

Gay National News

Two more Friends

Washington, DC, June 24...Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and John Chafee (R-R.I.) have become the ninth and tenth senators respectively to cosponsor the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. Senate.

NGLTF Conference

Washington, DC, July 7, 1988...The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will host a national conference for gay and lesbian organizations on November 18-20, 1988 in Washington, DC. The conference, entitled CREATING CHANGE: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR GAY & LESBIAN ORGANIZATIONS, is open to all gay and lesbian organizations.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Street NW, Washington. Registration fees will range from \$50-\$100 depending on the size of an organization's annual budget.

For more, write: NGLTF CREATING CHANGE, 1517 U St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Lesbian Marine convicted

PARRIS ISLAND, SC, July 14, 1988...Marine Cpl. Barbara Baum, 23, was convicted of sodomy, obstruction of justice, and committing indecent acts with women and was sentenced on June 10, 1988 to one year in prison.

Letters urging that Baum's conviction be overturned and her sentence waived should be mailed to:

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Hoar
Marine Corps Recruits Depot
Parris Island, SC 29905

and

The Honorable Frank Carlucci
Dept. of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

More Anti-Gay Violence

Washington, DC, June 7, 1988...An NGLTF report released today showed a record high of seven thousand and eight (7,008) incidents of violence against gays in 1987, as compared to 4,946 incidents reported in 1986. Incidents included verbal harassment, intimidation, assault, police abuse, vandalism, arson, bomb threats and murder. The reported violence was perpetrated by lone individuals, gangs and organized hate groups, and occurred in a variety of settings—on the street, in school, on campus, in jail and prison, and even in the home.

Gays Sue NYNEX

New York, N.Y., June 15, 1988...Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. has filed a discrimination complaint against NYNEX, the telephone company serving New York State and New England, for refusing a request to establish a "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" listing in the New York City Yellow Pages.

The suit, on behalf of The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Heritage of Pride, and Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), all located in New York City, alleges that the refusal violates the New York City ordinance that prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

Marine appeal upheld

Tacoma, WA...On February 10, 1988, a San Francisco court ruled in favor of Perry Watkins in the case of SSG Perry J. Watkins vs the U. S. Army. The Circuit Court stated that homosexuals, do constitute a suspect class and so are protected under the Equal Protection Doctrine. This, if upheld, would be the first time in the history of the U.S. judicial system that homosexuals were granted protection of their rights.

For more information write to: "Rebel With A Cause" Foundation, P.O. Box 860, Tacoma, WA 98401, Phone (206) 752-4551.

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