

THANKS...



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to Ron Lambe and TVS for news clippings sent to *Community Connections*;

to all contributors to *Community Connections*. Keep sending in your announcements, news items, clippings, and original articles. The deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of the month;

to our *Community Connections* advertisers. These businesses want YOUR business. Please return their support;

to DeWitt Daniell, attorney and Board member of the WNC Civil Liberties Union; Dr. Anne Harris, President of the WNC Psychological Association; and Joan Marshall, Deacon at All Souls Episcopal Church, for agreeing to be available to the media regarding *The 1990 Report on Violence, Discrimination, Threats & Harassment Against Gay Men, Lesbians and AIDS-Affected People in NC*;

to Charlotte Goedsche, Teri Gibbs, and Ron Huskins for speaking on "Let's Talk," a call-in show on WKDB, Mar 4 and 11;

to those who have reported being harassed or being victims of violence;

for Speakers' Bureau presentations to Dan Marshall, Kevin Bryant, Cynthia Janes, Rose-Mary Santori, and David Streets (Groce Methodist Church, Mar 17); and to Lorena Russell, Beth Betbeze, Teri Gibbs, Charlotte Goedsche, Cynthia Janes, JoAnnah Michael, Lillian Powell, and Devin (UNCA, Mar 21);

to the Asheville Gay Men's Community

Chorus for their "Concert for Lovers"; and to Stephen Klein, Music Director; Jerry Conner, President; and soloists Steve McHenry and Mike Staley. ▽

Thanks from CLOSER:

to Bill Allen for set-up in March;

to Kim Ellis and Rick W., who masterminded the program "What's the Question?", the Gay Jeopardy Game Show; to Moderator David Beckett and Scorekeeper Laurie J.; to Crystal Bennett, Cindy Brewer, Steve McHenry, Rose-Mary Santori, and Donn Simon for preparation and behind-the-scenes help; to contestants Angela Acevedo, Jane Andrews, Cindy Brewer, Jerry Conner, Jim Hall, and Steve McHenry; and to the Visual, Stephen Klein;

to Joan and Dan Marshall and the other parents from Parents-FLAG for the program "Parents' Night";

to Judy Chaet, Bridget Franks and Kay Ponder for the program "Unlearning Racism: Moving Beyond Guilt";

to Carlos Gomez and Betsy Mayers for facilitating the Singles' meetings;

to Cynthia Janes, Bill Allen and David Owens for the new CLOSER Directories. ▽

Thanks from SALGA:

to everyone who attended the Speakers' Bureau workshop. ▽

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Jim Fowler and Nancy (Curry) Snead, who have been appointed to CLOSER's Board of Directors. ▽

to Candie Camay, who was crowned Queen of the Greenville-Spartanburg Royal Court, March 15. (See article, page ##.)

to Bill Haines and to Bill Allen, whom the CLOSER Board of Directors elected as Secretary and Vice-president, respectively.

PLEASE NOTE...

The Documentation Project needs your help! We would like to extend this service beyond Buncombe County, but need more help to do so. If you would like to help record incidents of discrimination, harassment, or violence against lesbians and gay men, please contact Martha Copeland at 254-2485.

Attention Cat Lovers

I am in immediate need of a place to "board" about 15 of my cats. I am seeking new, loving homes for many of these cats already. However, my new landlord has given me 30 days to remove them from his property. I am hoping to find someone willing to "donate" a small portion of their yard, on which I can construct a simple, attractive cat enclosure. I am willing to pay someone for the use of their land and I will care for the cats completely by myself every day. All cats are gentle and litter-trained.

If you have any ideas or suggestions

or would like a new cat to love, please call Kelly at 258-0660 now! ▽

Attention Gay Male Couples

Gay male couples living together needed for study by gay male graduate student. Couples complete questionnaire sent and returned by mail. Call or write Jim Duley, Psychology Department, CB#3270 Davie Hall, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, (919)942-3858. ▽

Parents to Speak

The parents of 17-year old Becky Bell, who died from an illegal abortion in 1988, will speak in Asheville Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Edwin Place (corner of Charlotte and Edwin).

Karen and Bill Bell have traveled the country speaking out against parental consent laws for unmarried minors since the death of their daughter. The Bells, residents of Indiana, where strict enforcement of parental notification laws exists, grieve for their daughter, whom they believe died because of a law designed to punish young women. The Bells' visit to Asheville will be a final appearance in North Carolina. They plan

to spend several days with legislators in Raleigh, as well as visiting Greensboro, Charlotte, and Greenville.

The North Carolina legislature is expected to debate minors' access restrictions in this session. Currently North Carolina has no parental consent requirement.

This evening with the Bells is co-sponsored by the Western North Carolina Citizens for Choice and Land-of-the-Sky Chapter of the National Organization of Women.--Thanks to Nancy McWilliams

Field Associate Needed

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national lesbian/gay political organization, is looking for volunteer organizers in targeted Congressional districts in the Southeast and Southwest. Our Field Associate program offers great opportunity to learn field organizing skills. Affect the national political process for lesbian and gay civil rights and work with top professionals in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Cathy Woolard, HRCF Southeast Regional Office: call collect at (404)373-6330 or write to PO Box 375, Decatur, GA 30031-0375. ▽

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