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TASKFORCE AND AFFILIATE NEWS

Immediately following, 9:30-11:00 am on Sunday at the Waldorf Astoria, Park Avenue Suite S, is the program "Watching the Right: What Librarians Need to Know," with a panel of four experts (listed in the March *SRRT Newsletter*), moderated by **Jim Danky** and **John Chemey**. Get there early. *American Libraries* (May 1996) has highlighted this one among its "Programs and Events of Special Interest," so seating may be scarce. At the start of the meeting, the Jackie Eubanks Award will be presented to **Chris Dodge**. Congratulations, Chris!

The second program, 9:30-11:00 am on Monday, July 8, held in Room 1A 28 in the Javits Convention Center, is "The Alternative Press on the Internet," cosponsored by the Alternative Press Center, Alternatives in Print Task Force, and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association. Panelists will be **Debra Floyd**, East Coast Director, Institute for Global Communications; **Stacy Horn**, president and founder of ECHO (East Coast Hang Out), an electronic salon of over 3,000 members; **A.H.S. Boy**, Internet Archivist, Situationist International; and

Sam Husseini, Activist Coordinator, FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting). The program will be chaired by **Peggy D'Adamo** and **Dan Tsang** (for more information, you can contact Peggy at: mdadamo@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu). This topic is also likely to draw a crowd!

That evening, Monday, July 8, 6:00-9:00 pm, we will hold another "Food for Thought: Free Speech Buffet" where small press and alternative publishers from the New York City area can display their materials and meet librarians. This will be the fourth of these almost annual events. The location, arranged by **Elaine Harger**, is the Mechanics Library of the historic General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen (founded 1792). The hundred-year-old building is located just off Fifth Avenue near the New York Public Library at 20 West 44th Street.

FEMINIST?

FTF WEB SITE

The Feminist Task Force has a home page on

published numerous essays and articles. She is currently a doctoral candidate in English at Rutgers University, and director of Diverse Community Affairs, where she addresses lesbian and gay concerns, as well as those of students with disabilities.

Minnie Bruce Pratt is a well-known lesbian poet and essayist. She has received numerous awards for her poetry collection, *Crime Against Nature*. Her most recent book, *S/He*, a collection of prose stories, was reviewed in the Fall 1995 issue of *Women in Libraries*. These stories are actually "personal vignettes," wrote our reviewer, "brief invitations to witness a woman's private thoughts as she encounters the people in her life ... Every encounter is laced with the author's attempt to understand the difference between her roles as a female and as a woman. Like her son, she, too, 'wrestles with bone and flesh as [s/he] balances his fugitive selves.'" Pratt's stories appear at the intersection of American women's liberation, the writings of women of color in the U.S. and abroad, and lesbian and gay liberation.

Crime Against Nature,

ship and literature. And **Christine A. Jenkins**

GLBTF BOOK AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 1997 award. The Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Awards are presented to English-language works published the year prior to the announcement date and are given in two categories: Literature and Nonfiction. All books published in December 1995 or in the first eleven months of 1996 are eligible. The award, which consists of a commemorative plaque and cash stipend, is announced in February and presented to the winning authors or editors at the ALA Annual Conference in June.

Nominations for the Book Awards may be made by any individual not affiliated with the publisher of the book being nominated. A short statement describing why a book is being nominated must accompany the nomination, which must be submitted to the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Awards Committee Chair by November 30, 1996. Mail must be postmarked by the nomination deadline. Nominations will be accepted by regular and electronic mail or fax. Nominations should be sent to:

John DeSantis, Chair

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Awards Committee
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SOCIAL HOUR

Please join us for the annual GLBTF Social Hour, which will be held on Saturday, July 6, 6:00-8:00 pm. This year, the Social Hour is proudly hosted by the Pat Parker/Vito Russo Center Library at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St. This is a great time to meet new and old GLBTF friends and to see the Center Library and Archives. If you've never attended a GLBTF social hour before, please come this year!

FEMINIST PRESS RECEPTION

"Celebrating Librarians: Making the Unknown Known" is a reception celebrating 25 years of support for the work of the Feminist Press by librarians. Cosponsored by the GLBTF, ACRL's Women's Studies Section, and the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, this reception features authors **Maureen Brady, Lois Elias, Ruth Limmer, Robin Morgan, Meredith Tax, and Marilyn Hafner**. The reception will be held on Sunday, July 7, 7:30-9:30 pm, at B. Smith's Restau-

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OFF-OFF BROADWAY WITH PLG

PLG is organizing a "field trip" to En Garde Art's 10th anniversary production of "The Trojan Women: A Love Story." This site-specific performance of **Chuck Mee, Jr.'s** new play will take place among the decaying (but safe) East River Park Ampitheater,

HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Nearly forty million U.S. citizens now live below the poverty level (\$14,763 for a family of four). Children are the fastest growing segment of the poor. Twenty-five percent of children under six years of age in this nation are living in poverty and 40% of the 37 million individuals living below the poverty level are under sixteen.

What do the increasing numbers of people living in poverty mean for libraries? To borrow from

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The event is a fundraiser to endow the Book Award and to ensure its future.*

Monday, July 8, 1996

8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

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