bar and pushed toward a patrol car...she did something that triggered three nights of rioting, rebellion, and ultimately revolution. She resisted."

Over the years we've seen innumerable references to the Stonewall Riots. However, this was the first time we saw any mention of this lesbian who sparked the riots. We did a little research with the help of Ann Tracy, who works in Special Collections at Michigan State University library. Sure enough, the 7-3-69 issue of the Village Voice (which had two journalists on the scene) reported, "The next person to come out was a dyke, and she put up a struggle from door to door again. It was at that moment that the scene became explosive." Only one other source that we could find attributed the start of the riots on Christopher Street to that one lesbian who resisted. That book was Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities: The Making of a Homosexual Minority in the United States, 1940-1970. This bit

of information was missing from all the other Stonewall coverage in all the other publications we checked, even those from 1969.

On the 10th anniversary of the riots, Lesbian Tide ran an article about the "ommission of lesbians from a focal role in Gay Pride celebrations." The writer didn't mention the lesbian who started the whole thing, instead saying, "Maybe it was the heat, maybe it was that one cop shoved the wrong 'queen', maybe one gay man had a migraine. Certainly noone premeditated the riot that ignited that night."

Almost every account of Stonewall published on this, the 20th anniversary could be added to the list of articles that report that no-one knows what started the riots. ...Twenty years after the fact, we think it is important to reclaim this bit of lesbian herstory. Cheryl and Margy

See, Mark. I really didn't make that up after all!

*Wilson Huff*

## FACTS & TRIVIA

The Atlanta-conceived fund-raising event "Heart Strings" will soon become a national touring show. The tour will debut in Atlanta Sept. 17, at the Fox Theatre and will travel to such cities as Boston, Dallas, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. The tour will conclude in New York in March 1990.

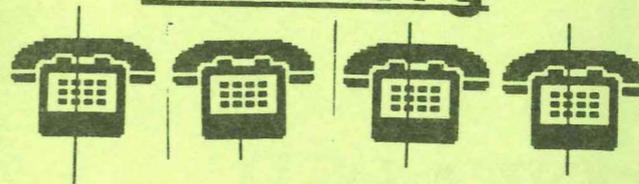
"Heart Strings" has matured quickly since the first production in 1986, which raised over \$120,000, raising \$266,000 in 1987, and a projected \$500,000 this year. Proceeds from

the Atlanta production will go to the Metro Atlanta Community Foundation, Inc., to identify and fund organizations that support critically needed AIDS education and direct care services to people with AIDS and their families. A total of 85% of the proceeds from each event will remain in each tour community; 15% will go into a national pool available to communities not on the tour and to national AIDS programs.

Why not make a trip to Atlanta that weekend to see "Heart Strings"?

Source: *THE NEWS*

## Directory\*



### Savannah Businesses

Captain Video (cards & video)	(912) 232-2951
Savannah Greengoods (landscaping)	(912) 352-2645
Riverworks Craft Gallery (artisans)	(912) 236-2012
Stardust Book Emporium (new age)	(912) 236-1441
Dream Weaver (books, tapes, & gifts)	(912) 656-0166
Brighter Day Natural Foods	(912) 236-4703

### Nightclubs in Historic District:

Who's Who	(912) 232-9432
Faces II	(912) 233-3520
Club One	(912) 232-0202
Candi's Lounge & Restaurant	(912) 232-0373

### Savannah Resources

First City Network, Inc.	(912) 236-2489
Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy	(912) 236-5802
Lesbian & Gay A. A.	(912) 927-0839
Savannah ACT-UP (political action)	(912) 238-5858
Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group	(912) 236-2012
Anonymous HIV testing site	(912) 356-2155
AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc.	(912) 238-5953
First Call For Help (24 hour hotline)	(912) 232-3383
Victim-Witness Assistance Program	(912) 944-4865
Georgia Legal Services	(912) 651-2180

### Georgia Resources

<u>Etcetera</u>	(800) 444-3821
<u>Southern Voice</u>	(404) 876-1819
Atlanta Gay Center & <u>The News</u>	(404) 876-5372
AID/Atlanta & <u>The Journal</u>	(404) 872-0600
GAPAC (Georgia Political Action)	(404) 888-0719
National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia	(404) 874-7926
S.E. Arts, Media, & Education Project	(404) 584-2104
Gay Cable Network / Atlanta	(404) 633-4754
Georgia ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights	(404) 523-5398
Georgia Physicians for Human Rights	(404) 876-8587
Gay & Lesbian Parents' Coalition	(404) 952-5322
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(404) 934-1042
Young Adult Support Groups	(404) 876-5372
Senator Wyche Fowler	(202) 224-3643
Senator Sam Nunn	(202) 224-3521

### National Resources

ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights Project	(212) 944-9800
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force	(202) 387-3097
National Gay Rights Advocates	(415) 863-3624
National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays	(202) 265-7117
National Gay/Lesbian Health Foundtn.	(202) 797-3708
Lesbian Rights Project	(415) 621-0674
Human Rights Campaign Fund	(202) 628-4160
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(704) 922-9273
Fund For Human Dignity	(212) 529-1600
People for the American Way	(202) 462-4777
Southeastern Conference	(214) 522-8234

### National AIDS Information

ACE Foundation, Inc.	(912) 238-5953
AIDS Info Line / Georgia	(800) 551-2728
AIDS Action Council	(202) 547-3101
National Assoc. of People with AIDS	(202) 483-7979
National AIDS Network	(202) 546-2424
Project Inform (alternative AIDS info)	(800) 822-7422
National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse	(301) 762-5111
Coalition for Leadership on AIDS	(202) 628-4160
Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP)	(619) 234-3432
Public Health Service Hotline	(800) 342-2437
Gay Men's Health Crisis	(212) 807-6655

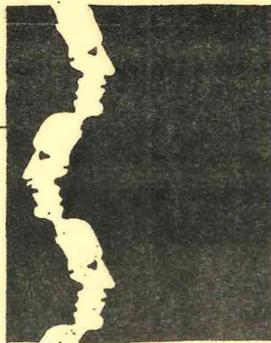
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# OCTOBER

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<b>1</b> VOLLEYBALL with FCN at the west end of Daffin Park at 5 pm. ATLANTA at Green Bay; Tampa Bay at Minnesota. HENRY FORD intro. Model T in 1908.	<b>2</b> CHILDREN'S WEEK; contact the public library for events 234-5127. NEW WORKS by SCAD faculty in Exhibit A & library, thru Oct. 5th.	<b>3</b> ACE office is open every Tues. except holidays from 7-9 pm, 335 Tattnall, ground floor; 238-5953. PORTRAITS & PROSPECTS at the Telfair thru 7th.	<b>4</b> ACE office is open every Wed. from 7-9 pm. ACE board meeting at the office at 7 pm.	<b>5</b> ACE office is open every Thurs. from 7-9 pm. HIV positive support group for Gays, free at the ACE office from 7-8:30 pm.	<b>6</b> ACE office is open every Friday from 7-9 pm. GAY AA at the ACE office 8:30 pm. JOHNSON HIGH vs. Jenkins, 8 pm at Sav. State stadium.	<b>7</b> SAVANNAH STATE at Georgia Southern, 1 pm. SWEET SUE at City Lights Theater thru Oct. 15th, 234-9860. SYMPHONY at Ft. Pulaski at 5 pm.
<b>8</b> 5th ANNIVERSARY PARTY for FCN at Tybee Island Memorial Park (behind library) from 2-9 pm; beer, beverages and food plus volleyball; \$3 for members, \$8 for non-members.	<b>9</b> YOM KIPPUR. COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. A HALF-CENTURY OF HATS at the Coastal Museum on St. Simons Island thru Nov. 15th.	<b>10</b> HIV TESTING at the ACE office from 7-8:30 pm, confidential.	<b>11</b> Lunchtime talk at the TELFAIR, the second Wed. of each month at 12:30. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT born in New York City in 1884; close friend of Loren.	<b>12</b> SUPPORT GROUP for professionals & volunteers who deal with AIDS issues, 7-8:30 pm at the ACE office, free. RAPE CRISIS CENTER board meeting, 4:30 at SEPCO.	<b>13</b> GAY AA at the ACE office 8:30 pm. BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS opens at the Sav. Theater, 236-0575.	<b>14</b> Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. wins Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. GLASNOST BALLET TOUR, 8 pm at the civic center, 251-9636. FULL MOON.
<b>15</b> VOLLEYBALL with FCN at the west end of Daffin Park at 5 pm. JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL in Monterey Square, noon till 6 pm.	<b>16</b> 15th Annual FANTASIA FAIR in Provincetown on Cape Cod, Oct. 13-22; a unique holiday to explore alternative gender styles; call EVE Tuesdays 8-11 pm (703) 751-6271.	<b>17</b> GEORGE WINSTON at the civic center, 7:30; 234-6666. OSCAR WILDE born in Dublin in 1856, on Oct. 16th.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> SUPPORT GROUP for IV drug users who are HIV positive, 7-8:30 at the ACE office, free. DIVINE born in Baltimore in 1946.	<b>20</b> GAY AA at the ACE office 8:30 pm. ARTHUR RIMBAUD born in France in 1854. SAVANNAH HIGH vs. Brunswick at Sav. State stadium.	<b>21</b> CENTRAL FLORIDA at Georgia Southern, 1 pm. JENKINS High School vs. Windsor Forest, 8 pm at Memorial Stadium.
<b>22</b> VOLLEYBALL with FCN at the west end of Daffin Park at 5 pm. Atlanta at Phoenix; Green Bay at Miami.	<b>23</b> ZODIAC: Libra from 1-22, Scorpio from 23 thru end of month. NED FÖRE born in Indiana in 1923; composer, writer and critic.	<b>24</b> UNITED NATIONS DAY. Results from HIV testing on the 10th will be available from 7-8:30 pm, at the ACE office.	<b>25</b> NEWSLETTER Stuffing for ACE and FCN, 7 pm at the ACE office, everyone is welcome. NYLON STOCKINGS sent on sale in U.S. in 1939.	<b>26</b> SUPPORT GROUP for friends, family & lovers of someone who is HIV positive, 7-8:30 at the ACE office free.	<b>27</b> GAY AA at the ACE office 8:30 pm. SIERRA CLUB north Georgia weekend, waterfalls, camping, hiking; Fran 234-8685.	<b>28</b> EVELYN WAUGH born in London in 1903, author of Bridehead Revisited.
<b>29</b> VOLLEYBALL with FCN at the west end of Daffin Park at 5 pm. ATLANTA at New Orleans; Miami at Buffalo. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS time ends.	<b>30</b> First nine weeks ends for Chatham Public Schools.	<b>31</b> Halloween! Holiday for Public School Children.	Congratulations to the new FCN board! Join us in welcoming them at the 5th anniversary party October 8th.			

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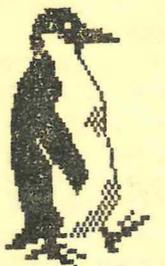
*FCN provides national, state, and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.*

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

Well, it's time once again to notify the newsletter staffers of FCN about a change. It seems to me that with each change, we all become more confused. Well, two things have remained constant, the place and the time. It's the date that has to be changed this time, so pay attention. The newsletter stuffings are now being held at the ACE office at 335 Tattnell St., at 7pm, both the fourth Wednesday of each month. I know, I know, how can the average Joe/Josephine keep up with all these changes? I suggest writing it down, so pull out your calendar and mark every 4th Wednesday for the next year as STUFFING NIGHT. That's how I do it.

Edna

### It's time

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!  
THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
OF THE INFAMOUS FIRST CITY  
NETWORK IS UPON US! BE YE  
READY? HARK! HARK! PREPARE  
FOR FUN. HIE THEE TO THY DESK  
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AT THE GATE WILL BE ON GUARD!  
FOR SOOTH...BRING THE CARD...  
PREPARE FOR FUN...BUT BE YE ONLY  
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## The shape of things to come.

Well, the election is over...the ballots came flooding in in record-breaking numbers, and we have a **NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The voting for seven Directors resulted in the clear election of six Directors and a tie between two nominees for the seventh position, so your current Directors acting under the current By-Laws increased the number of Director's positions on the Board to eight, adding just that much more talent and energy to FCN's resources. It pleases me to be able to announce that the following persons are your new Board of Directors:

Sheila Fenderson  
Michelle Gilliken  
Wilson Huff  
Lawrence Marley  
Ab Quillian  
Rick Sims  
Bobby Tyberski  
John VanCott

and I want to sincerely thank each nominee willing to have his/her name on the ballot because that means a definite time and energy commitment that everyone is not willing to make.

## Disneyland Dancing

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** - Nine years after he was ejected from a Disneyland dance floor for dancing with a man, Andrew Exler returned to the Magic Kingdom and received a warmer reception.

Exler, 28, went dancing at the theme park Saturday night in a group of eight male couples.

"A guard came up to us and asked if we had any problems with the guests," Exler said. "This really shows there has been a turnaround in Disney practice."

On Sept. 13, 1980, Exler and Shawn Elliott were removed from the Tomorrowland Terrace dance floor and the park because they were dancing together.

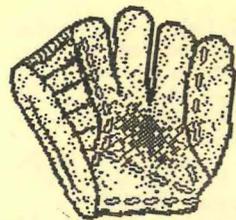
They sued over Disneyland's ban on dancing with members of the same sex. In May 1984, an Orange County Superior Court jury found the couple had been discriminated against.

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## AFFIRMATIVELY FOR WOMEN

Imagine, if you will, a city inundated with hundreds of women... all converging to a designated spot to compete... some of them glorious amazons replete with splendid bodies honed to razor sharpness... others shapely housewives with children and husbands in tow recapturing the glory of the athletics of their youth... and even youngsters themselves learning about themselves, their capabilities, and if the stale analogy is true, about life itself while competing on the softball field.

Yep, can you believe it... right here in Savannah. The Amateur Softball Association held the National Women's Class A Tournament here over the Labor Day Weekend. Teams arrived from all over, all corners of the U.S. from further south in Florida, from Maine, from the desert Southwest and most extraordinary of all, from distant Anchorage, Alaska. Approximately sixty teams from the top Division battled it out between torrential downpours. Despite scant media coverage (actually non-existent would be a better term) the games were well attended by local enthusiasts who were very vocal in their appreciation of a well played game. Honors of being the best in the nation were toted away by Bally's of Orlando, who were also last years' victors. Three local teams were in the tournament as well. Of those, Spanky's made it through some tough rounds to walk away as the sixteenth best team in the nation. Not bad.

While not a lesbian event, you can well imagine the large number of women-in-comfortable-cleats. And a special thanks goes to all the family members who showed up en masse to support the teams. A special note to one FCN woman, who after twenty-five years of competition made it into the Class A's National Tournament: Congratulations Mary!! I expect to see you in more tournaments because as we all age we realize that old age and cunning does indeed triumph over youth and skill!

Michelle S.

### ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE FACT SHEET

**FACT:** Anti-gay violence victims are among the least likely of hate crime victims to report to the authorities.

From study sponsored by New York State Governor's Task Force on Bias-Related Violence and the U.S. Department of Justice

**FACT:** Reports of serious crimes against gay men and lesbians increased significantly last year. Bomb threats increased 73%, police abuse rose 32%, homicide rose 9%, and physical assaults 4%.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force study, "Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization & Deformation in 1988"

**FACT:** Gay men and lesbians are victimized at least seven times more often than the average rate for the US adult population.

ibid.

**FACT:** Organized neo-Nazi and Skinhead hate group activity rose in 1988, including the execution-style murders of men perceived to be gay in North Carolina. Gay men and lesbians were also among those singled out for extermination in a White Patriot Party "Declaration of War" against "enemies of the White race!"

ibid.

**FACT:** Low-income gay persons and those of color are more likely to be victimized.

U.S. Department of Justice statistics

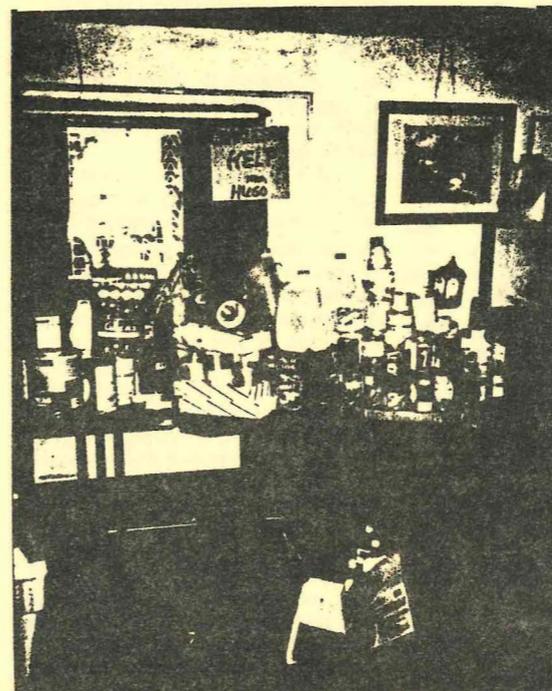
Being gay is not a reason to be beaten, victimized or killed. Support NGRA's Anti-Violence Litigation Project's campaign to educate prosecutors and prohibit use of the "Gay Panic Defense."

**CONTACT:** National Gay Rights Advocates Anti-Violence Litigation Project  
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415-863-3624 NGRA

Local



Donations begin to collect at FACES II for victims of HUGO

It was heartening to answer the phone and hear that Faces (local "family" watering hole) had mounted a Gay Hurricane Relief effort, and was open for the collection of non-perishable goods to be sent to help our neighbors in Hugo-ravished Charleston. Plans were to fill a truck (or two) to send to Dudley's, a bar in Charleston which would handle distribution on that end. Many, many thanks to all of you who donated food, bottled water, batteries, flashlights, blankets and the like. Though we know our contribution is small in relation to the need, we know it helps. (The Editor personally feels almost as though she were making offerings to the Goddess in thankfulness for not having been blown away by the damn thing!) Thanks to the Faces crew, Jonathan and staff, for getting this effort together.

## Ideas & Trends

Advertisements for Johnnie Walker scotch raised some eyebrows when they showed two attractive men relaxing after a tennis match, sitting close and gazing into each other's eyes. The copy read, "He plays hard. And he drinks Johnnie Walker." We realize the purpose of these ads is to make money by selling liquor, but recognizing gays as a legitimate market for general ads is a step in the right direction.

Why not compliment the ad company that created the campaign and suggest targeting gays for a whole range of consumer products? Write to Leb Greenland, Chief Executive Officer, Smith Greenland Inc., 555 W. 57th St. New York, N.Y. 10019.

### Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

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It is hoped that the Hate-Crimes Bill will come to the Senate floor in September/October. Send a telegram to your Senator TODAY!!! The sample telegram below says it all --- we suggest you copy it's text verbatim.

John\_Doe  
Any Street  
Savannah, Georgia

THE HONORABLE Sen. Sam Nunn  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
SENATOR Nunn

URGE SUPPORT OF S.419, THE HATE-CRIMES-STATISTICS ACT. VIOLENCE BASED ON PREJUDICE MUST STOP. AND URGE OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT TO DELETE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" AS WELL AS HELMS-SPONSORED AMENDMENT UNDERCUTTING BILL'S INTENT AND EXPLOITING BIGOTRY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR POSITION.

John Doe

HRCF SPEAK OUT

# We must begin to address issues other than AIDS

I am about to commit the ultimate gay and lesbian political heresy. I pride myself on being politically incorrect, so I don't mind this, but I am also going to talk fast and duck so you can't shoot me before I get out of here. I am about to make you hate me. And I mean what I am about to say, so we don't even have the illusion, the polite fiction of devil's advocacy here.

Okay, ready? Here goes. Despite the fact that the government is spending too little time and money on AIDS and AIDS research, the gay and lesbian community is spending far too much time and money on AIDS.

Is it safe to come out now? I hope so, because I can defend that abhorrent and indefensible viewpoint, and still have time to catch the next flight out of the country to someplace where you can't find me. My position is simple and twofold.

First, AIDS clearly affects everyone. The government represents everyone, to some extent or another, and well or badly as the case may be. It is the government's responsibility, and the responsibility of government-funded medical facilities, to be doing the shelling out of time and money for AIDS research and the treatment of AIDS patients and the HIV-infected. We should lobby for this as ungently and as wildly as possible.

Second, however, I think that the gay and lesbian community has a responsibility to the living as well as to the dying. There are many, many gay and lesbian issues we perpetually fail to address well or fully, things that are still relevant to all of us, which we have completely back-burnered in the throes of our AIDS-related complexes.

I see gay and lesbian organizations, some struggling for survival, having AIDS fundraisers which benefit AIDS organizations that have more money than the groups themselves. I am not attacking or singling out anyone in Baltimore. This is a considerably bigger problem in some of the smaller towns lately, where local gay groups, in the throes of community spirit, are practically putting themselves out of existence to provide funding and assis-

tance to local AIDS groups.

There is less of a problem in larger areas such as here, but let's remember that we have brothers and sisters out in the sticks. And, out in the sticks, when the few people out enough to get together and provide support and social activities for each other turn their attention to AIDS issues, the same people who want and need support for themselves in a hostile environment become the same people that are putting out money, time, and effort into burning out for other people, leaving no support for themselves.

It is good, it is essential for us, to become involved with the problems of the community, of our friends and lovers, even of ourselves. But must we shoot ourselves in the feet in the process? One of the few pieces in *The Advocate* I've lately agreed with strongly was a complaint by another woman about the NAMES Project. I've received their direct mail asking for ever-increasing sums of money, as she has, as many of us have. True, the Quilt is a healer. True, it is a catharsis for grief. But the aim of the money is the production of more Quilt, the aim of which, eventually is -- what? To cause catharsis, which opens up the pocket-book, which produces more showings of more Quilt. It's a nice piece of public awareness of AIDS. But can't we do other useful things with the money?

The gay community has, indeed, been the one most heavily ravaged by AIDS - though, if education proceeds as it has and the shift proceeds as it has, and no cure is found, it looks as if ten years will throw it more heavily into other communities. We have done our share of work, when other populations refused to listen. Let them do some work now, and let us focus on some other legitimate needs.

A friend of mine up in Pennsylvania recently had to deal with that old gay dilemma, coming out to his parents and surviving. A good bit of counseling was needed on all sides. Beyond support from friends, he'd have had an easier time having AIDS, I think, all of the gay volunteer resources and most of the professional sources used to working with gays in his

Turning It Over  
by Marakay Rogers

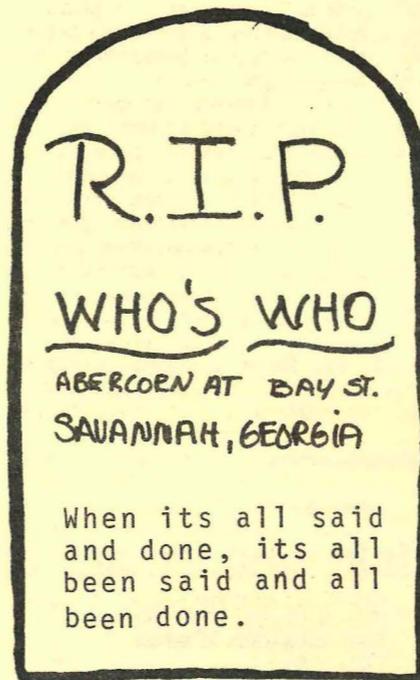
area had completely geared themselves for dealing with AIDS; what comparatively was a measly little problem like a healthy guy coming out?

AIDS awareness has resulted, to be sure, in some very reassuring trends. I've seen more gay men lately getting together for volleyball and card games than I had in years. It's nice to see everyone re-learning that sex ain't everything. But AIDS ain't everything, either. It's a big thing, and an ever present one, but it's not the only one. We are not fulfilling responsibility to the gay and lesbian community, if we have any, if all that we do is give to AIDS collections, go on AIDS marches, attend AIDS fundraisers, read up on AIDS, make Quilt pilgrimages, and otherwise wallow in death. We need to give it a fair share of time and attention. But anti-gay discrimination, homophobia, censorship issues, unfair legal proceedings, and failure to acknowledge gay partners are only a few great issues still affecting all of us daily.

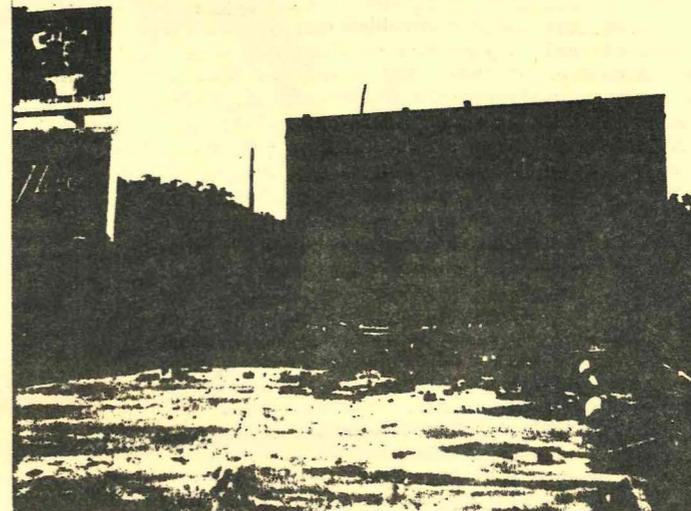
Some people will always be committed to one issue more than to others, and we need that. Some of us are AIDS workers. But some of us must be lobbyists, some of us must be activists, some of us must do legal work, some must write and air issues publicly. We must also be willing to pitch in a little in areas outside our greatest interest. But the number of people nationally who have dropped everything but AIDS issues and contributing to AIDS charities has the potential to be a problem in places where it hasn't already become a problem.

AIDS is a major concern right now. But it is a concern for everyone, not just our community. And working on AIDS won't make other problems go away; many of our problems have been getting worse - and, with our current Supreme Court, are unlikely to improve without serious effort. Maybe it's time to turn our AIDS work into that of forcing everyone else to pick up their share of the AIDS crisis tab, and to consider the possibility of addressing a few basics in our community needs that we've let slide.

## Milestones



When its all said and done, its all been said and all been done.



### OBITUARY

Before time - 9/21/89 The WHO'S WHO of Savannah, GA. died from a short illness (fire in her heart/or she finally got a real "hot one"). She has many surviving relatives, from here to California, and of all ages. She especially will not be forgotten by those who came out of the closet to visit her, and those that dressed lavishly to brighten her inside darkness. Thank the goddess the walls can't talk 'cause every brick could tell a story, sweetie. May they all rest in peace.



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## Attention

I have recently read several articles about HIV transmission between women, and was more horror-struck than I feel I should have been. Lesbians have largely believed that our risk of AIDS was just about nil unless you used needles or dicks, which most of us don't, but I learned that a study conducted at the University of Maryland has revealed that AIDS is a reality among women who have sex with other women. The study involved 58 women, 12% of whom were diagnosed with AIDS and stated they had had only female sex partners. All admitted to regular alcohol and/or drug use, and had had previous sexual relations with men and knew of friends who, although admitted lesbians, had engaged in sex with bisexual or homosexual men periodically. If this information is reflective of women who engage in sex with other women, then hold on to your pants, honey, 'cause the potential for infection in the lesbian community is much higher than we ever knew! I also learned that CDC does not ask women for sexual identification or about cunnilingus as a sexual practice when tracking HIV transmission. In fact, it is believed they go to great lengths not to count transmission from woman to woman as a result of sexual behavior. If a woman tests positive after sex with an HIV-positive woman drug user, it is recorded that her partner was a drug user, the gender of the drug user unspecified, thereby totally eliminating the possible recording of a woman to woman transmission. Denise Ribble of the Community Health Project in New York City reported that out of 31 lesbians HIV positive that they have had contact with, two are cases of woman to woman transmission. The CDC has also acknowledged three cases of woman to woman transmission, and has validated one man's claim that unprotected cunnilingus was his only risk behavior. And, among three women who were identified as being at risk because they came from a certain country, at least one was a lesbian who had contracted HIV through sexual behavior with a woman. Additionally, the rate of unknown transmission routes among women is 8% nationally, while only 2.3% for men. It seems as though it would behoove someone to study this disparity, because it now seems we don't know what we need to about risky sexual practices for lesbians.

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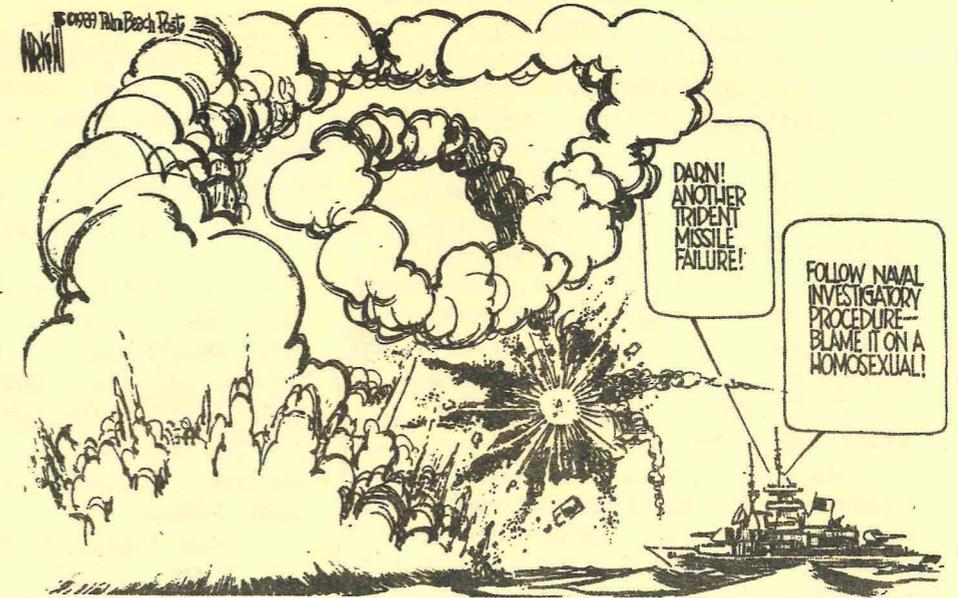
## Discrimination Victory

Taking all the victories we can get in the battle for equal-under-the-law, we are pleased to note the recent passage by the Seattle City Council of a measure to provide limited benefits for domestic partners of city employees. (Domestic partners is the straight world's term for anyone in a relationship not officially blessed by God and Country as a legal marriage.) The council voted 8 to 1 in favor of the bill which provides for changes in the sick leave and bereavement leave policies. The bill faced stiff opposition by Council President Sam Smith, who argued that the bill was a "radical" change in public law and should therefore be voted on by all Seattle residents. He passionately cited Biblical passages and family values, but Smith's arguments over the morality of the bill were rejected by the rest of the council.

## Would You Believe...

In an unusual legal case out of Palm Beach, Fla., Annette Green, 30, was found guilty of the Oct. 1988 shooting death of her lover of ten years, Ivonne Julio. She claimed that her lover was abusive and she killed her in self-defense. Her attorneys used the defense of "spouse abuse", hoping to set a precedent for gay and lesbian cases, while admitting that defense had been rarely used by gays, the most successful case to date being a Detroit case last summer when a gay man successfully demonstrated that he killed his lover in self-defense. Green attempted to leave the relationship on at least two occasions, but was dragged back at gunpoint by Julio, and claimed to "live in constant fear for her life". Local prosecutors had sought a conviction for first-degree murder, which would have allowed for the death penalty. A jury found Green guilty of second-degree murder and she now faces 12 to 17 years in prison.

Recent news reports show the Nazis using unapproved ambs which caused the explosion, and they knew it even as they raised the homosexual issue at the top of their lungs.  
Same old  
Same old!  
The Editor



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## Georgia Sodomy Statute Should Be Taken Off Books

By William Lasser  
Special to The Atlanta Constitution

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Some laws are unconstitutional; some are unenforceable; some are simply inane. As the recent criminal sodomy case in Clayton County reminds us, Georgia's sodomy statute is all three. It should be repealed at the earliest opportunity.

The Georgia sodomy statute — passed in its current form in 1968 — flatly bans oral and anal sex between any two people, regardless of gender or sexual preference, and even if both parties consent. The maximum penalty upon conviction is 20 years in prison.

In 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the sodomy statute as applied to homosexuals, holding that the constitutional right of privacy did not extend to sexual relationships between people of the same sex. Georgia defended the statute before the Supreme Court by asserting that it did not intend to apply the law against the heterosexual population, but the law remained on the books, and was used last year against James Mosely in Clayton County. Mosely served 18 months in prison because he admitted to having oral sex with his wife.

Whatever one thinks of the Supreme Court's homosexual sodomy decision, it seems clear that an attempt to enforce Georgia's law against a person accused of heterosexual sodomy is unconstitutional. That the Constitution protects the private sexual relationship between a heterosexual couple — especially a married one — has

been recognized by the Supreme Court for more than 20 years.

Laws banning contraception, for example, are unconstitutional not only because they interfere with the fundamental right to choose when to procreate but because, in Justice William O. Douglas's words, "marriage is a coming together for better or worse, hopefully enduring, and intimate to the degree of being sacred." Direct government regulation of a married couple's sexual relationship, Justice Douglas declared, would have "a maximum destructive impact upon that relationship."

The Constitution, moreover, makes it clear that the home — and by extension the bedroom — are specifically protected from governmental invasion. The courts have recognized that sexual intimacy is "a sensitive, key relationship of human existence, central to family life, community welfare, and the development of human personality." The right of an individual to conduct intimate relationships in the intimacy of his or her home," as Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote in the 1986 Georgia case, is "at the heart of the Constitution's protection of privacy."

Even if the sodomy statute could somehow pass constitutional muster, its enforcement would be impossible without government intrusions that would rival George Orwell's "1984." The number of violators among the Georgia population is probably staggering. Certainly, we would recoil from police efforts (as Justice Douglas put it) "to search the sacred precincts of marital bedrooms for telltale signs." How, one might ask, would police departments expect to find probable cause for arrest in such cases?

Police and prosecutors would be likely to wait until specific cases were brought before them for action. The law, in other words, would be enforced sporadically, unevenly and — without a doubt — unfairly. Prosecutors could use the sodomy statute, as in the Mosely case, to obtain a felony conviction when other charges would not hold up. Or they could use it to harass specific individuals or members of particular minority groups. When nearly everyone is a criminal, prosecutors can pick and choose who they want to put in jail.

Even if it was never enforced, the sodomy statute is an embarrassing anachronism. Criminal sodomy statutes are the product of another age, when this "infamous crime against nature" was considered an offense of "deeper malignity" than rape, "a crime not fit to be named," punishable by burning or burial alive.

Much of our ancient legal history deserves to be respected and venerated, but Oliver Wendell Holmes was nonetheless right when he reminded us that "it is revolting to have no better reason for a rule of law than that ... it was laid down in the time of Henry IV." Georgia's law is old, but it has little more to recommend it; its rationale and justification have long since faded into oblivion.

Before the 1986 case involving homosexuals, Georgia's sodomy statute had not been enforced in 40 or 50 years. It now has been used twice in this decade. For most of the past half century, the Georgia sodomy law has been little more than outdated verbiage. It has now become a threat to liberty. The time has come to erase it from the statute books. ■

## IN THE NEWS

### STUDY OUTLINES AIDS DISCRIMINATION POLICY BY STATES

A new NGRA (National Gay Rights Advocates) study has shown that the civil rights enforcement agencies in 40 out of 51 jurisdictions define AIDS as a physical handicap, thereby forbidding AIDS-related discrimination. Nonetheless, important gaps in the laws leave many people with AIDS or HIV infection, and other handicaps, without legal protection.

Several states allow discrimination by private employers or in housing or public accommodations. Other states offer no protection to persons with "communicable diseases" or "perceived" (but not actual) handicaps.

The study reveals a broad consensus that handicap discrimination laws forbid AIDS-related discrimination. Thus agencies in 40 out of 51 states surveyed prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS, 35 forbid discrimination against people with ARC, and 33 ban discrimination against people with asymptomatic HIV infection. Only one state, Tennessee, indicated that such discrimination is permissible.

Of particular importance to gay persons, agencies in a majority of states (28 of 51) indicated that handicap laws protect uninfected persons who are subject to discrimination because others perceive them as being at risk for AIDS.

The study urges the passage of the "Americans with Disabilities Act," presently pending before the U.S. Congress, which broadly prohibits handicap-based discrimination in the public and private sectors.

The report, "Protection Against AIDS-Related Discrimination Under State Handicap

Discrimination Laws: A Fifty State Analysis," can be ordered from NGRA at \$7.00 for members and cooperating attorneys (\$10.00 for nonmembers). (NGRA Newsletter

### GAY COUPLES IN CANADA "MAY CONSTITUTE FAMILIES," SAYS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Canadian Human Rights Commission ruled that a gay man who works as a federal civil servant was discriminated against when he was denied bereavement leave in 1985 to attend the funeral of his lover's father. Gay and lesbian couples may constitute a family, according to the human rights tribunal.

Brian Mossop said he fought the case because "there shouldn't be any special privileges for being heterosexual."

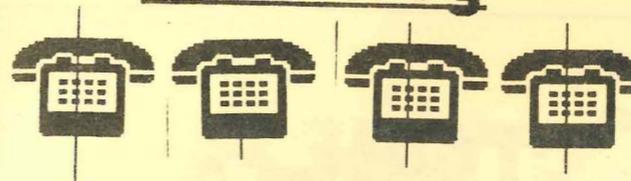
Human Rights Commissioner Max Valden said this type of ruling could have sweeping implications for gay rights.

The case has yet to go to court for a final ruling.

## SPECIAL REPORT

At a meeting held in Montreal during the International AIDS Conference representatives of AIDS activist organizations from across the country declared October 6th a national day of protest. We protest with anger the growth of the quilt...the growth of the number of deaths. Local groups are urged to engage in highly visible demonstrations and civil disobedience. ACT UP/LA will be holding a massive civil disobedience at the Los Angeles Federal Bldg. to press demands for speedier release of AIDS drugs, changes in federal AIDS policies and a national health care program. Action Now in Orlando will demonstrate for release of ddI and foscarnet, two drugs that could benefit many PWAs now. OUT will hit the Health and Human Services Dept. in Washington, DC demanding implementation of parallel tracks for AIDS drugs. ACT UP/SF will be demonstrating at the federal mint demanding that more money be spent to end the AIDS epidemic. Local demonstrations should address local needs and concerns with AIDS.

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AID/Atlanta & The Journal	(404)	872-0600
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National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia	(404)	874-7926
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Gay Cable Network / Atlanta	(404)	633-4754
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Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays	(404)	934-1042
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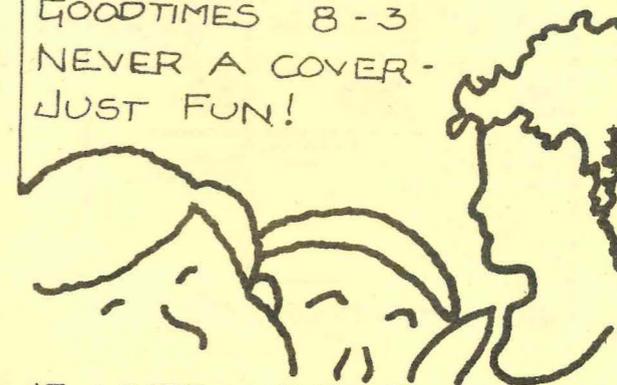
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Coalition for Leadership on AIDS	(202)	628-4160
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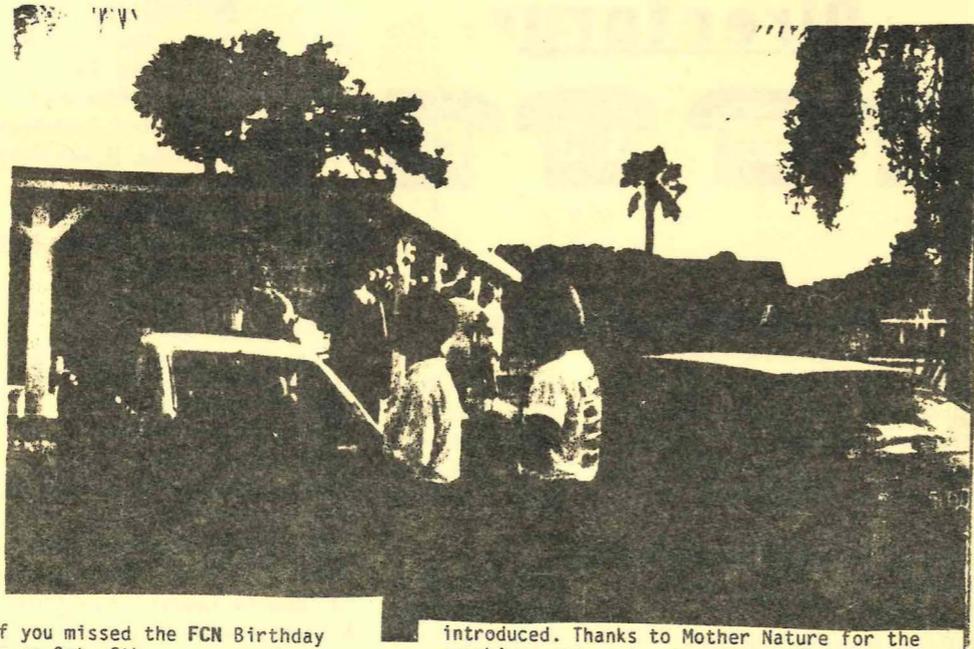
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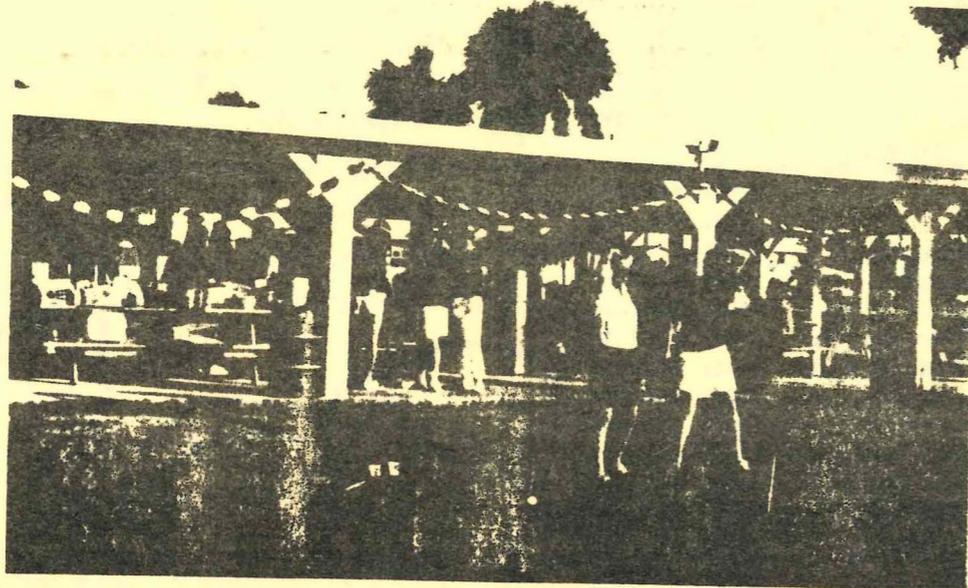
Dear  
Readers,



I hope none of you missed the FCN Birthday Party at Tybee on Oct. 8th --- a grand, gay time was seemingly had by all! Though the volleyball was too hard, and we were somewhat tardy getting started, that didn't discourage hearty partiers. I was too too impressed with all the penguins strutting their black and whiteness so coolly! With a loud chorus of Happy Birthday, the cake was cut, and the new Board of Directors

introduced. Thanks to Mother Nature for the sunshine, and praise Bacchus that the kegs never ran dry. We actually made a few dollars, though it wasn't a fundraiser per se, and most importantly added over a dozen new members to the rolls. For a fun afternoon, the Penguin Party Committee of Patty Latham, Bobby Tyberski, and John VanCott deserves a big round of applause! clap clap clap clap Thanks!!!

Ciao,  
Wilson



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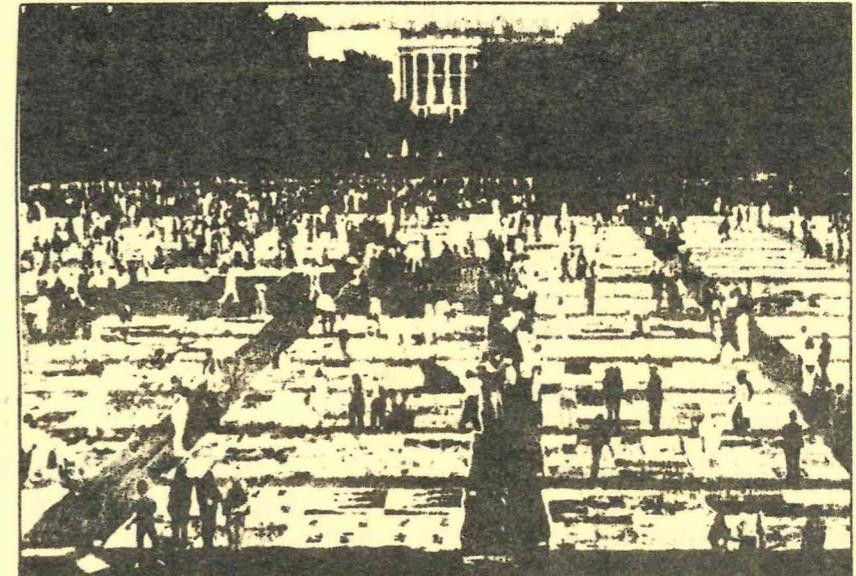
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## Last Display of Quilt

WASHINGTON - The AIDS memorial quilt is spread out on the Mall Friday, the White House in the background. Due to its size, it is the last time the quilt will be displayed in its entirety.

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Network News, Savannah.

## New HBO series

"They hold nothing sacred," says an HBO press release about "The Kids in the Hall," which has its debut tomorrow at 11:30 p.m. The sacrilegious slant might be overlooked if the show were, but the premiere is just plain offensive and stupid.

The 20-part series, which continues next Friday at midnight, belongs at the late-night hour because some of the language is raw and much of the subject matter is savagely insulting to one group or another.

The "kids" are five young male comics, who Rolling Stone magazine said "might change the face of comedy." Let's hope not.

Some of their skits are not only not funny, they're not understandable. In one, a klutzy young man in ballerina drag stumbles around a room. The Three Stooges did this kind of stuff better and without the homosexual humor.

The program is heavy on gay bashing, which seems to be their major source of junior high school humor when they aren't taking shots at blacks or Orientals. In another tasteless skit, they announce they've found the cause of cancer.

Back to the drawing board, HBO.

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NOV. 5th : A get-the-jump-on-next-year crab boil fundraiser for The Prom '90. Help make next year's Prom an even bigger success! Skidaway State Park Group Shelter Sunday afternoon. Beer and crabs! Y'all come, now heah?!

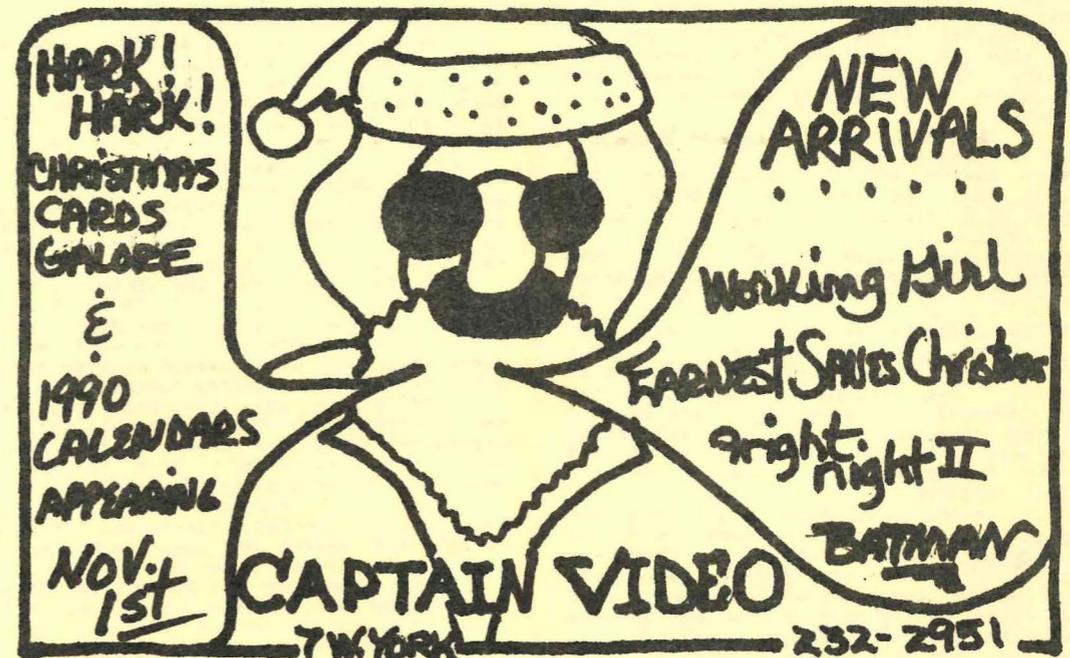
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## LOOPHOLES IN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

"Fundamental to our way of life is the belief that when information...is systematically withheld by those in power, the people soon become ignorant of their own affairs, distrustful of those who manage them, and eventually incapable of determining their own destinies."

These words were uttered not by founding father James Madison, who immortalized a similar quote in 1822, but by President Richard Milhous Nixon exactly 150 years later.

Through two centuries of American political evolution, the concept of the public's "right to know" has remained a cornerstone of our constitutional democracy. But today it is under the gun, according to lobbyists for both public and private interests. These advocates, in a rare show of political agreement, accuse resent conservative administrations of using computerization as an excuse to flout information-access laws and revert to the days of government secrecy.

Each year about 500,000 citizens requests for government information are submitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which guarantees public access to federal records except for national security and other sensitive data. Since the act's passage in 1966, FOIA requests have played a major role in exposing government scandals like the Iran-Contra affair, harassment of public figures like Martin Luther King, and lax enforcement of laws like the Superfund for toxic waste cleanup. The FOIA has also enabled many individuals to obtain the contents of their FBI files.

In the past few years, the government has refused or delayed interminably a growing number of FOIA requests on the grounds that the act does not apply to computerized records, or that retrieving the information would require costly computer programming. In some cases agencies have supplied the requested information in unwieldy printouts rather

than on diskette—the functional equivalent of paying a \$1,000 debt with unrolled pennies. In a few extreme situations, agencies have informed requesters that their desired information "does not exist," claiming that the computerized information does not constitute a "record" as defined by the "right to know" law, which was last written in 1974.

In short, many FOIA requesters are finding that "information once available has gone down the black hole of a government computer," as the ACLU's Jerry Berman put it a recent Congressional hearing. Some have taken their battles to the Supreme Court and to Congress, with mixed results. What they want is a complete rewrite of the Freedom of Information Act to apply the old

principles to the new technology. One bill to do just that has already been introduced in the current session of Congress by Representative Bob Wise (D-West Virginia).

To let your elected representatives know how you feel about this issue, write to them in care of the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, or the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. (PC/COMPUTING OCT 1989)

## HEARING FOR JUDGE HAMPTON BEGINS

Dallas, Tx.—Robert Murry, a retired San Antonio appeals court judge, has been appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to hear testimony regarding alleged homosexual bias by Dallas District Court Judge Jack Hampton. According to the *Monroe Voice*, Houston gay newspaper, Murry will conduct a public hearing on October 16. Murry will prepare the report to be submitted to the State Judicial Conduct Commission, which has the power to discipline Hampton or attempt to remove him from the bench.

Hamptons troubles began last year after he was quoted in a Dallas newspaper as saying he gave a convicted murderer a 30 year sentence because the victims were gay. He described the victims as "queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys" and "looking for trouble." (THE BALTIMORE GAYPAPER OCT 6, 1989)

## ZSA ZSA INSULTS GAYS

Beverly Hills, CA - We always knew Zsa Zsa's taste ran the gamut of macho-type men, but we never really considered her much competition. Apparently she does and said so while testifying in court last month.

While on trial for several traffic-related charges including resisting arrest, the homophobic and outspoken movie star accused her arresting officer, Paul Kramer, of being gay. She claimed that Kramer hated her because he is gay.

"Three gentlemen came up to us, under oath and said they slept with Mr. Kramer. Don't you know a gay man would not like a woman like Zsa Zsa Gabor. Why would he? I marry all the men he would want to have," Gabor testified on Tuesday September 19.

Earlier in the trial Gabor expressed her homophobia about lesbians when asked by reporters about her fight to stay out of jail, she responded, "I'm afraid of lesbians." (Don't worry Zsa Zsa).

Gabor is accused of driving with expired tags on her Rolls Royce, resisting arrest and having an open container of alcoholic beverages in her car.

Congratulations are due Officer Kramer for making the streets of Beverly Hills safe from the likes of Zsa Zsa. And we hope she gets everything she deserves. (THE BALTIMORE GAYPAPER OCT 6, 1989)

## DEPRESSION

Got the blues? It ain't just you, Babe. Seems we all do from time to time. "But wait," you say, "there's no reason for this! I just got promoted at work, my new lover is the best in the world; everything's going my way right now! How can I feel so totally bummed out? Is it just that summer's over?" Summer's over, winter's over, Spring's over---it doesn't matter. It's nothing you can pin down, Babe, it's just them old blues. We all get 'em. No rhyme or reason to it. I say enjoy 'em. Let go of being anxious and get into your blues! After all, it's only temporary. We're not talking clinical depression, shock therapy, or Milledgeville here. And you don't have to be B.B. King to know that on any given day, someone has the blues. So get into your blues and don't let anyone bother 'em. They're usually caused by.....nothing. They're not fatal. They always go away. You wake up one morning and the whole world has turned grey. Horrid. But the next day or the next week you wake up one day and poof! the the sky's blue again!

Get into your blues. You're bound to have 'em sooner or later (if not both). Dress the way you feel...wear all the dreary black things hanging in your closet. Make a mental fashion statement. Pull the blinds and play all that hard-core, get-down, cry-in-your-beer music. What other mood has it's own whole musical genre?! Don't answer the door. Show the way you feel inside---it does wonders! Or, go for a more classic bout with the blues: put on a beret and black turtleneck with long trailing scarf, throw Edith Piaf on the stereo and morosely sip a snifter of cognac or brandy. Imagine you are all alone in your cold water flat on the *Rue de Bologne*, while your lover, the triple amputee with a herion habit, runs your tab through the roof at the neighborhood bistro trying to impress that slut Francois, to no avail. Oh! *C'est incroyable! Mon Dieu! Mon Dieu!* One thing is for sure---you can't fight the blues. I read that professionals say that to fight against feeling sadness only wears one out, and ultimately only makes one feel worse if one fails to overcome it. Just treat 'em like the natural phenomenon that they are, them ole blues, like a gusty day at the beach or a drizzly rain. They're here then they're gone. Melancholy on the hoof. The more you accept the blues, the less strange and frightening they'll be.

So the next time that feeling overtakes you, pat yourself on the back for recognizing your feelings for what they are and dealing with them. Put on your best B.B. King rig and when someone calls and asks you to come out and play, say " *Mais, non, non! Mon Dieu! I have ze blues, Babe!*"

## Gay Visibility

The story about our book, *After the Ball* [BEHAVIOR, July 10], though generally excellent, appeared under a headline stating that it "urges homosexuals to tone down and blend in." This has generated considerable anger and misunderstanding. We certainly do not advocate that gays disappear into the woodwork. Rather, the gay community should tone down and stand up 1) by coming out of the closet and 2) by supporting a bold national media campaign that corrects old stereotypes. The public image of gays may indeed be moderated as a result of such increased visibility, since straights will then find that the vast majority of gays are as conventional as they are. But heterosexuals will never come to realize this if homosexuals continue to lead their otherwise ordinary lives in the closet.

Hunter Madsen  
New York City

Marshall Kirk  
Cambridge, Mass.

(TIME/FALL 1989)



DO YOU (HONESTLY) THINK PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE  
**QUEER IN HIGH SCHOOL**

FOR THE BOYS:

- DID YOU CALL YOUR CLOTHES "OUTFITS"?
- DID YOU WINKER YOUR LOCKER?
- DID YOU HAVE WOODEN HANGERS IN YOUR GYM LOCKER?
- WERE YOU "INTO" WEIGHTS THEN?
- DID YOU BELONG TO THE THESSALIAN SOCIETY?

FOR THE GIRLS:

- DID YOU HAVE THE SAME "BEST FRIEND" FOR 12 YEARS?
- DID YOU "PRACTICE" YOU-KNOW-WHAT?
- DID YOU LIKE COMFORTABLE SHOES?
- DID YOU HAVE A DAVISY DRESS WITH A FLOWER COLLAR, STEM-ZIPPER & LEAF POCKETS?

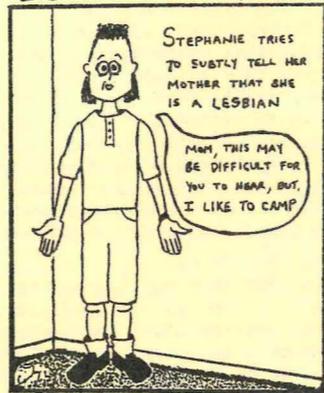
IF SOME OF YOUR ANSWERS WERE YES THEN EVERYBODY KNEW (BUT FOUND YOU ADORABLE!)  
NICK KROVICH



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**BOOM BOX** BY COMISKEY



**Cartoonists sought for NY show**

Attention: Lesbian and gay cartoonists: New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center wants to see your work.

The Center Museum and Archives announced today a projected exhibition of cartoons and comic strips relating to lesbian and gay experience that will be mounted at the Center between April 12, and May 25, 1990.

The exhibit, to be called The Cartoon Show, will be mounted as part of an ongoing series of exhibits organized by the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center National Museum of Lesbian and Gay History.

The cartoon Show will be co-curated by Mark Johnson, a member of the museum and archives's governing committee, and cartoonists Jennifer Camper, Burton Clarke and Howard Cruse. Ms. Camper's satirical comic strips

have appeared in *On Our backs* and *Wimmin's Comix*, and she has recently become a regular contributor to *Outweek*. Mr. Clarke's comics are included in Gay Sunshine Press' *Meatmen*, and he has contributed numerous erotic illustrations to *Drummer* and *Firsthand*. Howard Cruse is the author of *Wendel*, the comic strip series appearing regularly in *The Advocate* and recently collected by St. Martin's Press in the book *Wendel On The Rebound*. He was the founding editor in 1980 of *Gay Comix*, to which Camper and Clarke frequently contribute.

All cartoonists, regardless of their sexual orientation, who deal openly with the lesbian and gay experience in their art, are urged to write for information about this exhibit to: The Cartoon Show, The Center Museum and Archives, 208 W. 13th St., New York City, NY 10011.

**MORE GAY MEN AND LESBIANS HAVE DIED FROM CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY THAN FROM AIDS.**

One out of three gay men and lesbians suffers from chemical dependency. That adds up to 7 million persons struggling with the disease of chemical dependence who are on their way to becoming statistics.

It doesn't have to be that way.

Vito Russo's  
**10**  
Best Gay Movies

- Abuse (1983)
- Un Chant d'amour (1947)
- Maurice (1987)
- My Beautiful Laundrette (1986)
- Parting Glances (1986)
- Scorpio Rising (1963)
- Sunday Bloody Sunday (1971)
- Taxi Zum Klo (1980)
- The Times of Harvey Milk (1985)
- Victim (1961)

Vito Russo is the author of the widely acclaimed book *The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies*. He is a native New Yorker, and a co-founder of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power).

Andrea Weiss's  
**10**  
Best Lesbian Movies

- Mädchen in Uniform (1931)
- Entre Nous (1984)
- Damned If You Don't (1987)
- I've Heard the Mermaids Singing (1987)
- Queen Christina (1933)
- Desert Hearts (1986)
- The Virgin Machine (1988)
- Daughters of Darkness (1970)
- 17 Rooms, or What Do Lesbians Do in Bed? (1984)
- The Group (1966)

Andrea Weiss won an Emmy Award for her research for the television documentary *Before Stonewall*. Her articles have appeared in *Ms.*, *The Advocate*, *Cineaste*, and other journals.



**Book Review**

In Search of Gay America:  
Women and Men in a Time of Change  
by Neil Miller  
The Atlantic Monthly Press \$18.95

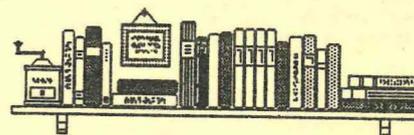
Reviewed by John DeFord

Neil Miller traveled through small towns, rural areas, mid-size cities and large urban areas in search of what it means - and is like - to be gay in America in the late 1980s.

Miller takes us to the gay mayor of a small town in Missouri (population 420), a Latin lesbian community in San Antonio, a gay American Indian in South Dakota, a lesbian Methodist minister in New Hampshire and a gay cop with AIDS in San Francisco, among the many people and place he visits in search of what it is like to be gay in this country.

Along the way, he gives us a fresh look at urban gay life and the sexual revolution in light of the changing standards in this day of AIDS. Gay marriages, the lesbian sexual revolution, the numerous cases of gays and parenthood and many other experiences highlight this book.

The book is a provocative and compassionate look at men and women in the process of living their lives. He can reach no conclusion, overall, because of the diversity of backgrounds of homosexuals. The author hints that this very diversity may preclude any effort at unity within any specific community - a perspective shared by this reviewer. The struggle to accept yourself and be accepted in an environment still basically hostile is a continuing struggle. Neil Miller could have been writing about Tulsa and the gay community when he describes the various problems related to acceptance and recognition.



(source: Jhor Reporter)

**THERE'S ONE THING WORSE THAN KNOWING YOU HAVE THE AIDS VIRUS: NOT KNOWING.**

## Questions for Couples: the Results

### DEGREE OF COMMITMENT

	Women	Men
For life	60%	74%
For a long time	27%	21%
For a while	13%	5%
10 percent have held a ceremony and 2 percent plan one. 41 percent wear rings or other symbols.		

### LIVING TOGETHER

	Women	Men
Always	66%	79%
Sometimes	15%	14%
Never	19%	6%

### INCOME SHARING

	Women	Men
Entirely shared	28%	34%
Partly shared	38%	39%
Not shared	34%	28%

### TWO GREATEST CHALLENGES

	Women	Men
Communication	42%	
Career	31%	
Sex	25%	
Money	23%	
Relatives	23%	
Health	12%	
Other	23%	

### SEXUAL AGREEMENTS

	Women	Men
Monogamy	88%	53%
Monogamy w/exceptions	8%	33%
Non-monogamy	4%	14%
81 percent say they never break their agreement; women even less		

so. Within the last year, none of the non-monogamous respondents had "unsafe" sex outside of the relationship, and only 11 percent had "unsafe" sex within the relationship.

### QUALITY OF SEX

	Women	Men
Excellent	54%	34%
Good	28%	33%
Satisfactory	15%	22%
Unsatisfactory	3%	12%
The median frequency women have sex with their partners is once a week; for men, the figure is six times per month.		

### ROLE OF AIDS

	Women	Men
In forming relationship		
Major	<1%	6%
Minor	10%	21%
None	90%	73%
In continuing relationship		
Major	4%	9%
Minor	24%	35%
None	73%	55%
About half said they were HIV-negative and monogamous.		

### LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS

	Done	Planned
Will	35%	40%
Power of Attorney	29%	31%
Living Together Agreement	11%	14%

Only 6 percent had completed all three legal documents, which attorneys recommend for same-sex couples.

### DISCRIMINATION ENCOUNTERED AS A COUPLE

	Women	Men
Employment benefits	51%	
Taxes	47%	
Insurance	41%	
Membership	18%	
Housing	12%	
Employment	11%	
Credit/banking	11%	
Hotels	7%	
Hospital visitation	5%	
Other	11%	
None (or none indicated)	22%	

### WHERE COUPLES MET

	Women	Men
Friends	26%	22%
Work	20%	3%
Social event	16%	11%
School	13%	6%
Support group	6%	1%
Political event	4%	6%
Bar	3%	24%
Religious event	2%	5%
Park/public space	1%	9%
Classified ad	1%	4%
Baths/cruising	<1%	4%
Other	8%	5%

Because figures are rounded, columns may not total 100 percent.

Survey results © PARTNERS, 1989.

This questionnaire was part of a national survey undertaken by PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. The responses from OUT/LOOK readers are being analyzed along with others from across the country. To receive an extended summary of the results when they are ready, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope along with your request to PARTNERS, Box 9665, Seattle, WA 98103.

## Cities, Courts Broaden The Definition of 'Family'

By Maureen Downey  
Staff Writer

Ask conservative watchdog Nancy Schaefer what a family is, and she will respond husband, wife and children. Put the same question to gay activist Jeffrey Laymon and he will respond with a much longer answer. He will say there are many forms of family. Two lesbians living with one of the women's children qualifies. So do two gay men. And yes, there can be the Ozzie and Harriet model of mom, dad, two kids and the dog.

In recent weeks, cities and courts around the country have begun to give greater credence to Mr. Laymon's interpretation. This broadening of the definition of family is being prompted by the growing number of unmarried couples seeking legal status.

Earlier this month, a New York Court of Appeals judge ruled that a gay man who had lived for 10 years with the tenant of a rent-controlled apartment should be viewed as a family member, qualifying him to take over the lease after his lover died.

In November, San Francisco voters will decide on whether to allow unmarried couples to register as "domestic partners," similar to filing marriage licenses. The landmark law would give municipal sanction to cohabiting homosexual and heterosexual couples.

The proposed ordinance, already passed by the city's Board of Supervisors, also grants unmarried city employees paid sick leave to care for a partner and bereavement leave in the case of a partner's death.

The Mayor's Task Force on Family Policy is also considering permitting unmarried employees of the city of San Francisco to extend their health benefits to partners, policies that exist in the California communities of Berkeley, Santa Cruz

## Cities, Courts Recognizing New Definition of 'Family'

and West Hollywood.

"We have a tremendous amount of family diversity in San Francisco," task force chairwoman Roberta Achtenberg said. "It is about time the city did something to encourage strong family formation."

In March, Los Angeles approved sick and bereavement leave for city employees who have filed domestic partnership affidavits. Similar legislation is in effect in Madison, Wis., and under consideration in Seattle, Philadelphia and Washington.

There is no such proposal yet in Atlanta, although gay and lesbian activists agree there is a need for such a law.

"Because gay people are not eligible for marriage, their lives are complicated in a whole range of areas, such as community property, child custody, hospital visitation or survivor rights," said Richard Swanson, administrator of the Atlanta Gay Center.

Lesbians have lost custody of their children because they lived with their lovers, attorney M.P. Schildmeyer said. Domestic partnership registries would prevent judges from denying custody solely on the basis of the lesbian relationship.

Despite Atlanta's sizable homosexual community, Mr. Swanson doubts a domestic partnership law is likely in the next few years. He cited several obstacles, such as the potential cost to the city to provide paid leave to unmarried employees and the logistics of partnerships registries.

"Add to that the strong strain of Bible Belt morality, and I think it will be an interesting fight," he said.

On the front lines of the opposition will be Nancy Schaefer and the Family Concerns group she heads. Mrs. Schaefer also is president of Citizens for Public Awareness, best known for its unsuccessful bid to defeat Atlanta's 1986 gay rights ordinance.

"I just feel absolutely persuaded that we should be promoting family life in this country, not tearing it down," Mrs. Schaefer said.

Mrs. Schaefer is not fazed that only 24.6 million of the nation's 91 million households fulfill the traditional two parent and children model. She dismisses the notion of a new reality in which families can be reconstituted in multiple forms.

"Just because you can do something doesn't make it right," she said. "I cannot say a family is two women living together or two men living together, or some other put-together arrangement."

"What we are trying to do is

'Because gay people are not eligible for marriage, their lives are complicated in a whole range of areas, such as community property, child custody, hospital visitation or survivor rights.'

— Richard Swanson  
Administrator  
Atlanta Gay Center

force a square peg in a round hole. Whether it fits or not, we are going to redefine the whole thing and give it a new name."

Mrs. Schaefer and her Atlanta-based group are not alone. Concerned Women for America (CWA), a Washington-based fundamentalist group, shares her outrage. CWA attorneys represented seven Tennessee parents who maintained that their children shouldn't have to read textbooks that conflict with their fundamentalist Christian beliefs. The parents lost the case on appeal.

CWA litigation director Jordan Lorence said domestic partnerships encourage behaviors that his organization considers deviant.

"To give governmental stamp of approval on homosexual relationships is unwise because we don't believe homosexuality is an inborn characteristic," Mr. Lorence said.

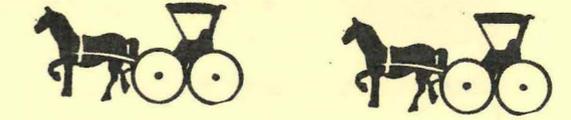
"They need help to overcome it. They don't need help to engage in it," he said. "I hope polygamists are not the next group we have to deal with."

While recognizing that such viewpoints are a formidable obstacle, Mr. Laymon, chairman of the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations, said that Atlanta's homosexual community has economic and political clout of its own to flex.

As evidence, Mr. Laymon said that mayoral candidates Michael Lomax and Maynard H. Jackson included liaisons with the gay community on their campaign staffs and have indicated a willingness to look at the feasibility of domestic partnerships.

But Mr. Swanson cautioned that pledges by candidates to support gay and lesbian agendas don't always translate into action after the election.

"Once they are elected, then they are going to have to prioritize all the promises they have made," he said. "I don't think a domestic partnership ordinance is impossible for Atlanta. But I certainly wouldn't expect to see it next year."



Time to flip your calendar page to December, and mark a big red \* on Dec. 16th because that's the date of the FCN THIRD ANNUAL COCKTAILS, QUEERS, AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS CARRIAGE RIDE. Meet in historic downtown, toast the holidays with potent libations, and sing sing sing your way around town in horsedrawn carriages filled with all the queers you know and love (or have loved, liked for one night, want to have a chance at in the future, or loved, left and hoped never to run into again). With frost in the air, anti-freeze in the veins and carriage wheels rumbling to the clip-clop of the horses' hooves, it's great fun meandering through the Historic District spreading good cheer and holiday spirit with laughter and song. Don't worry --- lots of us can't carry a tune in a bucket, much less know the words to all those carols, so coordinating "The Twelve Days of Christmas" between several carriages each trying to remember their own parts through a slight alcoholic haze is always a hoot by the end of the ride!

Don't confuse this fun, GAY event with the ACE Foundation caroling ride. Though it's being held at the same location FCN has used the past two years, it's not the same, and their affair is straight-oriented, for politicians and health service professionals and that ilk.

So round up your friends who enjoy cheering in the holidays, and call 236-CITY, 232-3771, or 355-6654 for tickets or reservations. All Board members will have tickets to sell, and they can also be purchased from Phyllis at Bennigan's Monday-Friday between 11:30-6:00. Just ask for Phyllis if she isn't behind the bar. All reservations must be made by Dec. 1 for carriage booking purposes. So get out your gloves and muffler, grab your honey, and prepare for a roaring good time. Come carol in carriages on DEC. 16th!



## Harris Poll Reveals Public's Pro-Choice Stance

### Favor or Oppose Recent Webster Decision on Abortion

"In its recent Webster decision, the U.S. Supreme Court took steps which will enable states to enact laws which will make it more difficult for some women to have an abortion, although it did not abolish the right to have one. In general, from what you know or have heard, do you favor or oppose this latest decision of the Supreme Court making it more difficult for a woman to have an abortion with the advice of her doctor?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Not Sure %
Total	39	58	3
Age 18-24	40	59	1
25-29	38	61	1
30-39	43	55	2
40-49	38	60	2
50-64	40	57	3
65 and over	34	60	6
Men	38	60	2
Women	40	57	3
White Protestant	42	56	2
White Catholic	45	52	3
Jewish	18	82	-
White TV Evangelical followers	59	40	1

(-) = no response

### Pro- and Anti-Abortion Statements

Every woman should have the right to decide by herself, with her doctor's advice, and without government interference, how she should exercise her reproductive rights.

A ban on abortions will destroy a woman's basic right to decide whether or not to have an abortion with her doctor's advice, which is wrong.

A fetus shall be recognized as a living person and given full constitutional rights from the time of conception on, which would mean a ban on all abortions except where the life of the mother is endangered.

	Agree %	Disagree %	Not Sure %
Every woman should have the right to decide by herself, with her doctor's advice, and without government interference, how she should exercise her reproductive rights.	77	22	1
A ban on abortions will destroy a woman's basic right to decide whether or not to have an abortion with her doctor's advice, which is wrong.	62	34	4
A fetus shall be recognized as a living person and given full constitutional rights from the time of conception on, which would mean a ban on all abortions except where the life of the mother is endangered.	43	54	3

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**AIDS QUILT:** Friends comfort each other at AIDS quilt exhibit.

## Independent AIDS documentary wins Emmy

*Living With AIDS*, a film documenting a community's compassionate support for a 22 year-old man before his AIDS-related death, was awarded a National Emmy for Outstanding News and Documentary - Program Achievement this week by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

Produced and directed by Tina DeFeliciano, the film made its broadcast premiere last summer on "P.O.V.", the acclaimed series of non-fiction independent films on public television.

*Living With AIDS* tells the story of Todd Coleman, a young San Francisco resident afflicted with Kaposi's Sarcoma. As his illness progresses, a team of committed individuals comes to his aid. An experienced nurse supervises his home care program. A lawyer/volunteer does his wash and household chores. A masseur offers his expertise and declares that this experience has taught him about unconditional love. Interviews with his lover and other close to Todd reveal emotional and practical implications of a man's final weeks of life.

As the film concludes with a moving candlelight memorial for the thousands of people who have died of AIDS we hear Todd's words, "Just don't turn away from us."

"P.O.V." executive producer Marc N. Weiss applauded the TV Academy's recognition of *Living With AIDS*. "This award underscores our belief that the media must vigilantly keep the AIDS crisis in the public eye," he said, "whether it's a report on the need for decent health care and human services or a personal story of courage and struggle. *Living With AIDS* is a shining example of one filmmaker's effort to fulfill that critical responsibility. We're very proud that we were able to premiere this film on P.O.V."

Di Feliciano made the film while still a student at Stanford University. It won both the Student Oscar and the Student Emmy and has been praised widely by film critics and AIDS experts alike. *Living With AIDS* is available for rental or purchase from Carle Medical Communications, 110 West Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 384-4838. ▼

Epstein and Friedman had felt similarly moved when they had seen the quilt displayed in Washington in October 1987.

"Up to that point," Epstein said, "nobody had seen the quilt in its entirety, and the effect was, needless to say, awesome.

"We were there at dawn and we were standing around this huge canvas grid, and the names of the dead were being read. And by the time the quilt was fully unfolded several hours later there was something before you that was so beautiful and yet so horrifying.

"Entering this quilt, entering this weave of lives, interacting with the other people there, made you feel the weight of this epidemic."

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

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## SEXUALITY

### TAKE 1

Perhaps it was too soon to see her, but I knew my lover was in a hurry this morning. I scanned the horizon for a sign. If Big O was coming, I easily would be able to see her against the treeless horizon. She would come riding in over the familiar hills and valleys, some green and fertile, others brown and barren, until she reached our bed. I strained to see, twisting my head from side to side, looking in all directions.

I finally spotted her; she was riding in from the west today. She was still a fleck on a distant brown hill. She moved in lesbian time—in her own time, in her own fashion. If her pace was as slow as it usually was, and with all the ground she still had to cover, she might not get here until tomorrow.

My lover's plaintive voice called me back. "My arm is getting tired," she implored. I opened my eyes and tried to focus. I almost had forgotten about her, so intent was I on the lookout for Big O.

### TAKE 2

I turned back to the rolling hills to the west. Big O was riding in from a long way out this morning. I could just see her outline against the crystal blue sky. Then she disappeared into the shadows of one of the brown valleys.

My lover was getting restless. "I'm hungry," she whispered to me.

"But I can already see her," I answered. "I'll make you a big breakfast after she gets here, okay?"

### TAKE 3

I turned again to look for the rider from the west. Oh God, she must have turned back.

# Big

RIDES AGAIN

BY WENDY STEIN

### TAKE 4

Big O was a casual rider, paying no attention to where she was going. The horse had made the trip so many times before, that the reins hung unattended around its shoulders. Slumped in the saddle, Big O read as the mare carelessly bumped along. Off camera, a lone guitar twanged her theme music:

*Dummm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmm Deee Dah Dah.*

### TAKE 5

Horse and rider were slowly bobbing—*dummm dee dah dah, dummmmm dee dah dah*—poking along on a hilly treadmill that teased me with its simulation of progress.

"Now look," I scolded her. "Just keep coming, you hear me? You don't have to be teasing like this. Do you hear me? Why do you always have to be so slow?" I knew I was taking a chance scolding her. She might just ride away.

### TAKE 6

A car stopped in front of our house. The car door slammed. My lover and I both held our breath and listened for the footsteps. Was she out there? Did she decide to *drive* the rest of the way? The footsteps hurried up to the next door neighbor's. My lover's hand began to move again. And I looked to the west for Big O and her trusty mount.

*Dummm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmmmm Deee Dah Dah.*

I tried again to get Big O's attention. But she was purposefully ignoring me. I opened my eyes to look at my lover. Her jaw was clenched. She was massaging her own shoulder with one hand as her other hand massaged me.

*Dummm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmmmm Deee Dah Dah.*

### TAKE 7

The dog barked. Why did the dog always bark about now? Was Big O finally at the door? Frantically, I looked around. Big O was just coming up over the last plush green mound towards the bed. But, tease that

she was, she pulled the horse to a stop and dismounted. "Now what?" I thought.

She must have heard me. "We were parched, me and my horse here." They had paused at a watering hole. The horse was lapping greedily at the water. Big O dipped her hands into the clear water and satisfied her thirst with gusto. Then she gleefully dunked her hat into the water and plopped it onto her head, sending water splashing from her short brown hair down her face and neck, soaking the front of her shirt. She stared me straight in the eye, nodded, and gave me a sly smile. Then swinging her long leg over the saddle, she remounted and came towards me.

### TAKE 8

My lover kept strumming.

*Dummm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmm Deee Dah Dah.  
Dummmmmmm Deee Dah Dah.*

The mare started to canter. My lover strummed faster.

*Dum de dum de dum de dum  
de dum de dum de dum de dum  
de dum.*

The dog was barking furiously to warn us Big O was coming. We needed no warning. She was coming at me at a full gallop.

Suddenly, she jumped from the horse and burst into the room. I screamed an ecstatic welcome. My lover looked at her with appreciation and a silent prayer of thanksgiving.

As usual, the masked woman had arrived just in time. She couldn't stay but a moment though. She only had time for a breathless, "Howdy, ma'am, glad to be of service." Then saluting me with a quick tug on the brim of her Stetson, Big O was gone. She didn't even wait for me to thank her.

*When not chasing Big O through supermarkets, shopping malls, and dance halls, Wendy Stein is a freelance writer and editor in Syracuse, New York. She thanks the women she has loved for inspiring her.*

(Excerpted from Ms. Stein's piece in OUT/LOOK)

# TERMS OF ENQUEERMENT

(Oy Vey! Yet Another Survey!!)

by Tom Ammiano & Jeanine Strobel

OUT/LOOK

What do our courrant fags and dykes really feel and know about each other's pride, passion, history, herstory, their story, police story whatever? San Francisco-based comics and activists Tom Ammiano and Jeanine Strobel unscientifically and whimsically check your oil and tune your zeitgeist. Please spare us and keep your response completely confidential.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

For men & women

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| <p>1) Age:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> New<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Under<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Middle</p> <p>2) Pre-Occupation:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> The past<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Myself<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Others<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above</p> <p>3) Grossest Income: _____</p> <p>4) Class:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Upwardly mobile<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Downwardly mobile<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Insnobile</p> <p>5) If anatomy is not destiny, are you:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Male<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Female<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mornon</p> | <p>6) Member?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have one.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> No, I don't.</p> <p>7) Business:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you mind your own?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you mind other people's?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a (girl), (boy) in every PORTfolio?</p> <p>8) Religion:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Western<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nautilus</p> <p>9) Role identification:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Butch<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Femme<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Egg</p> | <p>10) What ring do you find most exciting?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nose<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nipple<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bathtub</p> <p>11) How do you classify yourself?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Child of an adult-child.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult-child of an adult.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Child-adult of a lunatic.</p> <p>12) A beard is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A woman who covers for a gay man.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A late, great "trés Flambe" chef.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hirsute chunny chin chin.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not to be confused with fag hag.</p> <p>13) A fag hag is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A couplet, a part of hairku.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A woman who hangs around gay men exclusively.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A chainsmoker.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A trendy boutique in Provincetown.</p> | <p>14) Domestic Partners are:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A cleaning service.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Two people living together out of wedlock.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Two people living together out of lox.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Reagan Vista program for housemaids.</p> <p>15) Closet Case means:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not open about sexual orientation.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A smart valise, (not to carry on).<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Roy Cohn look-alike &amp; smell-alike.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not "OUT."</p> <p>16) "OUT" means:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Manifestly proud and affirmed of lesbian/gay identity.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Three strikes.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> "Not in," as in, "We're sorry, Cheryl Crane can't come to the phone right now, she's 'not in,' she's 'OUT.'"</p> |
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## TRUE FALSIES

(Check the appropriate choice)

Questions for men:

- 1) Clitoris is the name of a mouthwash.  T  F
- 2) Bull is a term meaning a disruption in Billy Jean King's China Shop.  T  F
- 3) Famous product most likely invented by a lesbian: the elastic waistband.  T  F

Questions for women:

- 1) Nellie is a term that means everything that Ed Meese is not.  T  F
- 2) Famous product most likely invented by gay male: call waiting.  T  F
- 3) Gag reflex means laughing on cue.  T  F

## MULTIPLES

(Circle the appropriate choice)

For men:

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| <p>1) A girl is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -A diminishing term for a woman.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -A Fran Leibowitz construct.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Not the real Lasse.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -A Michael Jackson mantra.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -What I throw a ball like.</p> <p>2) A Turkey Baster Baby is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -An artificially inseminated child.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -No visitation rights on Thanksgiving.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Hedda Gobbler.</p> <p>3) Dildoes are:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Sex toys.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Prairie home companions.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Messy at airport security check points.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Banned at the White House.</p> <p>4) Misogyny is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Institutionalized hatred of women.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Runner up in a Phyllis Schlafly Beauty Contest.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Haute Couture.</p> <p>5) A Lipstick Dyke is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Someone who values luster over bounce.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Cher in Silkwood.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Desert Hearts chapstick.</p> <p>6) A Women's Festival is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Where women reclaim and celebrate themselves.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Will never happen at the Club Med.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -A place where you'll never find the toilet seat up.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Where skins outnumber the shirts.</p> <p>7) Lesbian humor is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Tongue in cheek.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -An oxymoron.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Only a moron can't appreciate it.</p> | <p>8) What things have you learned from lesbians?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -That you don't have to experience menstruation to be on the rag.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -How to pronounce the word menstruation.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -That sitting in a circle doesn't always mean mutual masturbation.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -That Goddess is not the name of a saled dressing.</p> <p>9) Lesbian couples are:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Proliferating.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Breaking up that old gang of mine.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Sitting around reciting free verse and eating pot brownies.</p> <p>10) My first exposure to a group of lesbians was:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Dinah Shore Golf Tournament<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Veterinarian's Office.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Midge Costanza Fan Club.</p> <p>For women:</p> <p>1) Most of the gay men you know are:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Lesbian-sensitive<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -On television.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Real Estate Agents.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Blonde.</p> <p>2) Your first exposure to a large group of gay men was:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Catechism.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Indoor tanning salons.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -The Vienna Boys Choir.</p> <p>3) How do your perceive gay men:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -With your eyes.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -From afar.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Better after a couple of beers.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Like sisters.</p> | <p>4) Where do gay men come from?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Dominant mothers, submissive fathers.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Greece and the Mid-West.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Immaculate conception.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Immaculate homes.</p> <p>5) What do you think of drag?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -It is a dazzling defiance of gender-roles.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -I'm allergic to it.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -I only wear it when I have to work downtown.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -It has helped me to see Liza Minnelli in a new light.</p> <p>6) A top is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -In the missionary position, someone who assumes the role of Tarzan.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -A dreidd.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Doris Day sleepwear.</p> <p>7) A bottom is:<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -In the missionary position, someone who assumes the role of Jane.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Timothy.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Cagney to Lacy.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Lacy to Cagney.</p> <p>8) What have you learned from gay men?<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -When they ask you to bring some dish they're not talking potluck.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -Sissy doesn't always mean Spacek.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -That sphincter muscle is not a shellfish.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> -That queenliness can be next to Godliness.</p> |
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# Working the bugs out



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), described by disability rights activists as the most significant civil rights legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was unequivocally endorsed by the Bush administration, passed out of committee, and appears headed for certain victory in the full Senate.

Co-sponsored by Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), the ASA (S.933) would apply to the private sector the same laws that now prohibit discrimination against the disabled in federally funded activities.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate to end discrimination against individuals with handicaps, including people with AIDS and HIV. Both the Supreme Court and the Congress have made it clear that AIDS and HIV infection are covered under federal disability laws.

The Act would prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in areas such as employment, public accomodation, travel, communications, and the activites of State and local governments.

Senator Kennedy said, "Once and for all, we are establishing the principle that people who have AIDS and HIV infection will not be denied access to public accommodations and services, and cannot be fired from their jobs merely because they have contracted the virus. AIDS is public health emergency. A unanimous Senate Committee on Labor and Human resources and the President of the United States are

declaring--here and now--that we will not turn our backs on those who have been touched by this terrible disease."

Efforts to delete coverage of people with AIDS and HIV, or contagious diseases in general, are expected. Similar attempts last year to ammend the Civil Rights Restoration Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act were unsuccessful.

All members of Congress would be urged to cosponser the Americans with Disabilities Act if they have not already. (The News 8/30-9/13, 1989)

## TEN YEARS OF LESBIAN BESTSELLERS TO REMEMBER

(compiled by Jennie Boyd-Bull of 31st Street Bookstore)

### FICTION

Color Purple by Alice Walker  
 Curious Wine by Katherine Forrest  
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 Mist of Avalon by Marion Zonner Bradley  
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### NON FICTION

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 The Spiral Dance by Starhawk  
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## TEN YEARS OF GAY BESTSELLERS TO REMEMBER

(compiled by Jack Garman, manager Lambda Rising)  
 Dancer From The Dance by Andrew Holleran  
 Tales From The City (and sequels) by Armistead Maupin

Joy of Gay Sex by Dr. Charles Silverstein  
 Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin  
 Celluloid Closet by Vito Russo  
 In The Life edited by Joseph Beam  
 Front Runner by Patricia Nell Warren  
 Great Urge Downward by Gordon Merrick  
 And The Band Played On by Randy Shiels  
 Bob Damron's Address Book

# Gay Congregation Joins Mainstream Church

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Though churches have condemned homosexual activity for centuries, gay men and women are beginning to find a home within a mainline Christian denomination.

Spirit of the Lakes Ecumenical Community Church became the nation's first openly homosexual congregation to join a mainline church when it was accepted into membership of the United Church of Christ in April, according to its leader.

"As far as we know, we're making history," said the Rev. Dan Geslin, pastor of Spirit of the Lakes. "We see ourselves as a prophetic voice."

"We hope that we're breaking ground and leading the way for other churches and other denominations to open up and recognize gay and lesbian people's rightful place in the church."

Spirit of the Lakes has grown from 18 people meeting in a living room in May 1967 to 150 members. It was voted into membership by more than 90 percent of the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Eastern Association, the largest of the United Church of Christ's three associations in Minnesota with 71 churches and 24,000 members.

Spirit of the Lakes is considered a "developing" church while the association reviews the group's constitution and development plan. Those are likely to be approved at the association's 1990 annual meeting, formalizing the congregation's admission, association officials say.

Samuel Loliger, co-coordinator of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian-Gay Concerns, an Athens, Ohio-based special-interest group within the church, said the acceptance of Spirit of the Lakes is a first for mainline denominations.

"This one is certainly very different than anything we have encountered before," he said. "It is an openly gay and lesbian congregation, and they have sought to become a church with that right up front."

Most Christian churches accept homosexuals as members, equally beloved by God as others, but condemn the practice of homosexuality.

But the United Church of Christ, a 1.8-million-member Protestant church formed in 1957 when the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Churches, often has been at the forefront of progressive social movements.

In 1969, the church's general synod approved its first resolution supporting civil rights for homosexuals, and three years later it became the first mainline denomination to ordain an openly gay minister.

In 1983, the general synod passed a resolution stating that "a person's sexual orientation is not a moral issue" and that sexual orientation should not be the basis for discrimination within the church. The synod encouraged United Church of Christ churches to openly accept homosexuals as members.

That inclusiveness is what attracted Spirit of the Lakes to the denomination.

Geslin, 39, who grew up in Anoka, a Minneapolis suburb, received a master of divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion, a United Church of Christ-affiliated school in Berkeley, Calif. He took over as pastor of Spirit of the Lakes in September and immediately began pursuing membership in the denomination.

"The discussion was, 'Why bother to affiliate at all?' Most (homo-

sexuals) look at established churches as oppressive institutions," Geslin said.

But the membership was attracted by the United Church of Christ's structure, which allows autonomy for each congregation.

"This is the best of both worlds for us," he said. "We can remain an autonomous congregation . . . and still associate with a larger Christian body. That allows us to be a community of gay-lesbian Christians and at the same time not be ghetto-ized."

He described the congregation as college-educated professionals who come from Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal backgrounds and are interested in social justice, peace, liberation and feminist theology.

Although Spirit of the Lakes has generally met with quiet acceptance, some have voiced reservations.

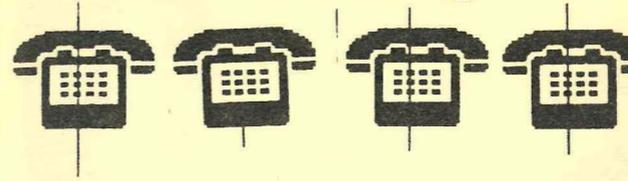
"I do not think that any congregation should come in with a sexual or a racial orientation," said the Rev. James McCutcheon, senior minister of the United Church of Christ-affiliated Wayzata Community Church. "I would be bothered if somebody proposed a church just for men, or a church just for women, or a church just for married couples, and so on."

Geslin says 10 percent of his church's membership is heterosexual.

Spirit of the Lakes also is bucking Christian tradition which holds that the practice of homosexuality is a sin.

People who interpret the Bible literally point to several Old and New Testament passages that appear to condemn homosexuality.

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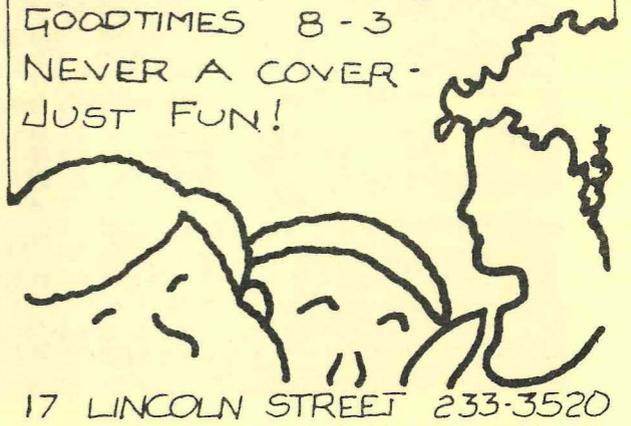
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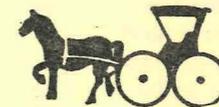
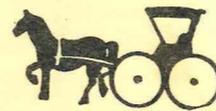
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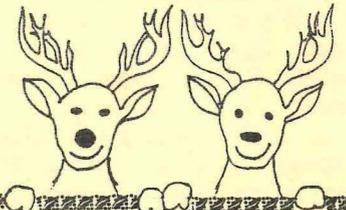
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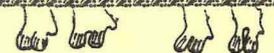


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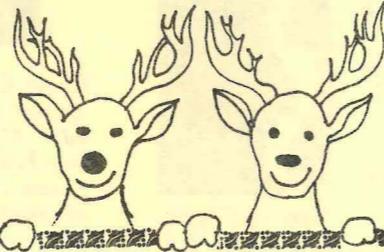
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## FRONTLINES

During the Board meeting of 14 November, it was decided that FCN would divest itself from all entanglements with the ACE (AIDS Coastal Empire) Foundation. Unfortunately the decision was unanimous and without much discussion. How did we reach this point? How did FCN and ACE become so antagonistic? How could we desert our most successful programs? ACE was born in 1987 under the leadership of Kerry P., Mike H., Arnie N., Lawrence M., and Mark K. They recognized a need for the delivery of services to persons with AIDS, and the need to educate and make people aware of the growing threat of AIDS.

Those of you who have followed FCN know that we have never had a strong financial base or abundant manpower. (*Editor's note: personpower?*) But it was decided that as AIDS was the primary threat to the gay male community, we had to focus most of our energies there. So as FCN stood by the sidelines cheering, ACE took flight with the financial backing of the gay community and our "Angel". ACE became incorporated in 1989, got an office,

and started fulfilling the mission that FCN had set. And everything appeared to be going well. But, as is often the case with organizations run by a group of diverse people, the interests of the few came to rule the desires of the majority. Some members of the Board of ACE were not, for whatever reason, as vocal as others. And suddenly policy was being shaped by a few vocal and aggressive members.

Then in the summer of this year three members of our Board were treated rudely and without consideration after trying to present our views and concerns at an ACE meeting. They were ultimately dismissed and dis-counted. Then the Gay AA group was "encouraged" to look elsewhere for their meeting space. The nights FCN had been scheduled to use the ACE office were rescheduled to accommodate ACE needs. Financial reimbursements to FCN and gay individuals were late in coming.

The ACE situation had become unbearable. So deciding to end the conflict was easy. To ultimately resolve it will take time.

At this point, FCN can no longer endorse an ACE activity.

It is hoped that the management and composition of the ACE Board will change to allow for a more varied and free expression of ideas. Perhaps at that time FCN and ACE will again share a common goal. But until that time, please don't expect an ACE newsletter with your FCN newsletter. They may send you one if you call and leave a message. This has been a difficult time for us, but we are looking forward to brighter days. True, the relationship between ACE and FCN is strained, but for the most part the people carrying out ACE duties are wonderful and caring people. **AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THEIR SERVICES.** FCN stands ready to serve the gay community --- as we always have.

J. VanCott  
President

## The Crisis Intervention Approach

At the ILGA Conference in Vienna, Austria, hosted by the Homosexual Initiative (HOSI) the New Alliance Party was rejected for membership at the urging of the United States delegates. The organizations, acting in accord with the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce, charged that the NAP had a "long and disturbing history" of "deception, infiltration, disruption, and attempted destruction" of gay organizations. In a letter, Renee McCoy, Executive Director of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, said that the NAP, "under the guise of solidarity, brought disruption and chaos". This is interesting, as teh NAP has made a continuous and fairly concerted effort at connections with FCN, beginning with the most recent presidential campaign during which their candidate stumped here in Savannah. Their regional office in Atlanta has followed through and remained in contact.

## Miscellany

Submissions sought for a book on Lesbians responding to AIDS, focusing on the experiences of lesbian carepartners and those who have lost close friends and/or family members. Essays: (1) should not exceed 5,000 words, (2) will be edited for grammar, and (3) should focus on emotional processes (love, anger, sadness, fear, survivor guilt, etc.), day-to-day concrete experiences, and interactions with others close to PWA's. For more information, or to submit a manuscript, please write: Book Project, 1414 17th Street NW, #802, Washington, D.C. 20036

# Some useful information

# On the Calendar

San Francisco... A major victory has been achieved in a lawsuit on behalf of a gay man who was verbally assaulted and refused service by a Arco gas station/mini mart in Los Angeles. In Nov. of 1987, Johnny Ray Gearhart entered the market to redeem a winning lottery ticket. The clerk refused to serve him, yelling "Get out of the store faggot. I don't want to catch AIDS." Peter Laura, the attorney responsible for the successful settlement award said, "Anti-gay and AIDS-phobic epithets are vicious and hurtful. I am delighted that Johnny will be compensated." The Director of NGRA's Anti-Violence Litigation Project was equally pleased. "The recent increase in violence against the gay and lesbian community, and against people with AIDS, makes this win particularly valuable. This settlement warns bigots and bashers that they will pay a stiff price for their prejudice, and that the gay community will not tolerate any form of homophobia." NGRA's Executive Director, Jean O'Leary commented, "This case demonstrates the lengths to which we are willing to go to ensure the basic civil rights of gay men and lesbians. To be refused service because of one's sexual orientation will simply not be tolerated."

Washington, DC... The World AIDS Day Coalition today announced plans for a major civil disobedience action at the White House on Dec. 1, 1989. That day has been declared World AIDS Day by the World Health Organization. The civil disobedience will call attention to the failure of the U.S. government to respond to the AIDS epidemic. The Coalition released a call to action demanding that the federal government recognize the health care and social service needs of persons with AIDS. Executive directors of organizations providing health services and advocacy for PWAs will lead the demonstration. Service providers are in the front lines of the battle against the epidemic. Their civil disobedience and potential arrest will clearly demonstrate the depth of the dissatisfaction with the current failure of the federal government.

## Helping you communicate

"Coming Out TO Your Parents" is a 16-page booklet published for Lesbians and Gay Men who are considering coming out to their parents. In a highly readable and informative fashion, the booklet identifies 6 stages most parents go through once they "know" and how to deal with them. For a free single copy send a self-addressed stamped envelope (45¢) business size to: Parents FLAG, PO Box 15711, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish. No additional marks will be added.)

★ Lawrence wins the late-night eat-and-run competition for Fall '89. ★

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Lock Up  
When Harry Met Sally  
Star Trek V  
Roadhouse

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I was bound to happen eventually: a proliferation, and I mean a proliferation, of lesbian fiction. Not just women's novels with a pinch of minor extra little *je ne sais quoi*? We're talking butch to femme and all that runs in-between. (The following titles are in paperback except where otherwise mentioned.)



Amy Jean got together with a couple of friends to produce *Cut-Outs* and *Cut-Ups: A Lesbian Fun 'n' Gamed Book* (New Victoria, \$8.95). In order to embrace this book in the true spirit of Sisterhood be sure to have your sense of humor intact. I found myself and many of my lesbian friends characterized and featured among the paperdoll cut-outs, cartoons, horoscopes, acrostic and other puzzles. If you enjoy a good snicker at yourself and the lesbian community, this one's it.

Natal Press, ever at the fore with novels of romance and intrigue, has some new titles. Unemployment and forced vegetarianism leads Marty to the recipe for Rice and Beans (\$8.95). Veteran author Valerie Taylor serves up an original dish including chicks n' rigs (as in 18-wheelers). In contrast, the novels of Camarin Grace border on a world of shadowy mysticism. *Edgewise* (\$9.95) tells the tale of Jude, a woman poised on the brink of a surrealist journey after she befriends the women of a curious feminist community.

New short fiction includes *Voyages Out 1* by Paula Martinack and Carla Tomaso (\$8.95), and *Sugar with Spice* by Kiernan (Banned Books, \$8.95). *Voyages* launches a new series by Seal Press "designed to showcase the work of lesbian fiction writers whose work has not been previously collected." Sugar's Kiernan writes with a splashy dash of sexy silhouettes and rippling prose. Crossing Press has released two short fiction works. *Trepassing* by Valerie Miner (hardback, \$15.95) is made up of 16 short stories and a novella. The themes of home, departure and travel, are woven throughout the collection and the settings span the globe. *Finding Courage* edited by Irene Zahava (\$9.95) collects both fiction and autobiographical pieces showing everyday acts of courage displayed by ordinary women.

Crossing Press also has a new men's fiction title, *Holy Terror* by Steve Abbott (\$8.95). Abbott successfully creates an erotic comic urban gothic romance involving evil monks, wicked wealth-mongers, and a sensual young hero completely smitten by a former boy-prostitute.

Stan Leventhal creates a modern erotic comic urban tale in *Faultlines*, (Banned Books, \$8.95) set in (you guessed it) San Francisco! A two-bit hood and a phony preacher embody an evil that must be vanquished. The conquering heroes are reminiscent of a 90's "Mod Squad."

Evil rears its ugly head again in James Purdy's latest, *Garnments the Living Wear* (City Lights, \$6.95). Purdy uses his skill to expose the evil represented by pseudo-hip liberal New York City posers as he satirizes the "lifestyles of the rich and ostentatious."

Thom Nickels has written two novellas, *Walking Water* and *After All This* (Banned Books, \$8.95), both of which use Nickels' talents as a science fiction/fantasy writer. What would happen if you found yourself and your lover to be the last two people left in New York? Or imagine a trip to Purgatory with a

monk who is sent there for yielding to the sin of lust.

Susanna J. Sturges, a leader in the genre of feminist science fiction, edits a new collection, *Memories and Visions* (Crossing Press, \$9.95), that shows just how far women have come in this traditionally male field. Each of the fifteen stories or excerpts showcases women heroes who seek adventure in alien and often hostile lands.

If you are not acquainted with Michael Nava (Goldenboy, *The Little Death*), here is the perfect introduction: *Finale: Stories of Mystery and Suspense* (Alyson, \$8.95). Nava serves as editor and a contributor to this collection of first-rate mystery/adventure



writers including Richard Hall, Phil Andros, Vincent Lardo, and the Lady herself, Katherine Forrest (the only "lady" in this collection).

Women mystery writers make a great presentation in *The Second Woman Sleuth Anthology* (Crossing Press, \$7.95). Detectives, private-eyes, and weekend snoops all make their debut trying to discern the facts that will lead them to the solution of their individual mysteries.

Author Christine Downing explores her own mystery in *Myths and Mysteries of Same-Sex Love* (Crossroad, hardback, \$22.95). A heralded and much anticipated scholarly work, Downing first examines how same-sex love has been defined for us by non-participants in same-sex relationships and then explores how gay men and lesbians subconsciously define what same-sex love means to ourselves. She then offers insight into ways for us to consciously define the "soul meaning" of homoerotic love. Finally, Downing recapitulates the myths that have surrounded homosexuality from the age of Sappho and Plato to modern-day cultures.

Homoerotic text is the topic of *Double Talk: The Erotics of Male Literary Collaboration* (Routledge, \$13.95). Wayne Koestenbaum expands on his hypothesis that written collaborations between men actually function as the spawn of their intellectual intercourse. It is the proving ground where homosexual and homophobic energies meet. He uses the actual collaborative excerpts of famous men of letters, such as T.S. Elliot's and Ezra Pound's *Waste Land*, to build upon his thesis.

# BOOK BRIEFS

## Browsing the Stacks with Rose Fennell

Was it divinely inspired intercourse that led to *Sex With God* (Indulgence Press, \$5.95), a powerful collection of poetry by Thomas O'Neill? A man embarks on a quest through the gay Manhattan of the 80's; his goal, a lover. Along the way he partakes in an often angry discourse with God, a god who's said to condemn homosexual love. Many of the allusions are biblical with a strong emphasis on Catholic doctrine.

Ferd Egan, a gay man of Nordic decent, teaches at a Puerto Rican high school. In his spare time he has written an eloquent prose poem, *Your Life Story By Someone Else* (Editorial Coqui, \$10.00). Egan's autobiographical work comes from the now common per-

Naming the Waves: Contemporary Lesbian Poetry (\$8.95), Jan Clausen, Judy Grahn, Minne Bruce Pratt, Adrienne Rich, and Audre Lorde are just a few of the women writing about fighting lesbian oppression and enjoying lesbian pleasure. Out the Other Side co-edited by Sue O'Sullivan (\$8.95), anthologizes essays, interviews, speeches, articles, letters, and journal entries of lesbians discussing the "being out" process.

New in paperback: So much has been written, and it all boils down to HCT! *The Swimming-Pool Library* (Vintage, \$8.95) may be the testament to the unabashedly erotic temples where men, young and old, came to worship each other. Young William Beckwith inherits two legacies, one as future member of the House of Lords, and another as the heir and biographer to Lord Nantwich, an old African campaigner. Both Beckwith and Nantwich are gay. Each lives life to the fullest in an England before AIDS.

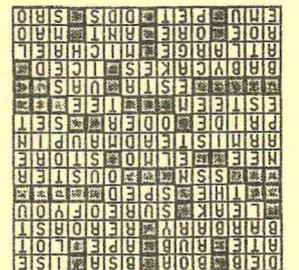
Warren J. Blumenfeld and Diane Raymond have compiled the most comprehensive readable, sensitive, and enlightening study in *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life*. Extremely valuable and affordable (\$12.95, from Beacon Press), it should be in the library of every gay man and lesbian, parent or friend of a lesbian or gay man, church, school, and community center.

Re-releases: Dennis Cooper's *Idols* (Amethyst Press, \$8.95 [first published by The Sealforce Press in 1979]) may go on to become a nationally recognized poetic tribute to the power and thrust behind adolescent homosexual desire. The language is lush with fantasy "turn-ons" as the young narrator talks about the idols of his dreams.

Chris (Natal, \$8.95) was first published by Beacon Press in 1959 during that odd literary period when lesbian paperbacks had their heyday. A tale of forbidden love unfolds between a successful marine journalist, Christopher Hamilton, and Dizz. Chris takes leave of their tumultuous relationship to explore the tawdry scene of one-night stands in Greenwich Village, and there she finds Carol. Another classic from that era is *Three Women* by March Hastings (Natal, \$8.95) first published in 1958. A tangled web of relationships between a wealthy woman of aristocratic bearing and her nephew's fiancé, Paula, Byrne is immediately enraptured with Paula, as Paula is with Byrne. But Byrne's past and future remain inextricably bound to Greta with whom she has shared her life since childhood.

The late 50's may have been the "Golden-Age" of lesbian fiction but, based on the new Fall titles — especially those from the alternative presses, lesbian fiction is looking at a bright and shining future. □

Rose Fennell is managing editor of BOOK REPORT.



## BEST SELLERS

### WOMEN'S PAPERBACK

1. LESBIAN LOVE STORIES, ed. by Irene Zahava. (Crossing Press, \$9.95)
2. THE DOG COLLAR MURDERS, by Barbara Wilson. (Sca! Press, \$9.95)
3. PLEASURES, by Robbi Sommers. (Nalad Press, \$8.95)
4. BINGO, by Rita Mae Brown. (Bantam Books, \$4.95)
5. THREE WOMEN, by March Hastings. (Nalad Press, \$8.95)
6. UNUSUAL COMPANY, by Margaret Erihart. (Hume, \$7.95)
7. FATAL REUNION, by Claire McNab. (Nalad Press, \$8.95)
8. TRASH, by Dorothy Allison. (Firebrand Books, \$8.95)
9. AFTER THE FIRE, by Jane Ruk. (Nalad Press, \$8.95)
10. UNBROKEN TIES: Lesbian Ex-Lovers, by Carol Becker. (Alyson, \$7.95)

### WOMEN'S HARDBOUND

1. PERMANENT PARTNERS, by Betty Berzon. (E.P. Dutton, \$18.95)
2. INVISIBLE LIVES, by Martha Barron Barrett. (Morrow, \$19.95)
3. THE BAR STORIES, by Nisa Donnelly. (St. Martin's, \$17.95)
4. THE EDUCATION OF HARRIET HATFIELD, by May Sarton. (Norton, \$18.95)
5. SKID: A Violet Childes Murder Mystery, by Maud Farrell. (Dutton, \$16.95)
6. WINDHORSE WOMAN, by Lynn Andrews. (Warner, \$17.95)
7. CAT'S EYE, by Margaret Atwood. (Doubleday, \$18.95)
8. A PLACE AT THE TABLE, by Edith Konecky. (Random House, \$16.95)

### MEN'S PAPERBACK

1. ON BEING GAY, by Brian McNaught. (St. Martin's Stonewall Inn Ed., \$7.95)
2. ABOUT COURAGE, by Mickey C. Fleming. (Holloway House, \$2.95)
3. MATLOVICH: The Good Soldier, by Mike Hippler. (Alyson, \$8.95)
4. RIVER ROAD by C.F. Borgman. (Hume, \$8.95)
5. PANTHERS IN THE SKINS OF MEN, by Charles Nelson. (Hawthorne, \$9.95)
6. LEATHERMAN'S HANDBOOK II, by Larry Townsend. (Carlyle Comm., \$5.95)
7. BEAUTIFUL ROOM IS EMPTY, by Edmund White. (Ballantine, \$4.95)
8. EVERYBODY LOVES YOU, by Elhan Morikien. (St. Martin's Press, \$8.95)
9. MEATMEN VOL. 5, ed. by Winston Leyland. (Gay Sunshine Press, \$12.95)
10. MEN ON MEN 2, ed. by George Stambolian. (Hume, \$9.95)

### MEN'S HARDBOUND

1. SURE OF YOU, by Armistead Maupin. (Harper & Row, \$18.95)
2. AFTER THE BALL, by Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen. (Doubleday, \$19.95)
3. BEING HOMOSEXUAL, by Richard A. Isay. (Farrar Straus Giroux, \$14.95)
4. SHORE LEAVE, by Andrew Kennedy. (Bruno Zmider, \$29.95)
5. PERMANENT PARTNERS, by Betty Berzon. (E.P. Dutton, \$18.95)
6. HOME BOY, by Jimmy Chesire. (New American Library, \$18.95)
7. IN MEMORY OF ANGEL CLARE, by Christopher Bram. (Donald I. Fine, \$18.95)
8. EPITAPHS FOR THE LIVING, by Billy Howard. (So. Methodist Univ. Pr., \$35.00)

Best Sellers were determined by Lambda Rising's nationwide phone and mail order sales and by sales in Lambda Rising's Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, stores.

## "Aim & Shoot"

October 24, 1989

Chip Rowan  
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Dear Friends:

ACT-UP/Atlanta is calling for a National Action to Repeal the Sodomy Laws to be held in Atlanta, on Monday, January 8, 1989. The State of Georgia is one of 22 states that have turned 25-30 million gays and lesbians into undicted outlaws, based on sexual orientation. We are inviting AIDS activist groups around the country, and all people working in the area of gay, lesbian, and women's rights, to join us in making Georgia the first target in a campaign to overturn these laws.

Then on Tuesday, January 9, we will move on to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to protest their restrictive definition of AIDS and to demand a definition that will allow all people with HIV disease to receive existing benefits and services.

We are in a crisis. Our community has been decimated by AIDS. Around the country, physical violence against gays and lesbians, as well as against Blacks and other people of color is on the rise. We are faced with a government that not only does not protect us, but brands as criminal all activity that it perceives as challenging the values of a white, male, and christian patriarchy. If anti-abortion forces are successful, and abortion becomes illegal, the thousands of women who will continue to have abortions will be a whole new class of legislative felons. The right to our sexuality and sexual orientation, the right to control our own bodies is a right that apparently sends the government into spasms of unthinking fear and loathing. And where they fear, they make repressive laws.

### ACROSS

1. One who comes out
4. Constrictor
7. Yng. Mens' Org.
10. Advert ending
13. Supped
14. Masseur's action
15. Mimic
16. He had a salty wife
17. Visit Mrs. Madrigal at 28\_\_ Lane
19. Replace on the spit
21. Scandal precipitator
22. The Chronicler's latest opus
24. Common article
25. Rused
26. I.D.#
28. Coup d'etat
34. Born as
37. Known for his fire
41. Pack away
42. The Chronicler of San Francisco
46. Gay \_\_
47. Baltic feeder
48. Place
49. High regard
51. Crif need
54. Como \_\_ used?
58. \_\_ deferns: spermatic cord
60. The Chronicler's fourth opus
65. Clazed
67. On the loose
68. \_\_ Tollver: Chronicler's character

## PINCKNEY'S PUZZLE

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLER by Custis Pinckney

71. Sturgeon delicacy
72. Rough stuff
73. Pismire
74. Chairman \_\_
75. Aussie bird
76. Neck
77. Tooth taker: abbr.
78. Broadway hit sign

### DOWN

1. Touch
2. List ender
3. Chapeau
4. Thickets
5. Possessive pronoun
6. "The \_\_": recent flick
7. Wilkes-\_\_
8. Sexy swimwear brand
9. "Night beginning"
10. "Now \_\_ me...": 2 wds.
11. Mediocore
12. " \_\_ Brute?": 2 wds.
18. They go with humbugs
20. Common reposition
23. " \_\_ the Down...": title
27. For wirewalkers and fishermen
29. Amer.
30. Sawed-off Stuart
31. Spinners
32. A canal
33. Monthly bill
34. Scruff
35. Wanders
36. Olive off
38. Sign of the Zodiac

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(Pinckney's Puzzle solved on page 16)

39. Enraged
40. Poem
43. Chemical suffix
44. Look
45. A team member
50. Scant: old style
52. Puts out
53. "To \_\_ his..."
55. Type of shooting
56. "Deum"
57. " \_\_ as an old...":
- 2 wds.
59. Joinings
60. Nude
61. Tiny particle
62. Cheese type
63. Dialectical pronoun
64. Cut
66. Costly
69. Terre Haute's home: abbr.
70. Canberra commode

Georgia is the backwater of repressive sexual legislation. None of the infamous *Hardwick* decision, the Georgia law criminalizes all oral as well as anal sex between consenting adults. Recently, the Georgia courts held that this law did not apply to married heterosexual couples, making the objective of the law even more clear.

The Georgia law provides for imprisonment for up to 20 years, a penalty more severe than for many violent crimes such as armed assault. Furthermore, invocation of this archaic law prevents distribution of safer sex information and condoms to prisoners, residents of state institutions, or students in the schools on the spacious grounds that safer sex information encourages "illegal" behavior. People are being prosecuted in Georgia under this law. It's time to act!

Let's send a message to both the legislature and the rest of the country that we will not stand quietly by as we continue to be branded as criminals. Act-UP Atlanta invites your participation in this national action. The activities will begin Friday night, January 5. We envision a spirited weekend of meetings and strategizing (with a little time out for a party!) On Monday we will greet the opening of the State Legislature with our loud and creative presence. And then on to the CDC on Tuesday!

We have enclosed some information about Georgia's sodomy law and the CDC's definition of AIDS. Please share this information with others in your organization or group who might be interested in participating in this action in January.

We all know that the sodomy laws are society's expression of contempt for gay and lesbian people. Let's join together to demand the repeal of this country's anti-homosexual laws, and to reclaim our right to control our own bodies.

ACT-UP! FIGHT BACK! DEMONSTRATE JANUARY 8 & 9!

Sincerely,

Chip Rowan, Action Facilitator  
ACT-UP/ATLANTA  
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### FIRST CITY NETWORK

"Toward a Lesbian and Gay Positive Community"

Box 2442 Savannah 31401 Telephone 912 236 CITY

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Are you a member of an organization or group interested in guest speakers on current lesbian and gay issues?

Yes No

Contact Person:

Phone #:

Specific Topics Preferred:

Would you like to attend our business meetings and social gatherings?

Yes No

Come Out and Join Us

## Lesbian and Gay Positive

No one should regret, nor be victimized by having, attributes over which none of us have control — whether that attribute is sexual orientation, gender, color of skin or eyes, height, status of health or physical challenges, cultural identity or nation of origin. *All* of us expect to be treated with respect and acceptance.

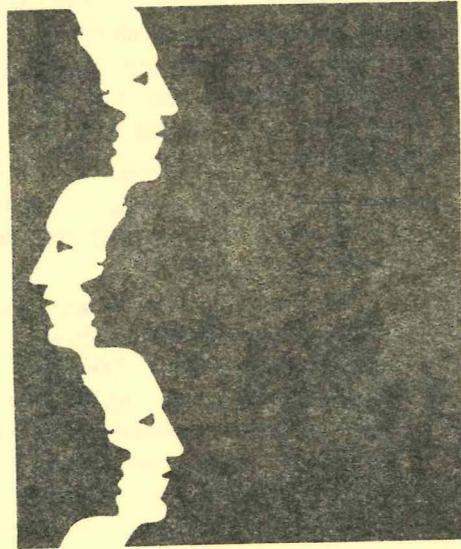
Unfortunately, respect and acceptance are not always readily available from the relationships surrounding us.

The FIRST CITY NETWORK is an organization of concerned citizens, focusing on the establishment of a Gay and Lesbian 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.

Did you know that (at least) 10% of the world population is gay...over 20 million in the U.S.A. alone? We are everywhere and are part of all cultures, professions, ethnic groups, political affiliations, and faiths.

Are you well-informed of the evolution of Lesbian and Gay culture, especially in the gains during the past two decades?

Are you familiar with the facts about acquired immune deficiency syndrome? Do you fear you may contract AIDS if you talk with or have other casual contact with a person with AIDS (PWA)? Are you up-to-date on what a positive LAV/HTLV-III test result means?



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# New Developments

New York, NY... Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that months of intense congressional pressure by Congressman Gary Studds' office, at the urging of Lambda, has resulted in the release of a Pentagon study which recommends that the military reconsider its anti-gay policy in light of the overwhelming current data finding no relationship between sexual orientation and military performance. The study is entitled "Nonconforming Sexual Orientation and Military Suitability". In a sweeping survey of historical, social, legal and scientific data, the authors of the report conclude that an ever-increasing social tolerance of gays necessitates a reexamination of the military's exclusionary policy. Comparing the military's exclusion of gay men and women to the historical segregation of Blacks and women, the authors conclude that the military's anti-gay policy is outmoded and equally discriminatory. For months the Pentagon stonewalled Studds' office and Lambda attorneys by denying the existence of the study, which was conducted by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, a Defense Dept. thinktank.

But in the course of Lambda's evidentiary discovery for another trial, the military released the cover page of the report, finally confirming its existence. A Lambda attorney noted, "It is now patently obvious that the military's policy of discrimination is the product of prejudice, pure and simple. As the report notes, it is the same kind of discrimination the Blacks and women faced when they sought to serve. It is high time that the courts stop rubberstamping the military's meritless claims that discrimination is justified, and declare the anti-gay policy unconstitutional." The report urged an end to the ban on lesbian and gay service personnel, noting that "having a same-gender or an opposite-gender orientation is unrelated to job performance in the same way as is being left- or right-handed."

In the report, the experts analyzed and rejected each of the military's claims in support of its exclusionary policy, and recognized the concept of homophobia as being responsible for the military's resistance to change:

The unreasoned resistance to learning about or interacting with homosexuals has led to the formulation of the concept of homophobia. Some men experience uneasy feelings when in close proximity to other men who are identified as homosexuals. It is as if such nearness could pollute one's identity.

The report also makes critical comments on the broad significance of its own findings:

Our analysis directs us to regard people with nonconforming sexual orientation as a minority group. Our nation has a long history of successfully dealing with minority groups, particularly ethnic minorities.

In the recent past, we have also learned how to integrate racial and other minority groups, notably women, into nearly every aspect of political and social life. The suggestion that we perceive homosexual men and women as a minority group follows our analysis of contemporary scientific, social and legal observations. The social construction of homosexuals as minority group members is more in tune with current behavioral science theory than the earlier constructions: sin, crime and sickness.

One of the most critical and potentially far-reaching of the findings of the report is the experts' unequivocal conclusion that there is no empirical evidence to support the Pentagon's assertions that gays present a greater security risk than heterosexuals. The implication of the report's national security finding goes beyond the military because it totally undermines the rationale for the denial of security clearances to gay men and lesbians that are required for employment in defense and other civilian industries.

Combine the conclusions of this report and the study cited in the newspaper story reproduced below, and we have some pretty radical information coming out about the military and its homophobia!!!

## Homosexuals Better Suited to Military Than Heterosexuals, Defense Study Says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A draft report by a Defense Department study group says homosexuals trying to join the military have stronger qualifications and fewer problems in their backgrounds than their heterosexual counterparts.

"These results appear to be in conflict with conceptions of homosexuals as unstable, maladjusted persons," the report by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center concludes.

The 23-page report looked at school conduct records, thinking skills, substance abuse and adjustment to military life. Homosexuals performed better in all except the drug and alcohol abuse categories.

The report cautioned that relatively few homosexuals were surveyed in the report compared with about 42,000 heterosexuals. "Less confidence should be placed in conclusions drawn from small samples," Mr. McDaniel said.

One argument against homosexuals in the military is that they pose security risks because someone could use the threat of exposure to blackmail them into spying. Mr. Studds said that re-



moving discrimination would remove the problem. The report is the second in as many weeks released to media organizations that raises questions about the Pentagon policy toward homosexuals. A longer, 1988 study by the same center concluded the Pentagon should let homosexuals enter military service.

The new report makes no policy recommendation but suggests further study.

Defense Department spokesman Jim Turner said the earlier report was rejected because "it was not responsive to the original research request: whether there is any connection between personnel security and sexual orientation."

Mr. Turner said a completed report from the center on that subject is expected by the end of the year. He said the second report also had not been released because it was in draft form and had not gone through a complete review.

Mr. Studds accused the military of withholding the reports from Congress and the public simply because they ran contrary to current Pentagon policy.

# MAILBAG

In her Sept. 24th nationwide column, Ann Landers printed a letter from a reader criticizing her for ignoring the legal barriers faced by gay and lesbian couples. In response, Ann said, "Legal sanction of same-sex couples is a dynamite issue. I'd like to know how you, my readers, feel about it. Are you for it or against it?" Ann is clearly testing the waters before taking a position. You can bet she will hear from legions of homophobes. The more responses she gets in favor of domestic partner legalization and/or legalizing gay marriage, the more likely she will be to give support to giving gay and lesbian couples the same options and benefits that straight couples enjoy. Whatever you might think of her advice, Ann's support for legal recognition of gay relationships would be an influential endorsement. WRITE ANN LANDERS, c/o The Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chgo, Ill. 60611

## Development Notes

There are many things which separate the gay and lesbian movement in Europe from the rest of teh world. First and foremost, homosexuality is accepted in all non-communist parts of Europe, and in countries such as Denmark same-sex couples can be married legally. In most other countries, domestic partners are legally recognized and enjoy many of the traditionally married couples. But even with this liberal attitude within the laws of the various European countries, bias and discrimination continue to affect the lives of gay and lesbian individuals. France does not allow, except under very strict regulations, the artificial insemination of lesbians. Lesbians travel to the Netherlands or Denmark to obtain the necessary medical help. Denmark, while allowing same-sex marriages, specifically disallows adoption by these married couples. The old prejudices that gay men and women will sexually abuse a child is alive and well even in this progressive country. Scandinavia has a very open attitude towards homosexuality but still restricts the ability of gay men and women when it comes to children. A major area of discussion in Europe which is unknown in North America is the current argument over the "age of consent". North America is still fighting the legal system when it involves sodomy laws, laws regulating what

constitutes fornication and cohabitation. While these laws have totally repealed in Europe, the laws governing the age of consent (the age at which an individual can legally consent to an event) are higher for homosexuals than they are for heterosexuals. This may be the wave of the future for the gay movement in North America after sodomy laws are repealed. We should watch this issue closely.

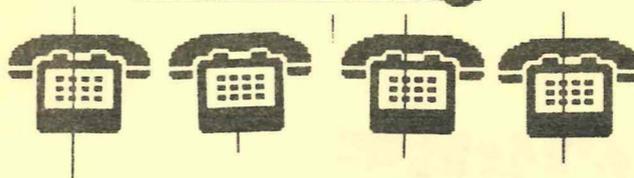
## Messages

Once again the newsletter stuffings have gone full circle. What does that mean? Well, less than a year ago with the development of the ACE office the newsletter stuffings were moved from my house to the ACE office. That was a much appreciated break for Sandy and me, but it seems that using teh ACE office for our stuffings is not an available option anymore. There are many reasons for this newest disturbance in routine, but the major ones are availability of the space and insurance rates which will be incurred for use of the space beginning Jan. 1990. Having to allow for ACE's time and space availability have caused the stuffings to have frequent changes, going from 4th Thursdays at 8pm to 4th Wednesdays at 7pm to who knows when! I couldn't even keep them straight. Excuse me, I mean I couldn't even keep it clearly in my head. So as the circle comes around teh stuffings are being moved again. Disregard any other notice in the past newsletters, and burn this into your memory. Stuffings are now at Emma's house again at 7pm. Hopefully this will stay the same for quite a while and we will be able to draw the numbers of people we used to have attend. We always are in need of help at these and usually have good conversations and fun. So if you have never been to a newsletter stuffing and want to try one, call 236-CITY and get the address. We look forward to seeing you there. oops! I forgot to tell you the date. It's the 28th of each month. See you there. Now burn it in!

Thanks, Emma



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## Savannah Businesses

- Captain Video (cards & video) (912) 232-2951
- Savannah Greengoods (landscaping) (912) 352-2645
- Riverworks Craft Gallery (artisans) (912) 236-2012
- Stardust Book Emporium (new age) (912) 236-1441
- Dream Weaver (books, tapes, & gifts) (912) 656-0166
- Brighter Day Natural Foods (912) 236-4703

## Nightclubs in Historic District:

- Faces II (912) 233-3520
- Club One (912) 232-0202
- Candi's Lounge & Restaurant (912) 232-0373

## Savannah Resources

- First City Network, Inc. (912) 236-2489
- Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy (912) 236-5802
- Lesbian & Gay A. A. (912) 927-0839
- Savannah ACT-UP (political action) (912) 238-5858
- Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group (912) 236-2012
- Anonymous HIV testing site (912) 356-2155
- AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation, Inc. (912) 238-5953
- First Call For Help (24 hour hotline) (912) 232-3383
- Victim-Witness Assistance Program (912) 944-4865
- Georgia Legal Services (912) 651-2180

## Georgia Resources

- Etcetera (800) 444-3821
- Southern Voice (404) 876-1819
- Atlanta Gay Center & The News (404) 876-5372
- AID/Atlanta & The Journal (404) 872-0600
- GAPAC (Georgia Political Action) (404) 888-0719
- National Assoc. of PWAs / Georgia (404) 874-7926
- S.E. Arts, Media, & Education Project (404) 584-2104
- Gay Cable Network / Atlanta (404) 633-4754
- Georgia ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights (404) 523-5398
- Georgia Physicians for Human Rights (404) 876-8587
- Gay & Lesbian Parents' Coalition (404) 952-5322
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (404) 934-1042
- Young Adult Support Groups (404) 876-5372
- Senator Wyche Fowler (202) 224-3643
- Senator Sam Nunn (202) 224-3521

## National Resources

- ACLU / Lesbian & Gay Rights Project (212) 944-9800
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (202) 387-3097
- National Gay Rights Advocates (415) 863-3624
- National Coal. of Black Lesbians/Gays (202) 265-7117
- National Gay/Lesbian Health Foundtn. (202) 797-3708
- Lesbian Rights Project (415) 621-0674
- Human Rights Campaign Fund (202) 628-4160
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (704) 922-9273
- Fund For Human Dignity (212) 529-1600
- People for the American Way (202) 462-4777
- Southeastern Conference (214) 522-8234

## National AIDS Information

- ACE Foundation, Inc. (912) 238-5953
- AIDS Info Line / Georgia (800) 551-2728
- AIDS Action Council (202) 547-3101
- National Assoc. of People with AIDS (202) 483-7979
- National AIDS Network (202) 546-2424
- Project Inform (alternative AIDS info) (800) 822-7422
- National AIDS Info. Clearinghouse (301) 762-5111
- Coalition for Leadership on AIDS (202) 628-4160
- Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP) (619) 234-3432
- Public Health Service Hotline (800) 342-2437
- Gay Men's Health Crisis (212) 807-6655

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