



Year End Legislative Report Card

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has issued its year-end Federal Legislative Report covering the first session of the 101st Congress. The report provides information on the voting and co-sponsorship records of all 535 members of Congress from January to December 1989, and gives an insight into the legislative progress of the federal Gay/Lesbian civil rights and AIDS agenda.

Among other findings, the report shows which members of Congress have "perfect" voting records and which need work. For example, 85 members of the House voted for the NGLTF pro-Gay position all of the time, while 41 members voted against NGLTF every time. In the Senate, 14 voted for the NGLTF position all of the time while 12 voted against Gays every time.

Senate lawmakers were tracked on four key Gay/Lesbian and AIDS votes: The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), a measure that extends anti-discrimination protections to people with AIDS and HIV; two votes on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) anti-Gay Helms' amendment; and an amendment offered by Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) that would have banned federal funds from school programs that presented homosexuality as "normal, natural or healthy".

In the House, members were tracked on eight key votes including the Hate Crimes Statistics Act; the NEA anti-Gay amendment, four votes on the "Armstrong amendment" that exempts religious educational institutions in the District of Columbia from anti-discrimination laws, and two votes on restricting educational materials relating to homosexuality.

"This report is our way of providing information to the Gay and Lesbian community about the performance of their members mid-way through the 101st congress," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF legislative director. "We want to make sure activists can review the standing of their lawmakers on our issues and then lobby them to improve that standing."

The NGLTF report reveals that so far the current Congress appears to be a "mixed bag" for Gays and Lesbians — with progress being made in some areas while ground is lost in others. For example, more people are co-sponsoring Gay/Lesbian and AIDS bills, but the necessary support to defeat the anti-Gay Armstrong Amendment has not been attained.

Leading the way in the Senate on Gay and AIDS-related issues are Hawaii, Rhode Island and Vermont, with the entire delegations of those states voting for Gays and Lesbians 100 percent of the time. At the bottom of the Senate list is Idaho, with its delegation voting for Gays zero percent of the time.

In the House, Rhode-Island led the way with its delegation voting for Gays and responsible AIDS policy 94 percent of the time, while members from Alaska, New Hampshire and Wyoming voted for Gays zero percent of the time.

The Arizona delegations in both Senate and House ranked in the bottom ten states on the list. Arizona Senators voted favorably 25% of the time on Gay/Lesbian/AIDS issues, while House members voted favorably 33% of the time for those issues.

In last weeks OBSERVER we printed a guest editorial by Charlie Harrison of the Arizona Committee for Progress (ACP), the Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee for Arizona. As promised, here are the voting records of Democratic Senator Dennis DeConcini and Republican Senator John McCain on 22 bills that affected the Gay and Lesbian and the AIDS community of Arizona. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, which is the congressional watchdog on the voting records of our congressmen and senators have indicated by an "R" or "W" for right or wrong vote or "NV" for no vote by these two Arizona senators on these 22 bills.

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W	1. '86 D.C. INSURANCE	NV
R	2. MARRIAGE LICENSE TESTING	W
R	3. AZT SUPPLEMENTAL	R
W	4. IMMIGRATION	W
W	5. '87 D.C. INSURANCE	W
W	6. CDC-EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	W
W	7. VA HOSPITAL TESTING	W
W	8. HEALTH CARE WORKERS	W
R	9. NEEDLES #1	W
W	10. NEEDLES #2	W
W	11. NEEDLES #3	W
W	12. EUTHENASIA	W
W	13. DRUG/SEX OFFENDERS TESTING	W
W	14. HELMS EDUCATION AMENDMENT #1	W
W	15. HELMS EDUCATION AMENDMENT #2	W
W	16. KENNEDY EDUCATION AMENDMENT	W
R	17. S.1220 FINAL PASSAGE	R
W	18. ARMSTRONG "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS" AMENDMENT	W
W	19. CRANSTON-KENNEDY EDUCATION AMENDMENT	W
W	20. HELMS AMENDMENT TO STRIKE CRANSTON-KENNEDY	W
W	21. HELMS EDUCATION AMENDMENT	W
W	22. HUMPHREY "PROMOTION" AMENDMENT	W

18 out of 22
wrong votes

19 out of 22
wrong votes
one not voting

O'Leary Resigns NGRA Under Fire

by Dennis Conkin

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - Jean O'Leary, the executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the troubled Gay public interest law firm, abruptly resigned from her post on December 4.

O'Leary had been under fire amidst revelations that in recent years she received an estimated \$100,000 a year in salary and bonuses and allegations that NGRA conducted direct-mail and telemarketing campaigns for projects that never materialized.

Charges surfaced shortly before her resignation that O'Leary had also allegedly used NGRA resources and staff time to engage in partisan politics, including work for the Dukakis presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

Richard White, chair of the NGRA Board of Directors announced O'Leary's resignation. White also announced that Leonard Graff, the agency's outgoing legal director, had been appointed as interim executive Director of the organization.

William Pratt, NGRA director of community affairs, was appointed director of operations for the agency. Jim McDaniel will continue to be director of development.

"It is with deep regret and mixed feelings that I tender my resignation after eight years as executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates... Unfortunately, differences of opinion and vision, exacerbated by internal strife had made it far too difficult for me to be effective in an organization I cherish," O'Leary's resignation letter stated.

"This compounded by the relentless, and clearly orchestrated attacks in the press are damaging for NGRA. For months, I have attempted to take the high road in this feeding frenzy in the press. It is almost impossible for a reasonable answer to be heard amidst the drama and hyperbole of many groundless accusations and innuendoes," O'Leary said.

"It comes as no surprise to me that these baseless attacks are made upon a woman in a powerful and wealthy national organization," her letter said.

One noted Lesbian attorney said O'Leary's response was "a complete smokescreen."

"Jean O'Leary isn't being criticized because of her gender. She owes it to herself and the community she purports to serve to be much more honest. It's sad she hasn't learned any significant lessons from this," Mary Dunlap said.

"Jean O'Leary was supposedly paid astronomical sums of money because she's a master of the media. How she is, now, suddenly at its terrible mercy escapes me. If she was so brilliant in her public relations capacity, why would she be such a victim as she suggests?"



JEAN O'LEARY

She is a victim of her own lack of credibility."

O'Leary may not be the only one suffering from credibility problems in the Gay community, said Fred Ponder, a former member of the NGRA Board.

"Directors who were strong advocates of O'Leary should be held accountable. It's pretty self evident that the next step is for the directors who voted to fire the staff attorneys to resign," Ponder said. "The credibility and integrity of NGRA has been greatly damaged. Jean was the major source of that, but she didn't fire the attorney's, the board of directors did."

Ponder lauded the courage and integrity of Cynthia Goldstein, Ben Schatz and Bill Eisentraut, former NGRA Director of Community Affairs, for bringing allegations of O'Leary's mismanagement and staff abuse to the attention of the Gay community.

Eisentraut resigned from the agency in September. Schatz and Goldstein were fired by the NGRA Board after revelations of O'Leary's management practices surfaced in the press. Both have reached termination settlements with the firm.

In his first move as the agency's interim director, Graff announced that the agency would immediately develop personnel policies, including grievance procedures, for the staff, something Goldstein and Schatz were not entitled to.

Responding to an incident in which O'Leary made sexually abusive and violent comments about Goldstein, Graff said that such comments are "inappropriate and out of place" in the Gay human rights organization.

UPDATE

COMMUNITY AWARDS VOTING JANUARY 6 - 14

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson Committee will be accepting ballots for the 1989 Awards from Jan. 6 through Jan. 14. If you are a registered CAT Award voter, ballots will be available at the bars, business establishments and organizations in the community. Each vote is important to select the recipient of the different awards. The Merit Awards and the Rev. Bernardo David Humanitarian Award will be the only awards voted on by the C.A.T. Committee, all other awards will be the results of the voting by the general public.

The Awards Dinner and presentation will be held at the Quality Inn, 1601 North Oracle Road, January 27. Cocktails will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The Awards presentations and entertainment will follow dinner. Tickets are on sale for \$15.00 per person and reserved tables for ten people are available for \$150.00 per table. Reserved tables will be assigned as they are reserved.

This is the Third Annual Community Awards of Tucson and promises to be the event of the year. Tickets may be purchased at the door but reservations are encouraged.

7th ANNUAL PHOENIX REGIONAL INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
PHOENIX - The 7th Annual People and Persons Bowling Tournament will be held here Feb. 16, 17 and 18. Entry deadline is Feb. 1. Team Bowling will be held at the Maricopa Lanes and the singles and doubles tournaments will be held at the Northgate Bow.

Cost for the tournament is \$50 which includes all three events and a sit-down banquet or \$12 for any individual event (banquet not included). The fee for the banquet only is \$21. There will also be an optional scratch event - \$10.

The guarantee prize money is \$250 1st; \$150 2nd and \$100 3rd in Men's Singles and Women's Singles. Doubles (per team) prizes are \$400, \$300 and \$200. Team Prizes (per team) is \$600, \$400 and \$300.

STATUS OF GAY RIGHTS - JAN. 19
TUCSON - The beginning of a new decade is a great time to talk about what has happened to Gay and Lesbian rights, legally and politically, says a local attorney, Pam Liberty.

That's what she'll be doing Friday, Jan. 19, at an Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson.

"A lot happened in the eighties," she said. "And more needs to happen in the nineties."

Liberty was graduated in 1984 from the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. During her law school days, she worked as a clerk with the Lesbian Rights Project.

After graduation, she was awarded a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship to work in poverty law on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. From there, she joined Legal Aid in Tucson. She entered private practice a year ago.

She is a member of the Tucson AIDS Project Board of Directors. The University Medical Center AIDS Education Project and the Wingspan advisory board.

Get acquainted time begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for members and newcomers.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONDOM CAMPAIGN
TUCSON - The Pima County Health Department in cooperation with the Ansell Corp. (makers of "Life-style" condoms) and area bars sponsored their 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Condom Campaign. The purpose of the campaign was to emphasize the importance of prevention and personal responsibility in the community's war against AIDS and other sexually transmitted disease.

Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva assisted Dr. Guadalupe S. Olivas, Director of the Pima County Health Department and her staff in distributing free condoms and AIDS education materials at 40 participating bars during the evening of Dec. 31. Twelve thousand condoms were distributed during the evening.

All seven of the Tucson Gay bars were included in the campaign.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP AND TUCSON'S LA FRONTERA CENTER RECEIVE \$50,000 GRANT FROM CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
PHOENIX - The Phoenix Shanti Group and La Frontera Center of Tucson each was selected to receive a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors Fund AIDS Education Project targeting hard-to-reach populations. Nearly \$1 million was provided to 23 organizations nationwide.

J. Thomas Cochran, Executive Director of the Conference of Mayors, said in announcing the grants that funding of prevention projects at the local level "represents the nation's best hope for stemming the growth of AIDS. Efforts such as these, at the local level, supported both by the federal government and the nation's mayors, can provide life-saving AIDS/HIV information to those who need it the most - those individuals who engage in high risk activities."

Cochran also said, the Conference of Mayors is "pleased to be a partner of the Centers for Disease Control, helping to provide technical and financial support for these AIDS education programs."

The projects announced in this eighth round of AIDS grants, will target hard-to-reach populations such as Blacks, Hispanics, Gays and Bisexuals, people with HIV, people with AIDS and substance abusers, among others.

La Frontera's target population will be Native American substance abusers and they will conduct village-by-village, door-to-door outreach; hold educational presentation to elders, traditional healers, tribal officials and religious leaders; distribute condoms and demonstrate use; distribute bleach and literature; develop culturally and linguistically appropriate materials. All activities will be in the O'odham language.

The Phoenix Shanti Group received its grant to target People with HIV infection. Their activities will include conducting 10-week group counseling sessions for 11 groups of 15-20 people; provide emotional support groups to between 400 and 600 people.

Since 1985, over \$3.2 million for HIV/AIDS efforts have been provided to 116 organizations by panels of independent judges assembled by the Conference of Mayors.

'Living Through Death' Grief Group Begins Wed. Jan. 3rd
A few openings remain. Those interested in joining this current group. Call the Shanti office to sign-up. A few late registrations will be permitted due to the holiday schedules.

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Low doses of AZT found effective and even safer

NEW YORK, NY - As many as half of all patients who take the recommended dose of AZT suffer side effects of severe anemia and other blood disorders, and as a result many discontinue taking the drug. But critics charge that the thousands who are suffering these side effects are doing so unnecessarily because the government has delayed considering a lower dose.

Two recent studies have shown that low doses of the only approved drug therapy for AIDS, AZT, are just as effective for many patients as the standard doses and are less likely to cause dangerous side effects.

Although doctors are free to prescribe lower doses, even without the official approval of the federal government and without a change in the drug's label, advocates for people with AIDS say many doctors are reluctant to do so. The drug's manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co., needs the approval of the Food and drug administration to change the dose recommended on the label.

At high doses, the drug is much more likely to suppress cells of the bone marrow, which produce red and white blood cells. Patients become anemic and may have to have regular blood transfusions to stay on AZT. Yet, said Mark Harrington, a member of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), many doctors do not suggest lower doses, even when patients are severely affected by the high dose.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said, "Things can and should move more quickly." He attributed his agency's delays to a series of bureaucratic hindrances. Burroughs

Wellcome insists it is moving expeditiously and working with the FDA to consider changing the dose listed on the drug's label.

The recommended dose is also the standard in clinical trials comparing AZT with experimental drugs for treatment of AIDS. Some people with AIDS say they are not interested in participating in studies in which they may have to take the higher AZT dose. Peter Staley, a member of ACT-UP, said the high dose of AZT was a disincentive to people who might volunteer for a new study comparing AZT with DDI or dideoxyinosine - an experimental drug. Researchers have said they are having problems recruiting for this study.

The recommended AZT dose is 1,200 milligram a day, but the results of the two recent studies by the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases showed that as few as 500 milligrams a day were just as effective and far less toxic.

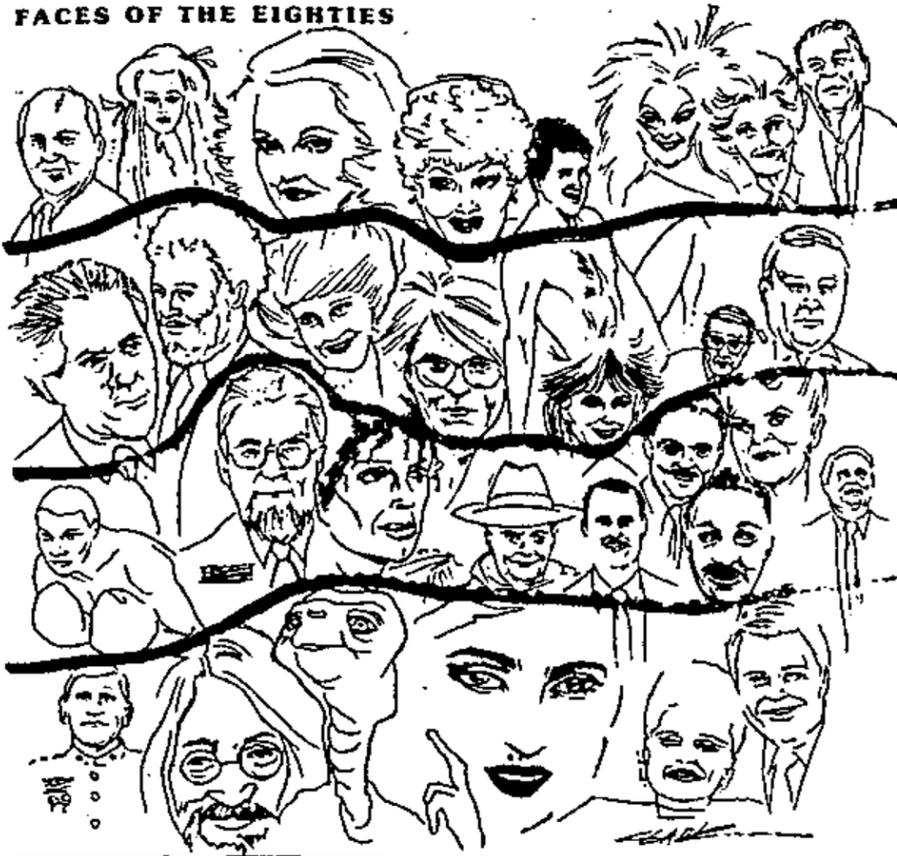
Conceding he is "not satisfied with how quickly things have gone," Fauci said he was trying to expedite reviews of AZT dosages in clinical trials conducted by the institute and wanted to convene a group of experts to consider recommending a lower dose to physicians.

A spokeswoman for Burroughs Wellcome, Kathy Bartlett, said the company submitted data to the FDA within the past month on the effectiveness of the lower dosages. "I think we've worked very hard to submit data as rapidly as it becomes available," she said. A FDA advisory board will meet January 29 and 30 to discuss AZT doses. [Excerpted from an article by Gina Kolata in the New York Times]

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On the cover of last week's issue, our art director Gary Clark grouped together some of the more popular persons who made news headlines during the past decade. It was interesting to see the response from those viewing that cover. Many, we are sure, correctly identified the entire group of 30 personalities.

For those who may have not been able to identify all, here is a rundown on the people pictured reading from left to right:

Top row: Mikhail Gorbachev; Boy George; Betty Davis; Lucille Ball; Rock Hudson; Divine; Nancy and Ronald Reagan.

Row 2: Barney Frank; Robert Bork; Lady Di; Andy Warhol; Liz Taylor; Evan Mecham; Edwin Meese.

Row 3: Mike Tyson; Dr. Everett Koop; Michael Jackson; Truman Capote; Leonard Matlovitch; Jesse Jackson; Martin Luther King; Rose Mofford; Jimmy Swaggart.

Row 4: Ollie North; John Lennon; ET; Madonna; Tammy and Jim Baker.

 TO THE GAY COMMUNITY:
 WE WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE
 CANCELLATION OF OUR ANNUAL HAYRIDE.

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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

NEWS AND COMMENTARY

WORLD NEWS: In Poland, the Polish Parliament passed several major pieces of legislation overhauling the economy and the government. The Sejm (the Polish Parliament), passed legislation allowing citizens to acquire private property. Also passed in the Sejm was legislation allowing political parties to form, and dropping the word "people" from the official name of the country - instead of the "People's Republic of Poland", the name will be the "Republic of Poland".

In Lithuania, (the Soviet Republic), the Communist Party voted to break with Moscow and to become an independent organization. Also passed was legislation to allow independent political parties to organize. The first party formed in Lithuania was the Democrats - they stated they had 2,000 members.

In Romania, a government official, Corneliu Bogdan, stated that the Communist Party is dead and will not be allowed to take control as the country moves towards democracy.

In Israel, the Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, started a major political crisis by dismissing a Labor Party Minister. Shamir fired Science Minister, Ezer Weizman, accusing him of defying government policy against contradicting the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Vice Premier Shimon Peres, the Labor Leader, stated that Shamir's action has provoked a serious crisis.

NATIONAL NEWS

The Senate Ethics Committee recently voted to investigate six senators. They are investigating Senators DeConcini and McCain of Arizona, Senator Riegle of Michigan and Senators Cranston of California and Glenn of Ohio, regarding the Lincoln Savings affair. The committee will also be investigating Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York regarding dealings with HUD.

It looks like the U.S. will not get former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega. The newly installed Panamanian government will ask the Vatican to hand over the former dictator, who is holed up in the Papal Embassy. The government is preparing murder charges against Noriega.

COMMENTARY

I have three points to discuss, (really get off my chest - my severe partisanship, and the Observer's Handbook column in the Western Express.

Point #1: Senator DeConcini. I welcome Mr. Harrison's response to my Dec. 20 column. (I am just sorry that it was a Phoenician - not a Tucsonan). Mr. Harrison did bring up some good points like Leconcini's voting record on Gay and Lesbian issues. It is terrible, but there is always room for improvement, which I will be closely working with the Senator and his staff.

Mark my words, we will see dramatic change for the better in Senator DeConcini's voting record.

Mr. Harrison stated that every intelligent Arizonan knew that Mr. Charles Keating is a slimeball, and that Senator DeConcini still dealt with him. Senator DeConcini had studies done on Lincoln Savings and Keating. The studies were conducted by Alan Greenspan (who is now the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board) and the Arthur Young Company, one of the country's most prominent accounting firms. These reports stated that Lincoln Savings was a firm that was reputable, and on a



REP. JOHN KRONKO (L) WITH MARK KERR OF THE LAMBDA DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS AND OBSERVER POLITICAL REPORTER.

relatively good foundation. With extremely credible information, what would you do? I still support DeConcini. He is a good man, a good Senator and good for Arizona.

Point #2: My severe partisanship. It has been brought up that I would support any candidate who runs as a Democrat. I would also drop their name more times than dishes at a Greek Wedding. This is not true. I am strong in my beliefs; for workers to have the right to collectively bargain, to raise the minimum wage, for a national health insurance program, for civil rights.

In the 1988 election there were candidates who ran as Democrats that I did not endorse, for example in Legislative Dist. 10, State Senator Jesus Higuera, who I had reservations about. Don Vance, who ran for the State House of Representatives in Legislative Dist. 12, whose view on various issues are to the right of Jesse Helms; Ed Moore who won his re-election to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and has caused nothing but turmoil in the term that he served, and still serves on the Board. The Democratic nominee for Mine Inspector, Bert Romero, who I had a lot of reservations about, and thank heavens so did the electorate. I am not severe in my partisanship. I am very strong in my beliefs.

Point #3: The Observer's Notebook. Robert Varnell has done it again. In his recent column in the Western Express, he wrote about the Republicans and Homosexuals. He wrote about the meeting that President Bush and two Gay Republicans had. Varnell hailed this as a major step. My comment is "talk is cheap, action is better".

Varnell wrote about California Senator Pete Wilson's courting of the Gay Republican vote for his run for governor. What I find interesting was, if Wilson is such a big supporter, why wasn't he in Anaheim for the State Republican Convention urging delegates to vote against the anti-Gay resolutions offered by Rep. Robert Dornan and William Dannemeyer.

If Mr. Varnell is so hot on the Republicans, he should go smooze up to the Arizona State Republican Chair Burton Kruglick, also to Representative Leslie Whiting-Johnson and the right-wing crazies in the State House and see how far he will go. The answer is simple - Nowhere!

Until next time, take care.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well, here we go - "The Gay 90s". This will be one decade we will will enjoy because, I predict, they will come up with a cure for AIDS, and everyone will have larger take-home paychecks.

This coming weekend it's club meeting time again. To start this year out, TKO will be meeting at the Fiesta Lanes, to roll a few balls down the alleys after their meeting. If you are not doing anything, stop by around 3:00 p.m. and join them bowling.

Also this Saturday, Jan. 6, DL will be having a Beer Bust at the Graduate starting at 2:00 p.m. Following, starting at 8:30ish, DL will be having a variety show. This will be a full, fun-filled day for them, so stop by and join the Desert Leathermen.

Coming up shortly, it will be the CAT Awards voting. Watch the OBSERVER for all the details.

It may not have been the best showing of the Wildcats on the football field, but we did win, the first Copper Bowl.

Now with that, for the second week in a row, another short column. Don't worry, once I get my new den all set up, I'll get back to normal - as normal as possible for me. Have a beautiful and loving week.



DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who pulled together on New Years Eve to help us raise money for the C.A.T. Committee. First of all to the many customers who gave so generously.

The people and business that donated items to be auctioned or cash donations: Roger from the Graduate; Peter from Rumors and French Quarter; Eddie Gallego from Old Town Artisans; Greg from Fudruckers; John from Books Brothers; Skeets and Chuck from AA Vending; Ben and Annie; Rip and Gary; Rhonda; the performers in our fabulous show: The Scream Girls; Michelle Kristie (you keep getting better and better); Queen Moose; Lucinda; Lissette. All of those people who helped behind the scenes: Little Mike, Gary; Eddie; Steven Rossi; Penny Peters (fabulous hair); Aviva Diamond and James (thanks for the dress); Bill Finley on video (no blackmail please).

Most of all, I would like to thank the best staff anyone could ever have. You always go above and beyond the call of duty! Thanks to you, IBT's is coming back stronger than ever and we can look forward to a great New Years.

Again, thank you Tucson and Happy New Year.

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

As you can readily tell by comparing the date of this issue and the subject matter of this column, I don't do personal New Year's Resolutions. If I did, then this column would have been written in a more timely fashion. I would have so resolved.

However, as I said before, I don't make New Year's Resolutions any more. Most of the ones I made in the past were history as soon as I got close to the food table at whatever New Year's Eve Bash I was at, or as soon as I got belted up to the bar, or as soon as I opened the refrigerator door. Whichever came first.

There was one resolution however, that I was successful with for four months. It involved working out regularly. If the gym hadn't had showers, I wouldn't have made it as long as I did. If I hadn't run out of money for the monthly membership, I'd probably still be going.

My most successful resolution was made my sophomore year in high school on December 31, 1964 and I'm proud to say I'm still keeping it. Sure, there have been some times when I've inadvertently broken it, and a few times when out of a sense of "Style" I've ignored my resolution, but still, I have, almost continuously since that date, intentionally worn matching socks.

Even though I no longer make my own resolutions however, I would like to offer up some resolutions for the Gay/Lesbian/AIDS communities of Tucson.

First, it would be a good thing for our community if we were to write to our men in Washington about our concerns. They don't get enough letters that an increase in letters about Gay/Lesbian/AIDS issues wouldn't have impact. Besides, Senators DeConcini and McCain would welcome any and all letters about something besides Lincoln Thrift and their impending doom.

It would behoove us as a community to treat our state legislators to the same kind of letter campaign, only also reminding them of our community's role in the ousting of Roy Laos. We not only vote, we work.

Also, on the state level perhaps we should write to State Representative Brenda Burns, even though she's not representing Tucson in any way. We should write describing in graphic and loving detail the ways in which semen, blood and HIV are passed so she will understand why, since sodomizing cops is not part of the booking procedure, most cops are safe from AIDS on the job.

I don't expect to enlighten her, she has too much at stake in ignorance, but I just love the idea of her receiving all this material in the mail which could almost be called pornographic except that it's so obviously being written to enlighten and educate her. And besides, even Brenda Burns deserves to get a little literate mail once in a while.

Another resolution we might make as a community is to continue our safer sex education efforts. My most recent encounter with someone I had met earlier at a bar was going well, we were both having a good time. When I pulled out my handy-dandy condom, he whiningly asked if we had to use it. We'd known each other all of four hours. Talk about throwing me off my feed. I was seriously no longer in the mood. I really don't need impediments like this man's ignorance in the way of my sex life. There are enough others.

These are just a few of the resolutions we, as a community might make. There are others, involving caring for the sick, raising money, using the words Gay and Lesbian to more consciously identify ourselves and our community to name a few. If one of these hits home, it's not too late to adopt another New Year's Resolution. If none of these touch you, then God love you anyway.

A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship

The story of the three wise men (magi) who came from the East to worship the Christ Child is told as part of the Christmas story. They came to Jerusalem seeking "Where is the One who has been born . . . We . . . have come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2). From the Bible we know very little about these magi. Magi were famed for their knowledge, not just of astrology and astronomy, as usually thought, but they were also well educated men in other others such as medicine and religion. They were the professors of the day.

These men probably arrived several months after the birth of Jesus Christ. Some parts of the Christian Church celebrate the coming of the wise men on Christmas day and others celebrate it on January 6th, called Epiphany. The important thing to remember is why they came, not when they came.

They came because they had read the prophecies in the scrip-

ture during their studies, and when the star appeared they interpreted it as a sign from God. The simple truth is they were obedient to God's leading in their lives. They discovered that God's communications, through the scriptures and the star, were not lies. God's son, the Savior, had been born. He was there for all who would come to Him.

This is not less true today. In our day people talk as if it is hard to find their way through the dogma and ritual of religion to find God. What a great misunderstanding! These magi were wise men because they sought and found Jesus Christ. Wise men and women still seek Him.

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BOOK REVIEW



A review of Leigh Rutledge's "The Gay Fireside Companion". (\$8.95 paperback, 286 pages). Published by Alyson Publications. by Dale Reynolds

Leigh Rutledge has published two previous books on the subject of homophile history, "The Book of Lists" and "Unnatural Quotations". Now with his third, "The Gay Fireside Companion", he finishes up this series in a grand way. Listing every subject of any possible interest to the Gay and Lesbian Community, Rutledge gives detailed descriptions and background on a variety of people and events. And it's all so splendidly interesting.

Going from absinthe (a yellowish-green liqueur favored by many 19th century 'aesthetes') to Prince Felix Yussoupov (a bisexual Russian Nobleman who helped assassinate Rasputin in 1916), in 286 pages, Rutledge entertains as he enlightens.

Some of the more engrossing topics include: the first U.S. YMCA (Boston, 1851); the greatest Mexican male impersonator (Conchita Jurado, 1864-1961); the homophobic rock group Guns n' Roses (Axle Rose is quoted as being "pro-heterosexual"); how actor John Gielgud was denied entrance into the United States because he had been convicted on a Gay-sex charge in 1953; Harvey Fierstein on drag ("You get a nice dress, shoes to match, and a purse. If you pick the right gloves, you're a drag queen."); Morton Downey, a close friend of the community (feh!) stating publicly that "the anus is an exit, not an entrance," as well as eight years in the

history of the AIDS epidemic, 1981-88, chapter-and-verse, horrific detail upon detail.

There is also the witty description of three giraffes turning Gay in a Taiwan zoo in 1985 and the semi-serious exploration of early Gay graffiti in Egypt, Greece and Rome, in addition to more contemporary writing found on bathroom walls from San Francisco and New York.

There is a lot of information in this marvelous book. It's the ultimate guide for the would-be Gay scholar, a book good for browsing and picking through, at one's leisure; so much better than merely moaning about the current state of Gay literature. And trust me that there is joy, as well as importance, in learning about our own people's background. After all, a people with no history will learn no lessons for use in the future. And knowing who our enemies have been (and continue to be) is just as important as the positive lessons and images of history. By naming those who have publicly denounced our community, Rutledge gives us ammunition to use against them.

It is possible that some of the arcane information in this grand book will not be of interest to all readers, but remember that even an encyclopedia cannot sustain interest indefinitely; one dips in whenever mood or need calls. And God knows we can all use appropriate quips and quotes at those special cocktail parties or church functions where the well-placed bon mot can be a helpful career boost, or perhaps, of use in some elaborate seduction.

So, is this long, entertaining book for you? Sure, if you are the inquiring type and enjoy knowledge for its own sake. Rutledge has a swift, smooth, readable style and he's done the rest of us a big favor by having plundered books, articles (and whatever else he could lay his hands on) in his search for the perfect Gay Fact. You can't go too wrong with this attractively laid-out book, and it does make a grand gift for the inquiring minds in your life, starting (lest you in some modesty forget) with yourself.

[Dale Reynolds is a writer and reviewer living in Los Angeles].

EXCERPTS FROM "THE GAY FIRESIDE COMPANION" by Leigh Rutledge (Alyson Publications, Boston):

GAY LIMERICKS

There was a young fellow of King's
 Who was weary of women and things.
 Said he, "My desire
 Is a boy from the choir,
 With an ass like Jello on springs"

A randy young Gay from north
 Wimley
 Was reproached for not acting
 quite primly
 Said he, "Lord above
 I know sex isn't love
 But it's such an attractive
 facsimile.

Said a playwright and poet named
 Wilde
 Whose life and good name were
 reviled.

"What on earth was the harm, No
 one twisted their arm —
 And not one of the boys is with
 child.

**EXPERTS' OPINIONS ON
 TRAITS OF HOMOSEXUALS**

"The Poor Whistler" by Dr. John Meagher in a 1929 article in a U.S. medical journal. "How to Spot Inverts". Homosexuals are characterized by their fondness for "pleasant artistic things and music". "Their favorite color is green". Homosexuals, he said, are also notoriously poor whistlers.

"Whatever else, just don't trust them" by Dr. La Forest Potter in 1933 in a book. "How to Spot Inverts": Among the dozens of "scientific" conclusions Potter discussed in his book were: homosexuals have a peculiar swinging motion of the hips due to an anatomical defect in the spine and pelvis; they also have abnormally wide hips, feminine buttocks, and hairless chests; they possess thick, luxuriant hair and soft delicate skin; their shoulders are sloped; they have large easily aroused nipples. Potter also claimed that homosexuals were "thoroughly unscrupulous and absolutely untrustworthy".

"More Modern Theory" by an unknown author in a 1977 National Lampoon magazine. How to Spot Inverts: In a now-classic satire of Anita Bryant — "Hi, I'm Anita Bryant. And I Can Cure Homosexuality in Just 10 Days!"

— The National Lampoon listed what it called "The Seven Deadly Signs of Homosexuality". They were: 1. Carrying your books funny. 2. Wearing short-sleeved shirts. 3. Spending too much time with girls. 4. Wearing your wrist-watch backwards. 5. Being careful

with your parents' car. 6. An interest in yoga. 7. Being polite to policemen.

LAST WORDS OF FAMOUS GAY MEN
 English critic and biographer Lytton Strachey (died in Hungerford, England - 1932): "If this is dying, then I don't think much of it."

Russian author Nikolai Gogol (died in Moscow - 1852: Hallucinating on his deathbed, "The ladder! Quick, pass me the ladder!")

French author Marcel Proust (died in Paris - 1922): "Mother..."

U.S. poet Hart Crane (died in the middle of the Caribbean Sea - 1932: "Goodbye, everybody!")

News from MCC Tucson

Another year, another decade has begun. As we begin this new year with great expectations for the fulfillment of our desires and needs, let us first give thanks for the year that has just passed. Yes, give thanks for even the adversities that happened for even in them we have learned much. It is time for the traditional "Resolutions" to be made - and also the time for those "Resolutions" to be broken. A wise man once said, live each day as though it were your last day on Earth, you will never have to fear the future and you can look back to the past with satisfaction.

The Christmas and New Year Holidays are the celebration of two new beginnings. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and the beginning of his life and ministry. New Year's Day is the beginning of a new era in each of our lives.

The year 1990 promises to be a great year in the life of MCC/Tucson. There will be many changes made during the year. We look forward to this coming year as some of our dreams become reality, as some of our hopes become promises fulfilled and as some of our prayers are answered to the fullest.

It is our fervent prayer that this new year will bring to each of you, a year of great joy and a year of love and laughter.

Thought for the Week: Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. —Mark Twain.

Inside The Washington Lobby

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by Chai Feldblum
and Laura Markowitz

Making it Legally Safe to Associate with a PWA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has the seal of approval from President Bush and the Senate, and is now being considered by four committees of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives. This Act has significant ramifications for people with AIDS and HIV infection, offering protection for such people against discrimination in the private sector.

But while the Senate and Bush Administration engaged in extensive negotiations over the ADA last spring, the House of Representatives was not officially involved in those discussions. The general feeling in the four House committees was that most of their concerns had not been met by the revised Senate bill, but a number of Republicans stated that they needed some additional "clarifications" in the bill. So Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD), who is part of the House Democratic leadership and Congressman Steve Bartlett (R-TX), a Republican on one of the four House committees, sat down to discuss the remaining questions around the ADA.

Both Hoyer and Bartlett agreed to discuss the ADA as it had passed the Senate. The two Congressmen resolved about a dozen issues, but there were a few on which they could not agree. One of those was an ADA provision that one may not discriminate against anyone who associates with a person with a disability (this includes anyone associating with a person with AIDS or HIV infection).

The association protection was apparently too broad for Bartlett, who felt it needed to be limited to association through blood, marriage or adoption. Hoyer refused to budge, pointing out that many people who are not related by blood or marriage often get discriminated against because of their association with people with disabilities. We certainly know of plenty of friends and lovers of PWAs, and health-care workers who care for PWAs, who have been discriminated against. The provision stayed in, unchanged.

Despite disagreements on

this issue and a few others, the overall discussions were successful and Bartlett agreed to support the ADA in his committee (the Education and Labor Committee). He reserved the right, however, to offer amendments on those issues on which agreement had not been reached, including the association provision.

When the substitute ADA was offered in Mid-November in the Education and Labor Committee by Congressman Major Owens (-NY), Bartlett offered an amendment to restrict the association provision. This time, he included "care-givers" among the associations that would be protected. For Gay and lesbian couples, however, this would still not afford protection to friends and lovers who are discriminated against because of their association with people with AIDS. An interesting discussion ensued in the committee when one Congressman asked Bartlett whether his amendment arose because of concerns about protecting Gay roommates. No clear response was given. Finally, after extensive discussion, the amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

While the ADA has now been approved in one committee — a real triumph — there are three more committees to go through and Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA), sits on two of those committees: Judiciary and Energy and Commerce. Dannemeyer will probably try to get PWAs completely excluded from ADA with a targeted anti-Gay amendment. Our best insurance against this is the White House's stated support for keeping PWAs in the bill and the lobbying that will be done by the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition and by the Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) coalition to maintain the protection.

Keeping the association protection strong will be a bit more complicated. The initial fear about the association provision seems to have stemmed from a basic conservative legalistic approach (which fears any provision that sounds too broad and therefore significantly expand legal protection) rather than from any



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specifically anti-Gay sentiment.

But, inevitably, the issue of protecting Gays and Lesbians comes up when association with PWAs is discussed and anti-Gay sentiment can then be triggered. The challenge in the coming months in the ADA will be not only to keep anti-discrimination protection strong for people with AIDS and HIV infection, but also to keep such protection strong for those of us who are friends and lovers of PWAs.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
GRADUATE - Desert Leathermen Monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. Also MCC will hold one of their fabulous Bake Sales in conjunction with DL beer bust.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
COLETTE'S - The wonderful vocal talents of Anne English begins at 8:30 p.m. No cover. Don't miss her.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
COLETTE'S - That great band Razz-N-Tazz returns for another evening of great music.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will present their January Beer Bust and will raffle lots of prizes from 2 until 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
FRENCH QUARTER - GRAND OPENING. This newest entry into the Tucson Gay Bar Scene officially opens its doors, even though it opened just before Christmas for a trial and error run. Appearing live will be the outstanding musical group "Connection". Watch for more information.

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) will hold their January Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. AND from 5 to 9 p.m. Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will present their monthly Casino Night with guest dealers and lots of nice prizes and lots of fun.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
COLETTE'S - Plans are being made to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. birthday here. Watch for details.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
COLETTE'S - Country and Western Wednesday festivities here once a month and this one will be hosted by Loren Johnson singing your favorites.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
COLETTE'S - A big Benefit for the Pro-Choice folks. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2.00 cover. Support this great cause.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
COLETTE'S - The wonderful musical talents of Lisa Otey will be presented here beginning at 9:00 p.m. No cover. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
COLETTE'S - Anne English entertains with her acoustic guitar and beautiful voice beginning at 8:30 p.m. No cover.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
COLETTE'S - It's time for that once-a-month "Soul Site" where the best of soul music is presented for listening and dancing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
FRENCH QUARTER - Jimmy Rose - Live! Watch for details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
C.A.T. Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. This is an important meeting prior to the Awards Presentation on Jan. 27.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
40's & Better group Business Meeting 7 p.m. Call 624-5247 for location. At these meetings the group plans future events.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
The New Men's Massage Group will meet 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Instruction, fun. Fee. Call Marc to reserve a space 881-4582 Tucson.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
40's and Better hold their Black and White Ball at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 2nd beginning at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
Attorney Pam Liberty will talk at the January meeting of Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association. Her subject will be the legal protections of Gay couples and the lack thereof. Couples and aspiring couples are urged to attend. Get acquainted time begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson. Meeting begins at 8. It is free for members and newcomers.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Third Annual Community Awards Of Tucson Presentation. This event will be held at the Quality Inn, 1601 North Oracle Road. Cocktails starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The Awards Presentations and entertainment will follow dinner. Tickets are on sale for \$15.00 per person and tables for ten can be reserved at \$150.00 per table. Tables will be assigned as they are reserved.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
40's & Better Hike and Picnic at Catalina State Park. Call 624-5247 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Ron Asta, former county planner, county supervisor and now private zoning consultant, will wax eloquent on growth in Tucson. Get Acquainted time is 7:30 p.m. at the Park Tucson Hotel. No charge for members and newcomers.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

EVERY MONDAY
Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

EVERY SATURDAY
HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti Office. Call 622-7107 to reserve a place.

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Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7:57 54.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch till 3 pm. specials all day. "Mine Down Nite" \$1.00 Mine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers \$1.50. Special Hot Drinks every day and evening.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites. IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Country Music, Line Dancing, Square Dancing - good food - great special - lots of fun with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 all day. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dog! DJ Dayne 9 to 1.

Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fleets Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffrey dj's starting at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1. RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on giant screen plus complimentary food by Coach John; Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house \$1.75. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. DJ Jeffrey 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Well Nite, all Well .75 (\$1 w/juice) Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50/Well drinks \$1.75; 7pm to 1am Long Neck Bud and Bud Light \$1.50, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffrey.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudnersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 - 8 pm Two for One. See our ad for specials or entertainment. Always Hot Music 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. All Imported Beer \$1.00 7 pm to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Regger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

Friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Jim Joplin Noon - 4 to 8 Two for One / Dancing with Gilbert 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. DJ from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Free Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday! Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour till 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

Saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm \$1.50. non-Premium Beer and \$1.75 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

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TUCSON - On Sunday, Dec. 10, Partners of Tucson hosted their annual Bowl-A-Thon benefit for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Nearly \$1,100 was pledged. The pledges are still being collected and all should be received by the second week in January before the awards ceremony and presentation on January 20.

Shown above, Ben Corbin, President of Partners is shown giving a check for part of the proceeds to Shanti Executive Director Natalie Perry.

All those who made pledges for this event are urged to get them in as soon as possible.



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A Bit Of Everything This Week

CAPSULE COLUMN #1: Belated kudos to syndicated television show "Star Trek: The Next Generation". On the second show of the third season (recently repeated), they had a finely wrought tribute to the 7 astronauts who lost their lives in the 1986 explosion of Shuttle Challenger.

In a scene near the end of the episode, "The Ensigns of Command," we see the side of one of the Enterprise's shuttlecraft. It bears the name "Onizuka". This is for Ellison S. Onizuka, a mission specialist on Challenger, who was the first Japanese-American astronaut.

Touches like this have made the "Star Trek" phenomenon last for decades. Remember the name of the first American Space Shuttle? Yes, it was "Enterprise" named for the space ship in the original series. Keep it up!

CAPSULE COLUMN #2: Theatre is alive and flourishing in America and Arizona. In the decade of the 1980s, over 20 million people saw a show on Broadway; nationally, over 102 million saw a touring version of a Broadway show.

Add the millions of regional, state and local professional theatre companies, plus amateur companies, and you get an astounding number of Americans attending the greatest entertainment of them all: live theatre.

If you are a theatre-goer wannabe, one of your first chances in the 1990s is the hilarious off-Broadway musical, comedy "Nunsense" starring Dody Goodman (one-time regular of the odd "Mary

Hartman, Mary Hartman" television show).

52 nuns die of food poisoning, and the convent has only enough money to bury 48 of them (the rest of the money having gone toward a new VCR — there being priorities, after all). Until the needed funds can be raised, the four nuns are kept in the freezer. Sound bizarre? Well, that's what the best of off-Broadway is made from.

At Arizona State University's Gammage Center, January 16, 17, 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$16, \$19, \$22.

At University of Arizona Centennial Hall Friday, Jan 19, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 20, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 21, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$16, \$22 and \$24.

Coming soon to Gammage: "Annie" and "The King and I". For more information call 955-3434.

CAPSULE COLUMN #3: If you missed it, look for it in reruns. I am talking about perhaps one of the best series-within-a-series, "The Capitol Conspiracy" arc in CBS' only good drama, "Wiseguy", starring Ken Wahl.

Since last year, this show has been growing in audience attention — even though it was clearly a critical favorite when it began four seasons back.

With arcs dealing with corruption in the fashion industry (starring a marvelous and overlooked Jerry Lewis); the record industry; and now the Washington DC story, "Wiseguy" is becoming the "cop show" of the 1990s. CBS, Wednesday nights.

CAPSULE COLUMN #4: A new publication from the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) details and explains AIDS clinical trials — and how you can be a part of this important arm of drug testing.

Clinical trials involve testing new AIDS drugs in patients positive for the HIV antibody. Volunteers to participate in these trials are always needed and such studies offer one way of trying new drugs in the ongoing effort to control or eradicate the virus.

For a free copy of the publication, write (specify English or Spanish version):

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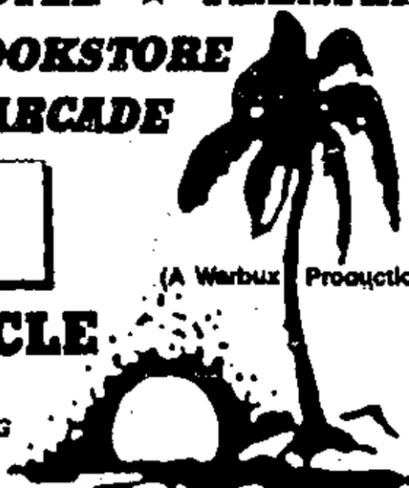
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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Broadmoor Bldg., 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Office Hours 10 am to 5 pm M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.P.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

Couples of Tucson, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4517 or Jim and Louis 744-0481.

JEROME/ROHIO, HE'S THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE To find healing come worship with Casa De La Paloma Apostolic church Sundays at 10:30 am. Plaza Hotel, 1900 E. Speedway, Salon "D", second floor. Call Pastor Sandy at 323-6855 for more information. Affiliated with the national Gay Pentecostal Alliance.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP) For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 296-4642 or write OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson 85733

UNCIRCUMCISED MEN'S GROUP: a social and educational support and networking group for men who are uncircumcised and cut men who want to meet men who are uncircumcised. Part of national organization. USA/AZ, P.O. Box 40504, Tucson, AZ 85717

TRANSEXUAL AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Games, Ping Pong, Potluck, Conversation and Friendship. Ask for Laura or Joan - 888-4775 Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths under 21 meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Renee 884-7413 (days) or Wayne 882-4009 (even).

LAMBDA INTRODUCTION SERVICE If you are a Gay male and are interested in meeting new people with hopes of developing a relationship call 323-0067. There are some questions you will have to answer. No Charge. This is NOT an escort service.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. seeks volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Call Enrique 741-1965 Tucson.

WOMEN'S 3RD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't)

CRONIES: GAY MEN 40 PLUS. BE ACTIVE. JOIN US IN socials, theater, music, dinners, outdoor activities, exploring Arizona, physical fitness plus other new interest yet to encounter. Also meet new and active friends. 885-7081 or 322-1861, in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808 in Tucson.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON Call information and Referral 881-1794

GAY AND LESBIAN ADULT DIALOGUES are informal facilitated rap-group meetings provided free. Compassion and confidentiality emphasized. Occasional films and social outings included. Voluntary donations accepted. For G.L.A.D. contact information call Information & Referral 881-1794 Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tucson.

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information and Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 126-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

ASIAN/ORIENTAL CLUB: Men interested in joining new social, educational, political and cultural group call Bob 885-7081 or Marc 881-4592 Tucson.

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline service, 2-4 weekdays, and Mon. & Wed. even. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Women's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9061 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

NEED BUSINESS OR PERSONAL CONTACTS IN PHOENIX? The Camelback Business and Professional Association has your information. Call Peter Hudson at 225-8509 or write CBPA, P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN AND GAY WORKERS Don't give up your religion, just because you're Gay. The RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is here for you. For recorded message call: 1-800-677-RCJC. 282

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Year End Legislative Report Card

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NGLTF encourages activists around the country to use the information in the Legislative report for lobbying their Legislators, especially during NGLTF's Lobby Day - held throughout June.

"At the half-way mark of this Congress, the Report is a good way to know who are our angels and who are our devils," said Robert Bray, NGLTF Public Information Director.

To order a copy of the 48-page report, send \$5 to NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, ATTN: Legislative Report.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force lobbies, educates, organizes and advocates for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and responsible AIDS policy. NGLTF currently has about 16,000 members nationwide. For information on membership call (202)332-6483.

Number of Members who voted with or against NGLTF all the time

HOUSE SUMMARY

85 House Members 100%
41 House Members 0%

SENATE SUMMARY

14 Senators 100%
12 Senators 0%

TOP HOUSE STATE DELEGATIONS

Rhode Island	94%
Massachusetts	91%
Washington	90%
Vermont	86%
Connecticut	79%
New York	76%
Hawaii	69%
Minnesota	69%
California	65%
Maryland	64%
Delaware	63%
North Dakota	63%
Michigan	62%
Wisconsin	61%
Indiana	57%
Georgia	55%
Oregon	55%

TOP SENATE STATE DELEGATIONS

Hawaii	100%
Rhode Island	100%
Vermont	100%
Maryland	88%
Massachusetts	88%
New Jersey	88%
New Mexico	88%
New York	88%
Washington	88%
Connecticut	75%
Illinois	75%
Maine	75%
Michigan	75%
Minnesota	75%
Oregon	75%
Pennsylvania	75%
Virginia	75%

BOTTOM HOUSE STATE DELEGATIONS

Alaska	0%
New Hampshire	0%
Wyoming	0%
Arkansas	32%
Idaho	32%
Nevada	32%
South Carolina	32%
Arizona	33%
Kansas	33%

BOTTOM SENATE STATE DELEGATIONS

Idaho	0%
Texas	13%
Utah	13%
Mississippi	17%
Alabama	25%
Alaska	25%
Arizona	25%
Kentucky	25%
Louisiana	25%
South Carolina	25%

**AVERAGE SCORES FOR HOUSE & SENATE DELEGATIONS BY STATE
FIRST SESSION--101ST CONGRESS**

Percentage of time entire House or Senate state delegation voted with NGLTF

STATE	HOUSE	SENATE
Alabama	38%	25%
Alaska	0	25
Arizona	33	25
Arkansas	32	71
California	65	63
Colorado	46	38
Connecticut	79	75
Delaware	63	54
Florida	35	38
Georgia	55	50
Hawaii	69	100
Idaho	32	0
Illinois	53	75
Indiana	57	50
Iowa	54	50
Kansas	33	50
Kentucky	48	25
Louisiana	27	25
Maine	38	75
Maryland	64	88
Massachusetts	91	88
Michigan	62	75
Minnesota	69	75
Mississippi	54	17
Missouri	47	54
Montana	50	34
Nebraska	42	63
Nevada	32	63
New Hampshire	0	34
New Jersey	53	88
New Mexico	42	88
New York	76	88
North Carolina	46	34
North Dakota	63	50
Ohio	51	67
Oklahoma	37	50
Oregon	55	75
Pennsylvania	48	75
Rhode Island	94	100
South Carolina	32	25
South Dakota	38	50
Tennessee	35	71
Texas	41	13
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