



to Ron Lambe, who has been elected Second Vice Chair of the Democratic party in the 15th Precinct. Ron attended the Buncombe County Democratic convention, will attend the District Convention, and may attend the State Convention;

to E'mon Fakar for being crowned Miss Buncombe County-FFI (For Female Impersonators). She will be competing in June for Miss NC-FFI;

to Jackie Steele for winning First Runner-up to Miss Winston-Salem-FFI. She will be competing in June for Miss NC-FFI;

to Vanessa Todd for winning First Runner-up to Miss Fayetteville. She will be competing in June for Miss NC-FFI. ▼

*Community Connections* is a monthly news publication serving the Southern Appalachian gay and lesbian community, and dedicated to helping improve the lives of lesbians and gay men.

*Community Connections* focuses on the gay/lesbian community and gay/lesbian issues. Gay-related news, commentary, and letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters must be limited to 250 words, and must be signed.

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## PLEASE NOTE...

### Lesbian/Gay CODA Group

This recently formed 12-step group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Orange Street Recovery Center, 25 Orange Street, Asheville. Participation in the group is open to any lesbian or gay man interested in, or already working on, recovery from codependency. Meeting agendas use the 12-step recovery format and include a sharing time.

Orange Street is just off Merrimon Avenue near Chestnut. The meeting room is currently upstairs, but if you have difficulty locating the right room, just ask someone for the location of the CODA meeting. ▼

### 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. ▼

### Phone Message Updated

The Asheville Gay and Lesbian Community Council (AGLCC), composed of area groups and gay-oriented businesses, has updated the message on the Asheville Gay and Lesbian Information Line. AGLCC has purchased a new answering machine that makes it possible to record a much longer message than was previously possible. ▼

### The Documentation Project needs you!

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. ▼

### Lesbian Couple Celebrates 10th

Charlotte Goedsche and Cynthia Janes will celebrate the 10th anniversary of their life-partnership in the Parish Hall of All Souls Church, corner of Hendersonville Road (U.S. 25) and Angle Street (just north of I-40), in the Biltmore area of Asheville, on Saturday, May 4, from 5 to 7 PM.

Everyone in the gay and lesbian community and their friends are invited to the celebration. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Beer, punch and soft drinks will be provided. ▼

### National AIDS Lobby Days

All over the country from May 25 to June 3, individuals and organizations will be visiting their Senators and Representatives in their district offices to

urge action on the HIV-epidemic.

The AIDS epidemic continues to spread. Opponents of adequate spending and programs continue to hinder our ability to combat the threat we face. Direct, personal contact with your Representatives and Senators will make an important difference. Members of Congress need to be told that AIDS involves people, people we love and care for, people whose lives must be saved.

### 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. ▼

## THANKS...

to Rabbi Birnham for remembering the gay community in the sixth annual Asheville Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service;

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

for Speakers' Bureau presentations to David Beckett, Kevin Bryant, Cynthia Janes and Betty Sharpless (WCU, Mar 27); to Kevin Bryant, Trish L. and Rose-Mary S. (WCU, Apr 10); to Ernie Howard and Amy Springer (WCU, Apr 18); and to Charlotte Goedsche for speaking to 9 Health Promotion classes (UNCA, Mar and Apr);

to *The Asheville Citizen* and Randy Molton for permission to print the cartoon published in the *Citizen* March 4, 1991;

to Bill Bednarak for the obituary of Eddie Dean Thompson;

to Lee Jones for the memorial to Eddie Dean Thompson. ▼

### Thanks from CLOSER:

to Bill Haines for set-up in April;

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

to an anonymous donor for Dan Marshall's birthday cake;

to Steve M. for organizing the Organ Recital, and to Ted Ahl, Stephen Klein and Ken for their enlightening remarks and their superb playing;

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