

Dignity/Integrity holds 14th Anniversary Banquet at the Richmond Centre

Heart Strings: national tour to perform in Richmond

Heart Strings—The National Tour, a variety show which raises money for AIDS organizations, will be in Richmond on Sunday, February 18 at The Carpenter Center at 7:30 pm.

Heart Strings, an upbeat musical production, is a project of The Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA) which was started in 1984 in Atlanta by a group of concerned members of the design, architecture and furnishings professions. The primary goal of DIFFA is to raise \$4,000,000 nationwide for direct patient services, legal advocacy research, education and most important of all, raising awareness about AIDS and HIV syndrome.

The first performance of *Heart Strings* on February 23, 1986 was to a sold out audience at The Fox Theatre in Atlanta. The event, whose Honorary Chairpersons were Mayor and Mrs. Andrew Young, raised \$120,000 for direct care services and

played (e.g., Kansas City, MO- \$83,000; St. Louis, MO- \$70,000; Louisville, KY- \$103,000; Chicago, IL- \$170,000).

Here in Richmond, the goal is to raise \$100,000, of which 85% will remain here and 15% will go to a national pool for communities not on the tour. So far, nine local organizations have been identified to receive grants: Richmond AIDS Ministry, Richmond AIDS Information Network, Richmond Street Outreach Project, Instructive Nurses Association Home Health Services, the Virginia Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, MCV AIDS Research Lab, Minority Health Consortium, and Cross-over Health Center.

Richmond's Honorary Chairpersons will be Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Governor L. Douglas Wilder. The remaining members of the Host Committee reads like a "who's who"

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A DECADE OF
HOPE

DIGNITY/INTEGRITY
14th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
FEBRUARY 24, 1990

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Dignity/Integrity Richmond will hold its 14th Anniversary Banquet on February 24 in the Grand Ballroom of the Richmond Centre. The banquet is free to the public but reservations must be made by February 15. Reservations can be made by calling 730-6472.

The annual banquet celebrates the successful formation of this support group for Catholic and Episcopal gays and lesbians. Over the years, the banquet has been opened to the public as D/I's way of thanking the community for its continued support.

This year's theme is "A Decade

of Hope." The guest speaker will be Rev. Jimmy Creeche, pastor of Fairmont United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC. He is also head of the Raleigh Religious Network on Gay and Lesbian Equality which was instrumental in getting homosexuality added to Raleigh's Human Rights Ordinance. Rev. Creeche is presently under fire from his church for his stance on gay and lesbian rights.

Editor's note: D/I regrets that, due to personal reasons, Rev. Robert Williams will not be able to attend the banquet as previously announced.

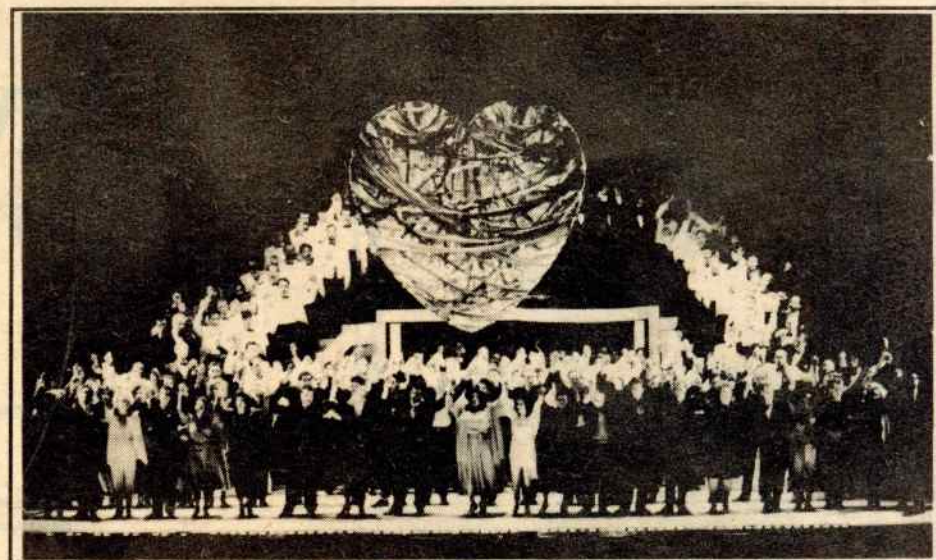


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preventive education. The second performance a year later raised \$266,000 and included 88 corporate sponsors. DIFFA was soon approached by organizations from around the country to bring *Heart Strings* to their communities. By 1988, a 26-city national tour was announced. The premier performance in Atlanta, with over 60 corporate sponsors, raised \$400,000. Since that time, *Heart Strings* has been a success in every city in which it has

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ABA bans courtroom discrimination

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) announced on January 16, 1990 the inclusion of a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation in the court systems in the American Bar Association's (ABA) draft of the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Specific protection in the code means that lesbians and gay men can expect and demand fair treatment in the judicial system.

The code applies to judges throughout the country and subjects them to discipline if they violate its ethical canons. It will now send an explicit message to judges that they will be held personally accountable if they discriminate against gay people.

In 1988 Judge Jack Hampton told newspaper reporters in Dallas, Texas that he had given a lighter sentence to convicted murderers because their victims were gay. He blamed the victims for their own murders. NLGLA cited this and other outrageous examples of anti-gay discrimination by judges when it testified before the ABA Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. Judge Hampton has since been censured by the Texas judicial commission on ethics.

Senate minority leader Bob Dole cosponsors hate crimes bill

WASHINGTON, DC – Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) has signed on as cosponsor of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, bringing the total number of supporters of the bill to 58 in the U.S. Senate.

"Dole's support is an important step forward for the Hate Crimes bill," said Peri Jude Radecic, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) legislative director. "As leader of Republicans in the Senate he carries formidable power for moving legislation. His cosponsorship sends the clear message that this law has strong bipartisan support."

Jude, who has lobbied on the bill since its original introduction in the previous Congress, said the goal is to reach 60 cosponsors or more.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act directs the U.S. Department of Justice to compile and publish data on crimes that manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity. The bill has garnered additional attention on Capitol Hill in the past weeks after the recent mail bombings against black civil rights figures and judges.

HUD chiefs shun family leave provision

NGLTF challenges anti-gay stance

WASHINGTON, DC – The two top officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently denounced a labor contract that would extend domestic partnership benefits to the federal agency's gay and lesbian employees.

Jack Kemp, Secretary of HUD, along with Under-Secretary Alfred A. DelliBovi, claimed the contract with the HUD employee union illegally "redefines the family."

The controversy was sparked by a clause in the contract of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). AFGE's proposed definition of "family" would provide lesbian and gay employees with familial leave benefits identical to the privileges already offered heterosexual workers.

The AFGE contract is currently under legal review. According to Barbara Davidson, AFGE union representative, the portion of the contract allowing employees in non-traditional relationships to receive equal familial leave benefits should stand up to legal scrutiny.

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Remembering a life: Ralph Cole

by Suzanne Keller

As our community mourns the death of Ralph Cole, we can remember the ways in which he touched our lives personally and as a public advocate for the gay and lesbian community and for people with AIDS (PWA's). It is far easier to mark the ways in which Ralph had an impact on our community than it is to sketch the life of Ralph as an individual: for all of his public activity he was a very private person.

Ralph was a decorated World War II veteran who survived a torpedo attack on his ship. While a student at the University of Virginia, he was honored for his academic achievements and contributions to community life by his election to the Raven Society. He also served as circulation manager for the school paper, editor of the *Y News*, treasurer of the YMCA, and was a member of the journalism honor society Pi Delta Epsilon. Ralph also had the distinction at the time of being one of six students to occupy Edgar Allen Poe's room on the lawn at the university. Ralph's yearbook photographs document his wide smile and fine taste. His paisley and plaid ties stand out against the somber blacks and browns of his fellow students.

Ralph's professional life took him to all parts of the world setting up displays and conferences for General Electric. He also taught reading to disabled children for the Staunton Public Schools and at one time taught at Howard University and Virginia Union University.

When Ralph became involved in the billboard project, Guy Kinman, past Chairman of the Richmond Virginia Gay/Lesbian Alliance (RVGLA), recalls that Ralph's participation came at an ideal time for RVGLA. He brought experience and skills unique to the organization and was by example a role model for others.

Advocacy for PWA's is probably what Ralph is remembered for most. He worked for and with PWA's and their families in a variety of ways. Eleanor Harrison, of the Richmond AIDS Information Network, recalls in particular Ralph's outreach to people in pris-

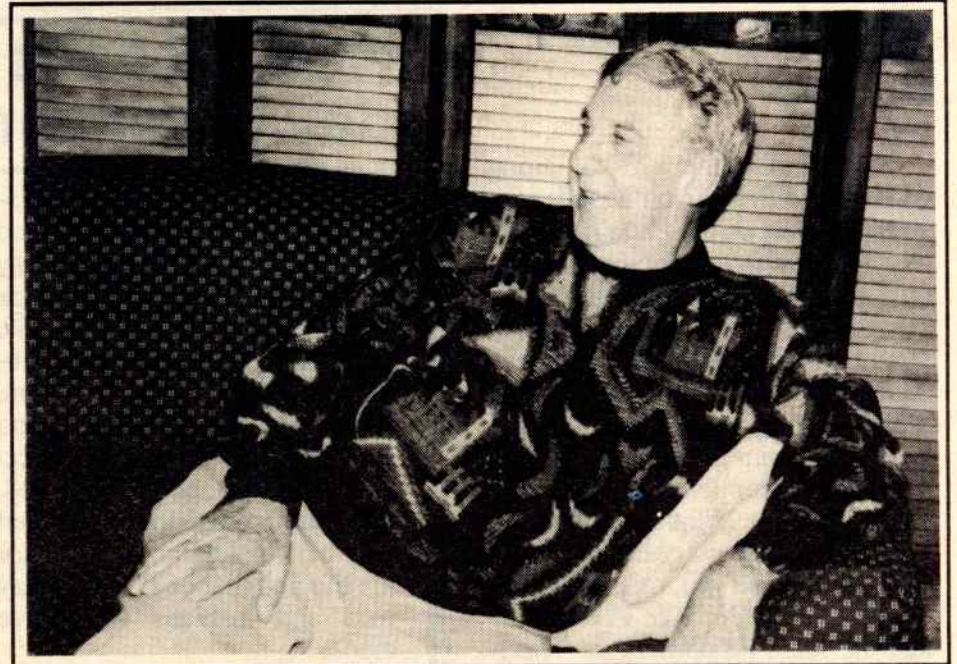
on. She said, "He continues to receive mail from people whose lives he touched and he will be sorely missed by RAIN and the Fan Free Clinic."

Through his participation in Dignity, Ralph advocated for people with AIDS inside that organization and through it to the mainline churches in the city. Carl Archacki, president of Dignity/Integrity Richmond, said, "Ralph was a catalyst to make Dignity aware of the human side of AIDS. He demanded that PWA's be cared for and shown compassion." Several people recall a Dignity meeting addressed by Bishop Sullivan when Ralph challenged the Bishop to do something now, not later for people with AIDS. Ralph could be very confrontational when he felt that people and institutions were not responding adequately to the AIDS epidemic or to any person in need.

For over three years Ralph also worked on the statewide AIDS hotline at the Virginia Department of Health. As a hotline counselor he helped countless people affected by AIDS. A co-worker remembers Ralph's unwillingness to take "no" or "can't" for an answer when someone in need requested help from the hotline.

In 1986 *Style* magazine featured Ralph in a series about volunteers in the Richmond community. He was called a "compassionate friend to AIDS victims." A year later he chastised Bishop Sullivan for referring to people with AIDS as victims. In that article Ralph said about the PWA's with whom he worked, "These people were once perfect strangers. Now they have become an essential part of me. . ." When commenting on how busy he was, he said, "Sometimes I don't understand why I do what I do, but helping people makes me feel young."

I would like to share something I personally learned from Ralph. Ralph never accepted or in some ways understood the difference between lesbians and gays or blacks and whites. He simply did not believe that differences in race or gender outweighed the things all people have in common. At times he would say outrageous things publicly I would never dream of saying. For example, he chal-



lenged the assumption that AIDS outreach in the minority communities could be done best by people of color. Ralph would say race does not matter, what matters is that people care and care deeply about their fellow human beings. He taught me the value of acknowledging common ground

with people who are different.

Ralph's friends remember his sense of humor, his anger, his sky blue eyes, his delight in children, his love of animals, and his deep caring for other people. I would like to remember that in his death as in his life, Ralph did things his way.

Historic Moments

1947: Lisa Ben (the pseudonym was an anagram of "lesbian") begins publishing *Vice-Versa*, the first U.S. lesbian magazine.

SOURCE: Alyson's Almanac

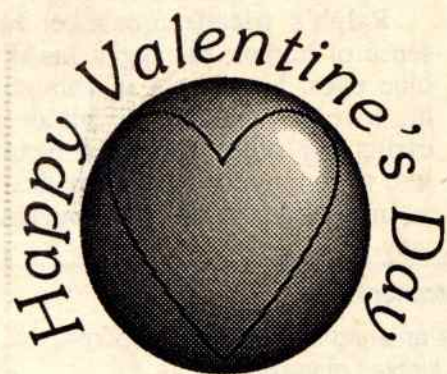


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Eyes on the Prize returns

WCVB Channel 23 is airing *Eyes on the Prize II* on Mondays at 9:00 pm. *Eyes on the Prize II* chronicles the movement for human and civil rights in this country during the 60s and 70s. This program features rare film footage and interviews with many prominent activists past and present. The show will air for 8 weeks, one installment per week. The series premiered on Monday, January 15, the birthday of slain human rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. In case you miss the Monday time slot, WCVB Channel 57 airs the same installment on Thursdays at 9:00 pm.



NCBLG calls for national day of remembrance

Last year, The National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays instituted a National Day of Remembrance for Black Gay men and Lesbians to take place on the last Sunday in February. When Joseph Beam, board member of NCBLG and the founding editor of *Black/Out*, died in December of 1988, the board called for a National Day of Remembrance to honor his life and that of all Black gay men and lesbians who have died.

Since that time, our community has lost more of our friends, lovers and leaders, including lesbian poet Pat Parker and DC activist Lawrence Washington, who served as board member of NCBLG for several years, the last two as co-chair. In addition, many closeted Black gay men and lesbians have also died, among them some very prominent people who were still unable to

live an out life because of our homophobic society.

NCBLG and all chapters and affiliates invite any and all groups and individuals to participate in remembering and celebrating the lives of Black gay men and lesbians in whatever manner you consider appropriate, *except as fundraisers*.

Note: We would like to have a record of your celebration for our own information, so if you would like to share information about the event, please send it to: NCBLG, P.O. Box 19248, Washington, DC 20036. We expect to write up something later about the various Day of Remembrance celebrations from around the country in *Black/Out*, and other gay/lesbian publications. If you prefer to share information about your event *only* with NCBLG, please make a note of it when you send the information.

New legal director takes reins at NGRA

David A. Bryan, former executive and legal director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, moved into the top legal position on January 22 as Legal Director of National Gay Rights Advocates. NGRA is the nation's largest public-interest law firm protecting the rights of lesbians and gay men.

Bryan replaces former legal director Leonard Graff, who held the position for 7-1/2 years and is currently serving as interim executive director. Bryan will direct the organization's legal program from NGRA's San Francisco office.

Founded in 1977 in San Francisco, National Gay Rights Advocates fights for the rights of gay men, lesbians and, through the AIDS Civil Rights Project, persons with HIV disease. NGRA aggressively pursues impact litigation in employment and housing discrimination, family partnerships, reform of sodomy laws, anti-gay violence, and first amendment rights.

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PURE GOLDSTEIN

by Janet from Another Planet

Janet Interfaces with the Patriarchy

Whoa — has Janet From Another Planet been living in a lavender tower, or what! As I write this, I am a few weeks into the first straight job I have had since I came out. It's rather a shock.

From 8:30 to 5:00, I have to be a different person. No more showing up for work with a crewcut, nose-ring, and black leather jacket. No more photocopying manuscripts of this column at the office. No more discussing with co-workers what *she* and I did over the weekend.

As far as I can tell, I'm the only queer in my office. It's lonely as hell. I've been dropping hints to one or two people, but I am afraid to come out, especially during my first, probationary three months.

Of course, none of this is news to anyone else. All or most of you have had to squirm and keep your mouths shut in straight jobs all your lives. I dare not presume that any of you have gotten used to it. I will never get used to being invisible.

Why am I afraid to come out at work when we have our wonderful civil rights law in Baltimore: Well, assuming I can make a case for discrimination at all, I don't have two or three years to sit around while the Community Relations Commission works off its backlog of cases. (I can imagine the job interview: "Why did you leave your last job?" "I was illegally fired on account of my sexual orientation." No, thanks.)

On the other hand, I refuse to lie

— to invent a boyfriend, for instance. It is bad enough that I must, by my silence, betray something in which I deeply believe — lesbian visibility — out of fear for my livelihood. I do intend to come out to somebody at work eventually, lest the strain of silence become unbearable. In the meantime, I continue to write this column under my real name: a crowd that is as hopelessly straight as the folks with whom I work is unlikely to read *The Richmond Pride*.

Working in a professional environment with conventional types does, however, have its advantages. In one or another of the three "gay jobs" I have held, I have been yelled at as though I were an errant child, slapped (yes, literally), taken for granted, ignored, exploited, and/or fired abruptly, without cause. My new job may be lonely (for a dyke) and is often hectic, but I am treated as though I count. My work is appreciated. I am eligible for company-paid benefits from day one. There is even a WRITTEN PERSONNEL POLICY — and they stick to it.

I miss having the freedom to be totally out at work, but I do not miss the often capricious nature of employment in a gay environment or the personalities it seems to attract. If I find myself treated better in the workplace by straight bosses than I was by lesbians and gay men, this "community" has a long way to go.

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Partisans — a reception for lesbian & gay democrats in Northern Virginia

Partisans is hosted by Don Pretzer, Judy Beshaw, and Frank Grant on Sunday, February 25th, from 3:30 to 5:30. All lesbian and gay Democrats interested in Virginia politics are welcome. We look forward to:

- socializing with a diversity of Democrats
- exchanging information on the candidates and campaigns of 1990
- sharing strategies for

influencing party platforms and candidates and

- starting a mailing list and lining up hosts for future gatherings and fund raisers.

For the reception location, call (703) 823-4645. RSVP by Saturday, February 24th so that refreshments can be arranged. There is no cost to attend this reception. This gathering is sponsored by its hosts, not by a political club or organization.

Heart Strings

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of Richmond. Local corporate sponsors are donating everything from a pre-show buffet party to hotel rooms, printing services and a cast party.

Pat Carroll, star of *Nunsense*, will be the narrator for the Richmond performance. Ms. Carroll will set the stage with a reading about a cloud gathering over the city. Members of the cast will portray patients, parents, friends and lovers, medical personnel and ministers who have

been touched in some way by the AIDS virus. At first, the problem is ignored by the townspeople, but the problem spreads until they find a way to work together for the good of all.

Clark Plaxco, co-chair, said "At the Atlanta show there was not a dry eye in the house at the end."

Tickets are \$125 — which includes a Black-tie Cocktail/Buffer, the show and a Champagne Cast Party; \$50 — which includes the show and the cast party; and \$25 — for the show only. For more information, call 355-0218 or write P.O. Box 14589, Richmond, VA 23221.

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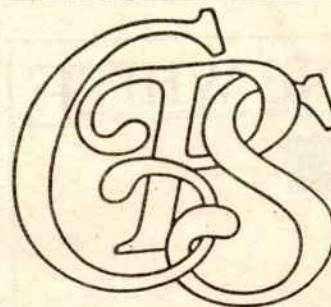
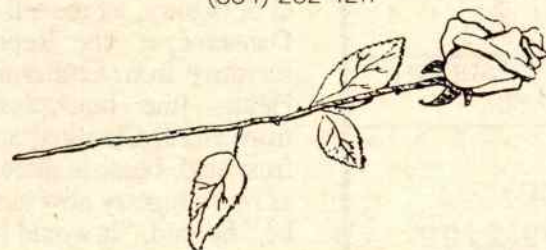
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Barney Frank speaks to 20's Group at DC Gay and Lesbian Community Center

By John Zeh

Act Up—but not out
—says Barney Frank

WASHINGTON—At a gathering symbolic of critical changes under way at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center here, Barney Frank taught GLCC's youngest members a political lesson tantamount to a homophile State of the Union address.

Don't despair about homophobic bigots, the Congressman cautioned GLCC's "20's Group." We have [not completely] stopped them from doing harm, but we are moving forward."

The 60-strong standing-room only crowd responded to Frank's wit, history, inside information, political strategy, and analysis with piercing questions during the free-wheeling forum on January 12. Gun control, Jesse Helms, the Equal Rights Amendment, sodomy laws, Ghandi, and Martin Luther King, Jr. all earned attention.

Frank credited national gay, lesbian, and parents groups; named opponents' names; and highlighted Democratic successes in Congress on behalf of homosexuals. But he understated the uncertain future for certain pending legislation on which his progressive bedfellows have so far failed to build consensus.

"As frustrated as you are—and should be—about the continued level of bigotry, let me tell you that Bill Dannemeyer [the Republican conservative from California] and Jesse Helms [the homophobic Senator from North Carolina] are a lot more frustrated, because there's not nearly as much bigotry now as there used to be," he said. "It would be nice if we could worry about global warming more, and less about bigotry."

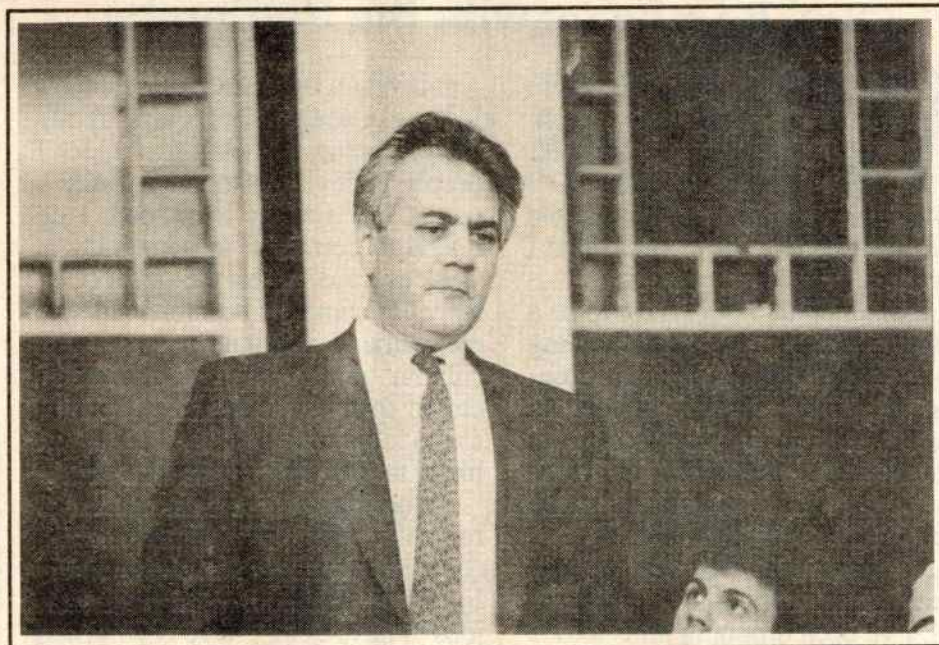


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Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) discusses current political affairs with members of the Washington, DC Gay and Lesbian Community Center "20's Group."

The liberal Democrat criticized the media for not "intellectually patrolling the crazies' past predictions and effects of their deeply-rooted prejudices."

The "far right," he said, "thinks sexuality is like underwear. You get up every day and decide what you're going to put on. They think people at various points of life decide whether they are homo- or heterosexual, and that if you tell people that it's not terrible to say you're homosexual, they say, phew, 'that's a relief. I'm going to go become on.'"

The lively session symbolized GLCC's struggle to generate new solvency and the 20's Group's becoming active in raising the political consciousness—as well as social skills—of its 18- to 29-year olds. It also allowed Frank to have outreach to a constituency beyond Massachusetts' borders.

"Things are a lot less unfair and inequitable than they used to be," he said. "But less bigotry is nothing to be grateful about. If someone is stealing 1,000 bucks a week, and you manage to get it down to \$250, you're not going to nominate him or her for the Nobel Prize," he conceded. "But it is maybe an indication that you're moving in the right direction."

Legally and politically, "the degree of prejudice against gay men and lesbians appear to have diminished substantially," he added without notes. "We've made enormous strides, but the relevant question is, are we doing the right thing?"

"If for all the activity that has come forward—all the money spent,

blood spilled, political lobbying, speech-making, and organizing—things had gotten worse, then I think it would be time to totally reexamine," he said.

The Community Center is certainly rethinking its status. The 20's Group could be homeless if GLCC fails to elicit support for its survival. I don't know where we'd meet if the Center closed down," said Group co-chair Stuart Campbell, a political science major at George Washington University from Santa Rosa, California. "It's important to have a home."

Scrutinizing broad movement strategy, Frank said civil disobedience (CD) and demonstrations play "a very important" part in democracy as long as people "act up, and not act out"—and clearly recognize their true role.

"King and Gandhi were great moral leaders," Frank said, pioneering CD, adapting it brilliantly in America—fighting for equality and freedom as "saintly men, two of the shrewdest politicians ever." But they did not use CD as "an emotional outlet." King always had a purpose, made sure he had the upper hand morally, was "clever and creative," but never disruptive.

Demonstrations are "useful and important, as long as you understand [their] strategic purpose," he stressed. "I still believe we'll make most of our progress politically [and] ultimately the political process will continue to work [better] precisely as more and more people get active."

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Personal Awareness

1990: A challenge

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1990 BEGINS. Nostalgic through the changing of the decade, I look back and remember the tears that I shed as I watched the Berlin Wall become another Gateway. Today, tears came to me as I watched and experienced the inauguration of a Black man. He becomes Governor and remembers the generations of deep discrimination which preceded this fleeting moment of total triumph. I think of the empowerment of people in the recent past and the present and I want to write in a way that can convey the power of this hope, love, and vision to the gay/lesbian Community. Both of these stories reflect a profound human spirit—a sense of triumph and adventure into new vistas. And, they reflect a sense of vision that went beyond all logical restrictions and embraced the powerful phrase of "What if?"

What is the vision of our community? What is our dream? And do we have the heart to accomplish it? Individual leaders and dedicated groups come to mind as carriers of the vision. Yet, too quickly I also think of the anger, dirty politics, and confining box-like thinking that keeps our community in a civil war of our own. I read the Washington, DC Gay press and sort through the national stories. The ones to inspire and empower me are lost within the pages of too many reports on oppression, betrayal by our leaders, and pages of groups which are so specialized that they seem to reflect more the compartments we have created in our empowerment process than the fully freeing dimension of interacting diversity. Frequently, letters to the editors in local Gay/lesbian papers are attacks on individuals who are trying to serve the community and failing someone in the process.

In the beginning of the gay/lesbian movement, any small movement forward by any of the leaders was seen as a triumph—never enough—yet, a triumph. Something of that excitement is lacking now. I wonder if it is simply my own disillusionment with all the anger or whether our movement has somehow lost its heart. We attack our

leaders in ways which forget that they too are people who are struggling in their own growth process. Too often, we forget the need of other gays and lesbians for affirmation and respect while we challenge them to meet our needs for the ideal role models or leaders.

The community has large scale recognitions: awards and notes for major accomplishments. Yet, it is in our daily lives that most of us need a sense of appreciation and a belief that we are valued—not just for what we can do for the community—but also for our own personal journey which includes failings and fears. It is the respect for the journey, the struggle of it, as well as the tiny steps along the path that cry for support and respect. The tops of the mountains are easily affirmed and applauded. However, most steps of empowerment of a disempowered group are done in the less dramatic valleys and foothills. The peaks are those rare moments such as the Berlin Wall and the election of Governor Wilder.

All people, and perhaps especially those who receive intense prejudice such as gays/lesbians, need support and encouragement for all aspects of the journey—including the stumbles, falls, and failings. Our leaders and role models will have missteps along the path. Any human would.

My hope for the 1990's is that this decade will bring us more civil rights and an elimination of the discrimination that has wounded so many gays and lesbians. Perhaps more importantly, I also hope that the new decade can reawaken us to the imperative need for respect and gentleness towards ourselves, members of our community, and members of the larger communities to which we are intricately connected. I hope that we can open the walls in our own community as well as those that separate us from others. And in the empowerment process, we must remember that the Berlin Wall opened and Doug Wilder was elected not only because of strategic planning fueled by anger: It was also love and belief that flamed the vision.

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Jesse Helms blasts gays as he announces his candidacy

HRCF'S McFeeley charges "Helms unfit for public office"

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), who in the closing days of the last session of Congress single-handedly blocked Senate action to provide federal funds for low income People with AIDS in need of AZT, announced his candidacy for a fourth term in the U.S. Senate on Saturday, January 13, 1990. Lashing out against his favorite targets, Helms declared that "homosexuals and lesbians (are) disgusting people, marching in our streets demanding all sorts of things, including the right to marry each other."

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, responded with a direct challenge to Helms. "Any politician who categorizes millions of Americans — people who pay their taxes, serve their country, build communities, lead productive lives in every work setting in the United States — as 'disgusting' is unfit to hold public office," McFeeley stated.

"The U.S. Senate is an honorable institution reserved for people who respect and desire to help all Americans and should not be occupied by haters. I am sure the voters of North Carolina will agree," McFeeley said.

"Senator Helms' bigotry has no place in the federal government, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund will continue to oppose his extremist rhetoric whenever it rears its ugly head," McFeeley stated.

Helms, who made his announcement before a crowd of 1,800 at the state fairground in Raleigh, stated that he wanted to continue to provide conservative leadership in foreign policy, in cutting the federal budget, and in opposing the right to choice, gay and lesbian civil rights and tax-supported "filthy" art. This last topic referred to the Senators opposition to the National Endowment for the Arts for its support of an exhibition of photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe which was the center of controversy in Washington last summer.

"What that perverted, homosexu-

al filth is, is not Michelangelo. It is modern day Sodom and Gomorrah," Helms stated. He failed, however, to note that many historians accept that Michelangelo, like Mapplethorpe, was a homosexual artist.

The Charlotte Observer, a major North Carolina newspaper, responded to Helms' anti-gay remarks in an unusual editorial directly challenging the Senator's views on homosexuality. "When Sen. Helms describes homosexuals and lesbians as 'disgusting people' — as distinguished from human beings who do things he finds disgusting — he reveals what a mean-spirited man he is, how totally lacking in compassion he is for anyone who is, by his standards, different," the paper wrote.

"His choice of that description Saturday reminds us again that Sen. Helms is not only mean-spirited, but that he relishes being mean-spirited. He gleefully flaunts his mean-spiritness. He glories in his mean-spiritness," the Observer continued. "We would suggest, however, that anyone who takes such joy in mean-

ness comes very close to exemplifying what is meant by "evil," it concluded.

Press reports indicate that none of the likely Democrats vying to replace Helms in the Senate are well known statewide. Human Rights Campaign Fund officials, however, stated that the Helms race will still attract national attention. "Senator Helms is the preeminent right-wing extremist running for re-election to the Senate," Communications Director Gregory King stated. "With the announcements of Senators Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and William Armstrong (R-CO) that they would not run again, we can focus greater attention on the North Carolina race.

King indicated that HRCF is in close contact with lesbian and gay activists in North Carolina and is actively involved with mainstream political groups seeking to defeat Helms. "We have seen in the past that incumbent members of the Senate can be defeated, even when their opponents are far less known at the beginning of the campaign," he said.

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Skinhead sentenced in DC Superior Court

By John Zeh

WASHINGTON — D. C. Superior Court Judge Robert M. Scott on January 12 sentenced "Skinhead" gang member David McCall, of Dale City, VA., to 15-45 years in prison for the brutal assault and armed robbery of gay waiter Rodney Johnson.

Fearing life imprisonment, the 19-year-old defendant interrupted his attorney's attempt to re-argue his innocence before sentencing and admitted he accepted responsibility and was sorry for his crime.

Judge Scott replied there was no excuse for yielding to the gang mentality and attacking the victim because of his assumed homosexuality. He rebutted all the defense's arguments.

"The judge went right to McCall's hate motivation and anti-

gay passion," said Johnson's counsel, Linda Delaney. "He used a simplistic, common sense approach to explain that social order could not tolerate the crime and that [the defendant] could not so severely beat another human being without expecting to pay for his crime with a substantial sentence".

Delaney, who represents Johnson in a unique \$20 million civil suit against McCall and other Skinheads, said she was "satisfied" with the sentence. "He could've gotten off lighter — some "murder-one" convicts walk [get parole] after four to five years. But I wouldn't have been upset if it had been longer."

No stranger to such cases, she said she was "very stirred up" by McCall's "subtle, spontaneous glimpse of remorse. There's a chance he learned a lesson." After graduating from Antioch Law

School here, Delaney represented relatives of five civil rights activists killed in 1979 by Ku Klux Klan and American Nazi Party members in Greensboro, N.C.

Judge Scott sentenced McCall to 10-30 years for "assault with intent to kill while armed" and a consecutive 5-10 years for robbery. He will be eligible for parole in 15 years, minus up to four years in "good time" earned for acceptable behavior.

A jury unanimously convicted McCall and Mark Hyder, 18, of Southerland, Va. on November 17, after a spree of beatings and robberies of gay men in the Dupont Circle/Rock Creek Park area.

Judge Scott delayed Hyder's sentencing until March 12 after he gets a U.S. Youth Act review which allows juveniles special consideration. "I can wait," said Delaney. "I don't want the case overturned on appeal."

A third gang member, Richard "Craig" Grimes, 18, of Ridge, Md., is sought as a fugitive.

Activists from the gay and lesbian rights, anti-violence, and civil rights communities praised the sentence. "The length sends a strong message to would-be hate mongers that their contemptuous attitudes and actions will not be tolerated," said Paula L. Ettelbrick, legal director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City.

"The District's criminal justice system is finally beginning to take anti-gay violence seriously," said Kevin Berrill, who directs the Anti-Violence Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) here. "I hope this will send a message to would-be perpetrators that if you attack us and rip us off, you will be punished." Berrill will keynote a conference on homophobic violence sponsored by the Center for Democratic Renewal January 27 in Seattle, WA.

Johnson, a Georgetown restaurant waiter, had said the conviction reaffirmed his resolve to help win passage of legislation in the U.S. Congress to document hate-motivated violence because many "severe cases are never reported or detected as gay-related." Legislative mandates would help boost sensitivity by law enforcement officials and encourage others to file charges, he said.

D.C. Council in December passed a Bias-Related Crime Act to require the collection of data about hate crimes, and allow enhanced penalties for attackers and civil relief

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Self-Portrait of The Senator.

Can gays help being gay? Can Helms help being mean?

Editors Note: The following is an editorial by *The Charlotte Observer*, January 18, 1990. Tim McFeeley quotes this editorial in the article on page 8. We have reprinted this editorial in its entirety for your reference.

In his speech Saturday in Raleigh announcing that he would seek a fourth term, U.S. Senator Jesse Helms described homosexuals and lesbians as "disgusting people," which said a lot more about Jesse Helms than it did about homosexuals and lesbians.

One doesn't have to go along with the idea of legally sanctioned marriages between homosexuals to acknowledge that many homosexuals are admirable people with many good qualities. But to Sen. Helms they are simply "disgusting."

Although there is no universal agreement among psychiatrists and psychologists about the causes of homosexuality, there is virtually universal agreement that people aren't homosexual by choice. Common sense certainly supports that view. Anyone who chooses to be homosexual in this society would be choosing a life of torment, choosing to be ostracized, choosing to be a victim of cruel prejudice, an object of irrational fear and hatred. But to Sen. Helms, this victims of forces beyond their control, which neither

they nor experts really understand, are simply "disgusting."

When Sen. Helms describes homosexuals and lesbians as "disgusting people" — as distinguished from human beings who do things he finds disgusting — he reveals what a mean-spirited man he is, how totally lacking in compassion he is for anyone who is, by his standards, different.

That's hardly news, of course. But his choice of that description Saturday reminds us again that Sen. Helms is not only mean-spirited, but that he relishes being mean-spirited. He gleefully flaunts his mean-spiritedness. He glories in being mean-spirited.

Maybe Jesse Helms can no more help being mean-spirited than a homosexual can help being a homosexual, so we won't describe him as a "disgusting person." We would suggest, however, that anyone who takes such joy in meanness comes very close to exemplifying what is meant by "evil."

And Gov. Jim Martin, who has made a radio commercial for the senator and introduced him to the crowd Saturday and sat beaming at the head table with him, belies his nice guy image and betrays his Presbyterian heritage when he embraces a man who casually and cruelly dismisses homosexuals and lesbians simply as "disgusting people."

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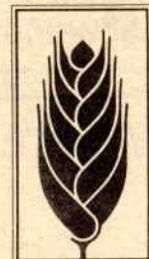
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HRCF challenges Bush on AIDS budget

WASHINGTON, DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay and AIDS political organization, has called for over \$3 billion in federal AIDS spending for fiscal 1991.

The organization's executive director, Tim McFeeley, was sharply critical of President Bush's budget proposal, which included only \$1.7 billion for AIDS programs. "Unfortunately, the Administration is running away from the facts on AIDS. Wishful thinking and nickels and dimes are not going to address the real needs of people with AIDS," McFeeley stated.

"The number of AIDS cases in the United States will double in the next 15 months, yet the Administration offers a mere 7 percent increase in overall funding. Even more shocking is their proposal to cut \$40 million from the funds used to provide services to individuals with AIDS. There is no justification for this kind of abandonment," McFeeley stated.

"This is not the time to put the brakes on AIDS spending, just as our investment in research is beginning to pay off. We must continue

to increase research, so that scientists can explore every avenue opened up by the research done so far," McFeeley stated.

McFeeley challenged the assumption that the government is spending too much on AIDS, stating that "even the National Commission on AIDS in their December report to the President called for substantial increases in federal funding." The Commission's report indicated that the U.S. would need to allocate between \$2.5 billion and \$15 billion to AIDS programs within the next two years.

"AIDS is a communicable disease, and the potential expansion of the AIDS virus cannot be ignored. The government's failure to spend adequate funds on education, research and treatment today will bring an even more substantial expense down the line," McFeeley said.

The \$3 billion figure supported by the Human Rights Campaign Fund was developed by the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition, of which HRCF is a member.

HRCF's lesbian issue survey finds support for partnership rights

WASHINGTON DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund's lesbian membership believes that partnership rights are of paramount importance. That is the message contained in the results of a recent HRCF lesbian survey.

Over two thirds of the lesbian responding to the survey picked partnership rights as the number one issue on their agenda. Lesbian and gay rights, abortion/privacy issues and parenting concerns follows close behind.

As the nation's largest organization fighting for an end to discrimination against lesbians and gays, HRCF is giving a high priority to the partnership issue. On February 14th, HRCF will kick-off their National Family Registry, giving lesbian and gay families a way to publicly declare their relationship.

"It is time this country recognizes lesbian and gay families as an entity just as important as heterosexual families and just as deserving of support from our country's legal system, the mainstream media and in everyday culture," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley stated in response to the result of the survey.

"The overwhelming concern for partnership rights tells us that we need to move forward at a greater speed to educate the public about the strength of our relationships," McFeeley added. "Too many Americans don't know that we have families, families based on the same kind of love, trust and support as the 'traditional' family."

Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, said that the survey reaffirms the Campaign Fund's initiative for the National Family Registry program.

"The National Family Registry was created to respond to the needs of the lesbian and gay community. Its purpose is to build support for the concept of lesbian and gay families," Stoll stated.

"Many lesbian and gay people have created true families. The National Registry will give them support and validation," Stoll continued. "While we recognize that the general public has not been willing to accept these families, the Registry will serve as an educational tool to increase the visibility of the lesbian and gay families."

Lesbians and gays who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF in Washington, (202) 628-4160.

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for victims.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act, passed overwhelmingly by the U.S. House of Representatives and now sponsored by 58 Senators, would gather data on "crimes that manifest prejudice" based on race, religion, sexuality, or ethnicity.

The bill is two cosponsors short of cloture, which would insure enough votes to block an anti-gay filibuster by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC). The bill got extra attention on Capitol Hill after recent mail bombings against black civil rights figures and judges, she said.

The attack on Johnson, considered one of the worst incidents of anti-gay violence here, occurred in a parking lot next to "P Street Beach," a popular cruising spot. At least five youths armed with baseball bats looking to "bash some fags" for rent money confronted Johnson after Grimes suggested they go "fuck up some faggots," for cash and credit cards.

Johnson filed an unprecedented \$20 million civil suit through a consortium of gay, lesbian, and anti-violence groups represented by Lambda and Delaney's law firm four months ago. "Though we are pleased with the criminal convictions," said Ettlebrick, "it is still only partial justice."

In 1988 more than 7,000 anti-gay episodes ranging from harassment to homicides were reported across the U.S. to NGLTF— "just the tip of the iceberg," Berrill said. "Skinhead attacks were by far the most numerous and brutal of all [anti-gay] hate group incidents documented. Organized hate groups pose an unprecedented and growing threat."

GLATF member Susan Myers of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, agreed that laws would help end "complacency" about verbal harassment and other abuse. "Hate crimes here are definitely on the increase, and not reported adequately," she said.

The Fund to Stop the Violence, P.O. Box 66265, Washington, D.C. 20035, was set up to defray costs of Johnson's civil suit.

"The courage that Rod has shown by confronting such a hateful group of young people in a courtroom brings all lesbians and gay men a step closer to justice," said Ettlebrick. "Across the country, Skinheads are to the [gay] community what the Ku Klux Klan was to the Black community."

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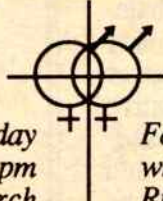
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CVASE to hold AIDS forum at weekend retreat

Central Virginia AIDS Service and Education will hold a weekend retreat, titled Congress of HIV Concerned Citizens, on March 2-3 here in Richmond. The retreat will be led by an organizational development consultant and is open to the public. The purpose of this retreat is to allow an open forum to discuss the possibility of consolidating efforts or merging the main AIDS organizations in this area under one umbrella organization. The groups involved include The Richmond AIDS Information Network (RAIN), The Richmond AIDS Ministry (RAM) and the Richmond Street Outreach Project (RSOP).

For further information and registration, contact RAM at 359-616.

Virginia chapter of National Leather Association to meet

The Virginia chapter of the National Leather Association has selected a regular monthly meeting. Regular meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month at Alexander's Restaurant, 3129 West Cary Street in Richmond, at 10 pm. Meetings are thus planned for February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

Virginians for Justice election update

Virginians for Justice, the statewide organization lobbying for lesbians, gays, and people with AIDS in Virginia, announces 10 prospective supporters for its agenda as the 1990 General Assembly opens.

Before the November 1989 election, VJ mailed surveys to all candidates for the House of Delegates to cite their level of support for issues of concern to the gay community. Of the 23 respondents who ranked somewhat positive to very positive as a result of the surveys, 10 candidates, all incumbents, won reelection. They (and their VJ survey ratings) are:

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Virginia planning committee of National Lesbian Conference to hold meeting

The Virginia planning committee of the National Lesbian Conference will hold their first meeting on February 10 in downtown Richmond at the main branch of the public library on Franklin Street from 1 - 4 pm. The National Conference will be held on April 24-28, 1991 in Atlanta, GA.

For more information on the meeting or the conference, call Shirley at 804/282-9219 or write to 1510 Glenside Drive, Richmond, VA 23226.

VCU/GLBSA update

The first meeting of the VCU-Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Alliance for the spring semester was held at 10:00 pm in the Student Commons with more than 25 in attendance. The 1990 Officers were presented and the Calendar of meetings and events was tentatively approved. The group meets every other Monday night at 10:00 pm and all interested persons are urged to attend.

New to VCU this semester a discussion group will be forming the first week in February. The group will be cosponsored by the GLBSA and University Counseling Services. Call Christopher at 355-7239 for more detailed information.

Passages 6, a multiracial conference on aging, to take place on March 17

Passages 6, a multiracial conference on aging and ageism for all lesbians will be held on March 17, 1990 at Hine J.H.S. in Washington, DC from 9:00 am - 6:15 pm. A dance will be held from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am.

This well-established conference on aging and ageism focuses on how the aging process is reflected in different racial and cultural groups, and in the perspectives of opposite generations. The keynote address will be made by Charlotte Bunch, who is a feminist author, organizer, teacher and activist in the women's movement for over two decades. She is currently the Director of the Center for Global Issues and Women's Leadership at Douglas College, Rutgers University.

Entry cost of the conference is \$12 if received before March 5, and \$15 at the door. The cost of the dance is \$5. The conference is sign-interpreted, wheelchair accessible and child care is provided. For further information or to send check or money order (payable to GLOW/PASSAGES), write GLOW, P.O. Box 75195—Dept. P, Washington, DC 20013. Passages offers a taped information line at 301/236-9716.

VCU exhibit to examine gender images in American culture

The Virginia Commonwealth University Women's Caucus will present a multimedia exhibit, *Sexist Kitsch and Gender Images in American Culture*, from February 19 - March 9 at the VCU Student Commons, 907 Floyd Avenue. The exhibit will examine contemporary cultural items that depict sexist images in our society.

Items in the exhibit include videos, photographs, audio tapes and three-dimensional pieces of artwork. Each item was selected on the basis of how it perpetuates sexist images of both men and women.

The objective of the exhibit is to educate the audience by revealing the underlying messages in everyday objects and images that appear benign in their original concept.

The exhibit will be on display from 3 - 7 pm daily, and is free and open to the public. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held on March 1 at 7 pm in the Student Commons, and is also free and open to the public. The reception will also serve as a kickoff for Women's History Month.

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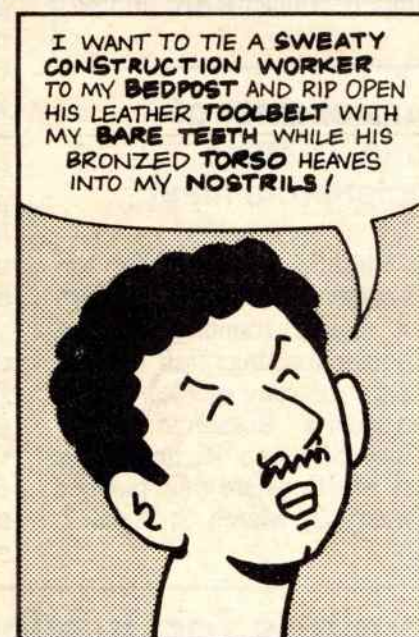
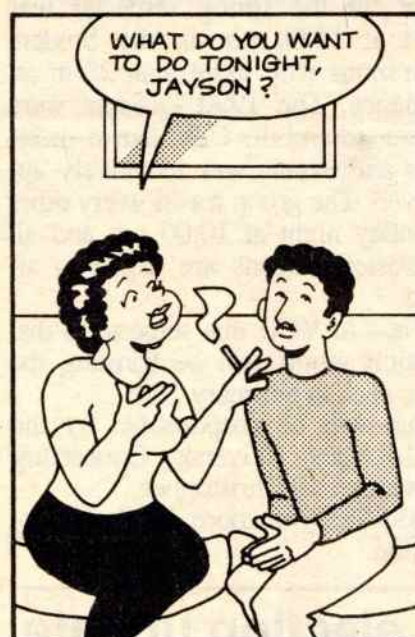
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Barney Frank speaks to 20's Group at DC Gay and Lesbian Community Center

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Successful organizing requires conditions that must be changed and a sense of the possibility of changing them, he said, quoting Alexis de Tocqueville. He said revolution comes not when people are at their most oppressed, feeling totally deprived of any rights, totally at a disadvantage. Revolting takes more energy than that. It requires some sense of hope. He said revolution generally comes when things began to improve, but [not] fast enough, and people wanted more," Frank said.

But let's be clear what we're fighting about—the rights to be judged on relevant criteria like anyone else, for someone's sexuality to be entirely the business of him- or herself—and whoever he or she chooses to share it with. Period." In the right kind of world, this movement wouldn't exist, Frank said.

Politicians are influenced by their own morality, but they're also influenced by constituent votes. "Being involved, registering to vote, lobbying—it works. People do pay attention." If citizens withheld votes from politicians, we would put an end to this

nonsense." Politicos must be "hard-headed," rewarding friends and punishing enemies, he said.

Frank conceded that his "fairly limited" political agenda for homosexuals has "lots of ramifications." Work issues should be unrelated to sexuality, any benefits given to others "ought to be extended to us on equal terms," he argued. This is worth struggle because "our enemies" exaggerate and distort.

Because the House Ethics Committee is investigating, Frank declined to "go into detail" about his relationship with prostitute Stephen L. Gobie, who revealed a 1985-87 relationship and later sold an interview to Penthouse.

The nearly five year old "Youth Group" changed its name after recent reorganization. Their next political project will be recruitment aimed at women, said co-chair Dane Dalessandro, a computer systems consultant from Pittsburgh. "We've redirected our focus to present true alternatives to typical social options." "It's nice to see a lot of new faces," added Campbell. "Hopefully, they'll be returning."

Self-effacing Barney Frank mixed wisdom with wit, showing how politics is not all serious work:

- "I didn't realize how quickly politicians who were against the right of choice were going to disappear through the seams. Previously anti-choice male candidates changed their position, saying 'I'm not sure' or 'I forgot what it was.' People asked how [I] characterize [them] on abortion. I said, 'Oh, that's easy. I'm pro-choice. The others are multiple-choice.'"

- "The good news is that one of two major parties in America is now, at the national level, supportive of efforts to end bigotry. The bad news is that it's the party that's losing. But the second party is better than [none] at all."

- When Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, Jr.

changed his vote on—and the outcome of—the Georgia sodomy case, *Bowers v Hardwick*, "he went through a procedure which in technical Supreme Court parlance is known as choking."

- One improvement, although "unfortunate," is that gay and lesbian rights have become a political football. "It was not a partisan issue 15 years ago, because no one was for it."

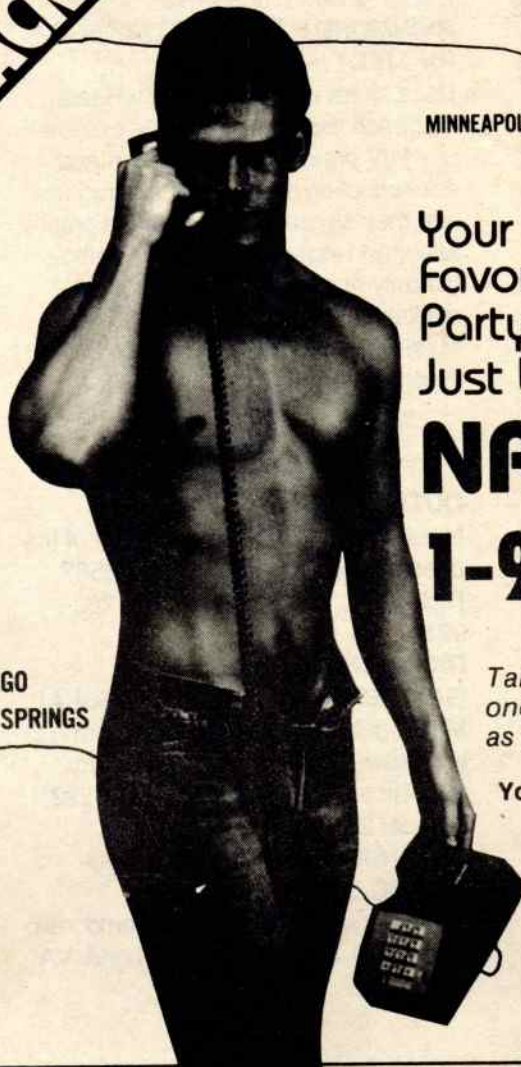
- "Republicans have a problem—they're right-wing."

- In President Reagan's Justice Department, the Civil Rights branch should have been renamed "the Division of Bigotry Licensing" for the way it handled AIDS cases

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10-11 ASSOCIATION

A social & support group for lesbian, gay, or bisexual health care professionals & students in the Richmond area. Confidentiality maintained. Bi-monthly meetings. Write MCV Station, Box 107, Richmond, VA 23298-0107.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS LESBIAN & GAY TASK FORCE

A statewide chartered committee whose purpose is to combat discrimination, promote humane & unimpeded access to services & improve social work practice through continuing education programs. Includes a speakers bureau. 1500 Forest Ave., #224, Richmond.

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P.O. Box 32555, Richmond, VA 23294-2555. Phone: 270-7173.

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VCU GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL STUDENT ALLIANCE

A support group for lesbian & gay students. An educational resource for the university community. University Student Commons, 907 Floyd Ave., Box 75, Richmond, VA 23284 Phone: 367-6509

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VIRGINIA LESBIAN/GAY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

A caucus sponsored by the Democratic Party. P.O. Box 14644, Richmond, VA 23221

RELIGIOUS**DIGNITY/INTEGRITY RICHMOND**

A support organization for lesbians & gays, their families & friends, affiliated with the Catholic & Episcopal Churches. Meetings: Sundays, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 5207, Richmond VA 23220 Phone: 359-9372

FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS

A support group sponsored by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). 4500 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA 23221 Phone: 266-2787

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P.O. Box 14708, Richmond, VA 23221-0057 Phone: 788-0057

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC)

An ecumenical Christian church for a people with a special ministry to the lesbian & gay community. Meetings: Sundays, 6:30 p.m., 4500 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA 23221 Phone: 353-9477

CENTRAL VIRGINIA AFFIRMATION

A support group for lesbian and gay concerns within the United Methodist Church.

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Pace Memorial United Methodist Church, 700 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA. Mail to: P.O. Box 25615, Richmond 23260 Phone: 746-1204

WOMEN**RICHMOND LESBIAN/FEMINISTS**

A social & political organization open all women. A monthly newsletter is available. P.O. Box 7216, Richmond, VA 23221 Phone: 355-3996

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A co-op bookstore offering books for, about & by women. 2132 W. Main St. Richmond, VA 23220 (Inside Fare Share Grocery) Phone: 788-1607

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 7

7:00 pm - MCC. Membership Class. Call 353-9477 for info.

February 8

7:30 pm - Richmond NOW meeting. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 783-8285 for information.

7:30 pm - MCC. Prayer Group. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

February 10

1:00 pm - National Lesbian Conference meeting. Conference room B, Richmond Public Library on Franklin St. Call Shirley at 282-9219 for information.

February 11

5:00 pm - MCC. Potluck Supper. Call 353-9477 for info.

6:30 pm - MCC. Worship Service. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

6:30 pm - Dignity/Integrity. Elections of Officers in Norwood Room of St. Paul's Episcopal. Special Valentine Treat following elections.

February 12

OUT! Richmond meeting at the Public Library on Franklin St. Call Shirley at 282-9219 for information.

7:30 pm - Central Virginia Affirmation Worship Service. Reception following. Pace Memorial UMC

February 13

7:00 pm - Women Writers Group meeting at the YWCA, 6 N. Fifth St. Call Liz at 355-4170 for info.

8:30 pm - MCC. Honky Tonkin'. Call 353-9477 for info.

February 14

11:00 am to Noon - ERA vigil at the State Capitol, sponsored by Richmond NOW.

7:30 pm - PFLAG meeting at the Stone House at Forest Hill Park. Call Mary at 270-1853 for information.

February 15

7:00 pm - Womenbooks potluck dinner. Roundhouse at Byrd Park. All women are invited.

February 17

1-5:00 pm - MCC. Bible & Homosexuality Class. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

7:00 pm - MCC C•A•R•E•S Valentine Banquet. Call 353-9477 for tickets.

February 18

6:30 pm - Dignity/Integrity. The Function of Religion in our lives...program by Father Phil Kanicki in Norwood Room of St. Paul's Episcopal.

February 19

10:00 pm - VCU GLBSA, Community Service Project Planning. Call 355-7239 for info.

February 20

7:00 pm - Women Writers Group meeting at the YWCA, 6 N. Fifth St. Call Liz at 355-4170 for info.

February 23

7:30 pm - Dignity/Integrity. Banquet Liturgy, St. Paul's Chapel. Reception following in Norwood Room.

February 23 - 25

Dignity/Integrity, 14th Anniversary Weekend

February 24

1:00 pm - VCU GLBSA, Triangle Network Meeting. Call 355-7239 for info.

6:00 pm - Dignity/Integrity 14th Anniversary Banquet at The Richmond Centre. For more information, call 730-6472. Reservations must be received by February 15.

8-10:30 pm - Women's Coffeehouse at YWCA, 6 N. Fifth St.

February 25

6:30 pm - Dignity/Integrity Banquet Program - "Sex Therapy for Lesbians and Gays" by Stephen Lenton in the Norwood Room.

6:30 pm - MCC. Worship Service.

Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

February 26

7:30 pm - Central Virginia Affirmation program "Coming Out." Pace Memorial UMC.

February 27

7:00 pm - Women Writers Group meeting at the YWCA, 6 N. Fifth St. Call Liz at 355-4170 for info.

8:30 pm - MCC. Honky Tonkin'. Call 353-9477 for info.

February 28

7:30 pm - MCC. Ash Wednesday Service. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

March 1

7:00 pm - MCC. Membership Class. Call 353-9477 for info.

March 2 - 3

Congress of HIV Concerned Citizens weekend retreat. Contact Stephen Lenton at 359-4616 for details. \$15 donation requested.

March 3

6:00 pm - Virginia Chapter National Leather Association at Alexander's Restaurant, 3129 W. Cary Street.

March 4

6:30 pm - MCC. Worship Service. Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

March 7

MCC. Start of six-week Lenten Living Room Series. Call 353-9477 for info.

March 11

5:00 pm - MCC. Potluck Supper. Call 353-9477 for info.

6:30 pm - MCC. Worship Service.

Friends Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 353-9477 for info.

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