



National Educational Association Acts on Gay and Lesbian Issues

NEW YORK, NY - At its 1990 annual convention held last month in Kansas City, the National Education Association (NEA) passed a constitutional amendment expanding non-discrimination language in the membership article to include new categories, among them "sexual orientation". While many persons held that the organization has long had a policy of non-discrimination, others argued for use of inclusive language. The vote on the amendment, requiring a two-third majority, was a decisive seventy five percent in favor.

Anxious to speak out against a nationwide rise in crimes of hate, delegates held a rally on the convention floor decrying racism, sexism, homophobia and other bigotry. Examples from speakers included the violent murder of a Bangor, Maine, Gay man in 1989 and the plight of a young person beaten and harassed into dropping out of school because his peers assumed him to be Gay.

Delegates voted for a recommendation to have the NEA evaluate education programs available to address hate-motivated violence in their communities. They also voted to accept the NEA Civil Rights Committee report with a call to assist affiliates to gather information on incidents of bigotry.

The more than 8,000 members of the Representative Assembly also strengthened last year's call for NEA to work for domestic partner benefits when it bargains for member rights. This year the same language was included in the resolution regarding retirement benefits.

NEA President Keith Geiger initiated the Ryan White Memorial Fund to expand availability of the NEA Health Information Network AIDS information programs. Geiger hosted a fundraising event featuring a video of Ryan White's 1988 NEA convention appearance in which Ryan makes an eloquent plea for education of young people to overcome bigotry toward persons with AIDS.

The first contribution to the Memorial Fund was presented by 1989-90 co-chairs of the NEA Gay and Lesbian Caucus Robert Birl of California and Carol Watchler of New Jersey. According to Birl, "The first contribution to this fund should rightly come from the community which made the first response to the AIDS crisis." During the entertainment following the presentations many Gay and Lesbian couples believed they made history by joining their

heterosexual colleagues on the dance floor.

Prior to the convention proceedings the Gay and Lesbian Caucus staffed an information booth distributing information about education programs to assist Gay and Lesbian youth. The booth also sold the pink T-shirts with the Caucus logo that became the hallmark of Caucus activists on the convention floor.

Through work of the Caucus in the 1989 convention, a measure was in place requiring all convention exhibitors to maintain the same non-discrimination standards held by the National Education Association. Consequently, branches of the military which sought space as exhibitors were told that since United States military policy conflicts with NEA policy on sexual orientation, NEA was unable to approve the exhibit applications.

Looking forward to the '90-'91 school year, "Our goal is to insure the implementation of the positive resolutions the NEA has adopted in the last several years. This year's convention shows readiness to act. Members must return to their state and local Associations with a call for positive information about diversity of sexual orientation in the curriculum, counselling for Gay and Lesbian students, and protection and partner benefits for teachers and support staff who are Lesbian and Gay. NEA is on notice to educate staff and members to make these great resolutions a reality," stated Carol Watchler who will continue as co-chair of the NEA Gay and Lesbian Caucus along with newly-elected Allen Beall of Maryland. Other offices are held by Harry Hillegas of Ohio and Ellen Gierman of California.

Information about the work of the Caucus can be obtained by writing NEA/GLC, P.O. Box 314, Roosevelt, NJ 08535.

Bush Signs AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill

WASHINGTON, DC - Despite a conservative backlash following the appearance of Gay and Lesbian activists at the Hate Crimes Bill ceremony at the White House last April (OBSERVER, May 2), The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was invited back for the presidential signing of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26.

The ADA, a legislative priority for NGLTF, extends
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Task Force Statement on Judge Souter's Nomination to the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, DC - It is imperative that Judge David Souter be closely scrutinized by the U.S. Senate to determine his commitment to protecting the individual liberties enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

Judge Souter's willingness to protect the liberty of Gay men and Lesbians is already critically suspect in light of his concurrence with a 1987 New Hampshire Supreme Court opinion denying our right to serve as adoptive and foster parents. The ruling was based on the court's view that Gay people are not "appropriate role models for children". The opinion does, in certain limited aspects, uphold the right of Lesbians and Gay men to serve as licensed child-care providers and teachers. However, the overall impact perpetuates the erroneous belief that Gay people are unfit to be parents.

NGLTF is also concerned about Judge Souter's willingness to protect the right to privacy and reproductive choice. In 1976, Souter, then New Hampshire Attorney General, submitted a brief arguing that the state should not provide Medicaid funds to pay for abortions, calling them the "killing of the unborn".

NGLTF, as part of the Alliance for Justice -- a broad coalition of women's, labor, civil rights and pro-choice organizations -- is urging the U.S. Senate to carefully scrutinize Judge Souter. Gay men, Lesbians, People with AIDS and HIV and other Americans cannot afford any further erosions of our rights by the U.S. Supreme Court.

[ED NOTE: Statement attributable to Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Executive Director].

Gay and Lesbian Organizations Charge NEA Chair with Homophobia

WASHINGTON, DC - Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have made an urgent request for a meeting with National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chair John Frohnmayer to review his recent rejection of grants to four performance artists who were recommended by the peer review panel.

Performance artists Karen Finley, Holly Hughes, Tim Miller and John Fleck were among 18 individuals originally approved to receive a NEA grant by a peer review panel in February, 1990. The panel was then asked by Frohnmayer to review their recommendations in April. Frohnmayer has since announced that awards would only be given to 14 of the original 18 grantees.

NGLTF Legislative Director Peri Jude Radecic said, "Since three of the four artists are openly Gay or Lesbian, Frohnmayer's decision is clearly motivated by homophobia and political expediency. Congressional pressure has forced Frohnmayer to find a scapegoat to head off anti-NEA sentiment in the upcoming reauthorization fight. Gays and Lesbians are yet again victims of a governmental witch hunt."

"Gay and Lesbian artists are on the front lines of the far right's attack on freedom of expression because we are still perceived as an acceptable target," said Holly Bewandter, spokesperson for GLAAD's Freedom of Expression Project. "These artists are effectively being black listed. Not only have they lost their funding, but Frohnmayer's actions are likely to make some organizations fearful of presenting their work."

The NEA has been under fire for the past year. On July 26, 1989 Senator Jesse Helms won Senate approval for legislation which reads, "...none of the funds authorized to be appropriated for the National Endowment for the Arts or the National Endowment for the Humanities may be used to promote, disseminate, or produce materials which in the judgement of the NEA or NEH may be considered obscene, including but not limited to, depictions of sadomasochism, homoeroticism, the sexual exploitation of children, or individuals engaged in sex acts and which, when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value."

A recent law suit filed by the New School for Social Research against Frohnmayer and the NEA as-
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UPDATE

HIV WELLNESS CLINIC MOVES, CHANGES AND GROWS
TUCSON - The HIV Wellness Clinic has a new name: The Positively Well Workshops, and made a move to the PACT offices on Aug. 4. Increased participation by each of Tucson's AIDS organizations, together with the use of up to three separate spaces at once, will enable participants to choose from a variety of activities that best fit their interests.

New additions are an introductory presentation for the newly diagnosed, an ongoing HIV support group, and special presentations on a variety of topics from entitlement assistance, and legal issues to safer sex and dating.

A Spanish translator will be available, and the immune system monitoring clinic will continue on the first and third Saturdays from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Nutritional and complementary therapies, information, yoga and self empowerment workshops will also occur twice a month.

There are so many more options available today for treatment and management of HIV. As the numbers of those affected in our community increases, so do the opportunities for support and companionship. Do yourself a great service and take advantage of the workshops. Learn about your choices; **ACTION = LIFE !!!**

The Wellness Workshops occur every Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the PACT offices, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Call 322-9808 for more information.

TUCSON BOWLER CASHES AT SAN DIEGO INVITATIONAL

by Ben Corbin
TUCSON - The New Joshua Tree Bowling League sent eight members to participate in the San Diego Invitational Tournament which took place on July 27-29.

Over 350 bowlers from across the country took part in the tournament, which was the latest stop on the IGBO Tour.

Mark Kerr, OBSERVER political reporter, was the only Tucsonan to cash. He won the Division B Scratch All Events, with a score of 1683 for the nine games - a 187 average. The doubles team of Bet Stocklager and Kerr led the Tucson contingent with a score of 1216, for a 22nd place finish.

Kerr led the Tucsonans in the singles category with a score of 616, for 40th place. And the team of Bill Close, Scott Howland and Bet Stocklager and Kerr finished 15th in team competition, with a score of 2412.

The next stop on the tour is over Labor Day Weekend at the Las Vegas Showgirl Invitational.

Tucson will host the IGBO tournament tour with their initial "Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament" Oct. 26-28.

CONGRESS PASSES AIDS HOMELESS BILL
WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. House of Representatives, on Aug 2, approved crucial funding for housing subsidies for people with AIDS and HIV infection by a vote of 378 to 43. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force which has worked extensively toward the passage of the bill, heralded the landmark vote as an aggressive federal response to the problem of homelessness and AIDS.

The House Bill (HR 1180, the Housing and Community Development Act) appropriates \$150 million for direct rent subsidies, reconditioning of single-room occupancy units, and AIDS housing information. The House version of the bill is designed to prevent homelessness before it occurs and offers greater protections than a companion bill passed by the Senate.

"PWAs cannot depend on a housing system already overburdened with long waiting lists to meet their urgent needs," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF Legislative Director. "Unlike the Senate's housing bill which only deals with the housing needs of PWAs after they are kicked onto the street, this appropriation represents a cost-effective means of preventing homelessness, provides alternatives to costly hospital care, and targets help to prolong life."

The bill now goes into Conference Committee, where differences between the House and Senate versions will be resolved. If the more sweeping provisions of the House bill are accepted in the final form, the appropriation must still be approved of the President. However, the New York Times on Aug. 2 reported that President Bush is expected to veto the bill if it strays too far from the Senate version.

NGLTF urges all concerned individuals to encourage President Bush to approve the legislation with the AIDS housing appropriations. Write or call the President at:

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GAY AND LESBIAN MORMONS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN SCOTTSDALE
SCOTTSDALE, AZ - Affirmation, the national organization serving Gay and Lesbian Mormons, their families and friends, will hold its 12th Annual Conference, Sept. 7-9 in Scottsdale.

In announcing the Conference theme and those individuals who have accepted the invitation to participate as speakers, panelists and entertainers, the 14-member planning committee expressed enthusiasm for the overall program and anticipated attendance. "We wanted to create a weekend agenda with diversity," said Co-Chair Keith Johnson, "and each guest will bring to the Conference a wealth of personal experience, spirituality and insight that will address a broad range of issues of importance to Gay and Lesbian Mormons."

"Let Our Light So Shine" is the official Affirmation Conference theme and workshops, panel discussions and addresses will expand on this overall concept. The keynote address will be delivered by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). The Rev. Perry will bring to the Conference insights and experiences gained in ministering to the needs and spiritual development of Gays and Lesbians throughout the world, which includes support for the goals of Affirmation.

Carol Lynn Pearson, renown author, actress and poet will perform her critically acclaimed one woman show, "Mother Wave the Morning," following the Saturday evening banquet.

The Conference will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 7353 E. Indian School Road. Registration fee is \$99 per person which includes reception, breakfast, banquet, Sunday brunch, all sessions, workshops and meetings. For more information call (602) 396-6950.



SHANTI NEWSLETTER

Shanti's newsletter, The Desert Eclipse, is getting it's Fall issue ready to print. (We take the summer off).

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive our newsletter, please call the Shanti office and give them your address.

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Partners' Salt River Panda Run Fun



TUCSON - First it was Saturday morning, then Saturday afternoon, then Saturday night, then Sunday morning and finally Sunday afternoon and the 1990 Partners' Panda Run - tubing down the Salt River - was over. If only time would go that fast, pleaded Pam Young, the recipient of this year's "Sun Burn Award" trophy.

In addition to Pam Young's award, the other recipients were Gary Stephenson, Best Float; Lee Ridinger, Air-Head Award; Tommy Marlin, "T.T.T." Award. If you need to know what "T.T.T." means, just ask Tommy.

Many of those participating in this year's Panda Run which was held the weekend of July 28 and 29, went to Phoenix earlier in

the week and met at the Salt River with those driving up Saturday morning. Only three on the Panda Run were not adventurous enough to actually go on the river. After about four hours on the river, the group went to Phoenix to party for the evening.

The entire group met at Cash Inn in Phoenix where it was like "Homecoming Week" for Tucson. There, L.A.D.S. (Los Amigos del Sol) of Phoenix treated the Tucson group to a festive evening. There were many at Cash Inn who weren't on the Salt River during the day.

Everyone was allowed to "rest up" Sunday morning and then L.A.D.S. treated everyone to an afternoon swim party, a luncheon and a lot of "Spirits" at Vern's home. The photos above show some of the revelers around poolside. L.A.D.S. conducted a Trivia Contest during the weekend with the winners being announced during Sunday afternoon. As a consolation, if you would call it that, Pam Young was the winner.

Second place winner was a four-way tie, with all the winners from Tucson: Bert Hoop, Roger Barger, Kenny Ann and Ben Corbin. Gee, what a smart bunch from Tucson. (We won't mention how many long distance phone calls were made to get some of the answers).

For all you L.A.D.S.! Thanks from the Tucson clubs, Desert Leathermen, Tucson Knight Owls, T.A.L.L. and Partners for a great time in Phoenix.



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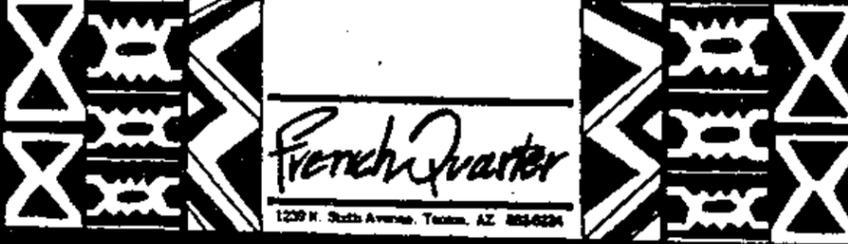
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'BIRD ON A WIRE' DRAWS FIRE
NEW YORK, NY - Move over Andy Rooney, Mel Gibson's in the hot seat now. Actually, it's everyone responsible for the beauty salon scene in the blockbuster movie "Bird On A Wire". The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is less than thrilled with Gibson's characterization of Matty, a "swishy" homosexual hairdresser. Even more offensive, according to GLAAD, is the portrayal of Raun of Racine as the "bitchy and malicious" salon owner. This very outdated stereotype perpetuates the "freak show" representation of Gays that GLAAD is working to eliminate from modern media.

Says Steven Asher, spokesman for GLAAD: "If Black people no longer accept black characters portrayed as Stepin Fetchit and Jews are no longer depicted as big-nosed money-grubbers, then it is time for Gays to demand the same respect. Until Hollywood presents a full range of Lesbian and Gay characters, the use of demeaning stereotypes such as those in "Bird On A Wire" is not funny."

Founded in 1985, GLAAD is the only national organization devoted primarily to discouraging stereotypes and misinformation about Lesbians and Gay men. GLAAD pursues its goal by organizing grass-roots responses to public bigotry and working with the media to improve coverage of issues that concern Gay people.

GLAAD is encouraging conscientious movie goers to write letters of protest to John Badham, Triad Artists, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067; director and co-producer of the Universal Studios hit and the movie's co-stars, Mel Gibson, XICM, 8899 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048; and Goldie Hawn, Z Creative Artists, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90212.

U. S. Blood Supply Not Safe Enough

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - America could have "much to fear in the future," as blood banks fail to ensure a safe, AIDS-free blood supply, witnesses told a congressional subcommittee.

But Stephen Richards, senior vice president of the American Red Cross, said the United States "has the safest blood supply of any country in the world."

Witnesses before the panel laid much of the blame on the blood industry, charging that thousands of people became infected with the AIDS virus through blood transfusions because the industry reacted too slowly to the epidemic.

Based on blood banks' past performance, the nation could "have much to fear in the future," said Ross Eckert, a member of the Food and Drug Administration Blood Products Advisory Committee.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee, said that according to FDA inspection reports, some American Red Cross blood centers have released infected blood, mixed up records or violated AIDS testing procedures.

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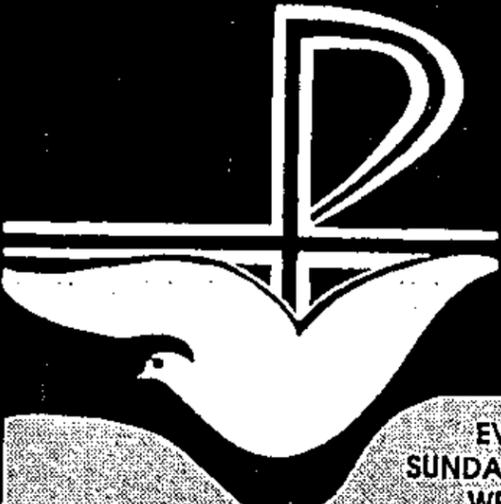


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Rejection notice of a Gay novel by the Illinois Department of Corrections. See story below.

CHICAGO, IL - The Illinois Department of Corrections has banned an interracial Gay novel from its prisons. The book, Larry Duplechan's "Eight Days A Week", was deemed to be obscene and to have "no serious literary, artistic, political merit, or scientific value," said the Department.

The Department of Corrections seized the book from a prisoner who had ordered it through the mail. The prison's Institutional Publication Review Committee ruled that Eight Days A Week's "vivid and lurid descriptive passages" of Gay lovemaking met the U.S. Supreme Court definition of obscenity.

This is a textbook example of why censorship laws are dangerous," said Sacha Alyson, publisher of the book. "By no definition of

the law is Eight Days a Week obscene. These homophobic prison authorities are using the obscenity law as a convenient means to harass homosexuals and to deny this particular inmate access to the literature of his choice.

"Eight Days A Week" is actually a bittersweet love story, with sex described on about 20 pages out of 260," said Alyson. "And it's very well written. On the other hand, I count eight grammatical errors in the one-page rejection notice issued by the Department of Corrections. For them to judge Larry Duplechan's literary talent is like asking a cow to become a restaurant critic."

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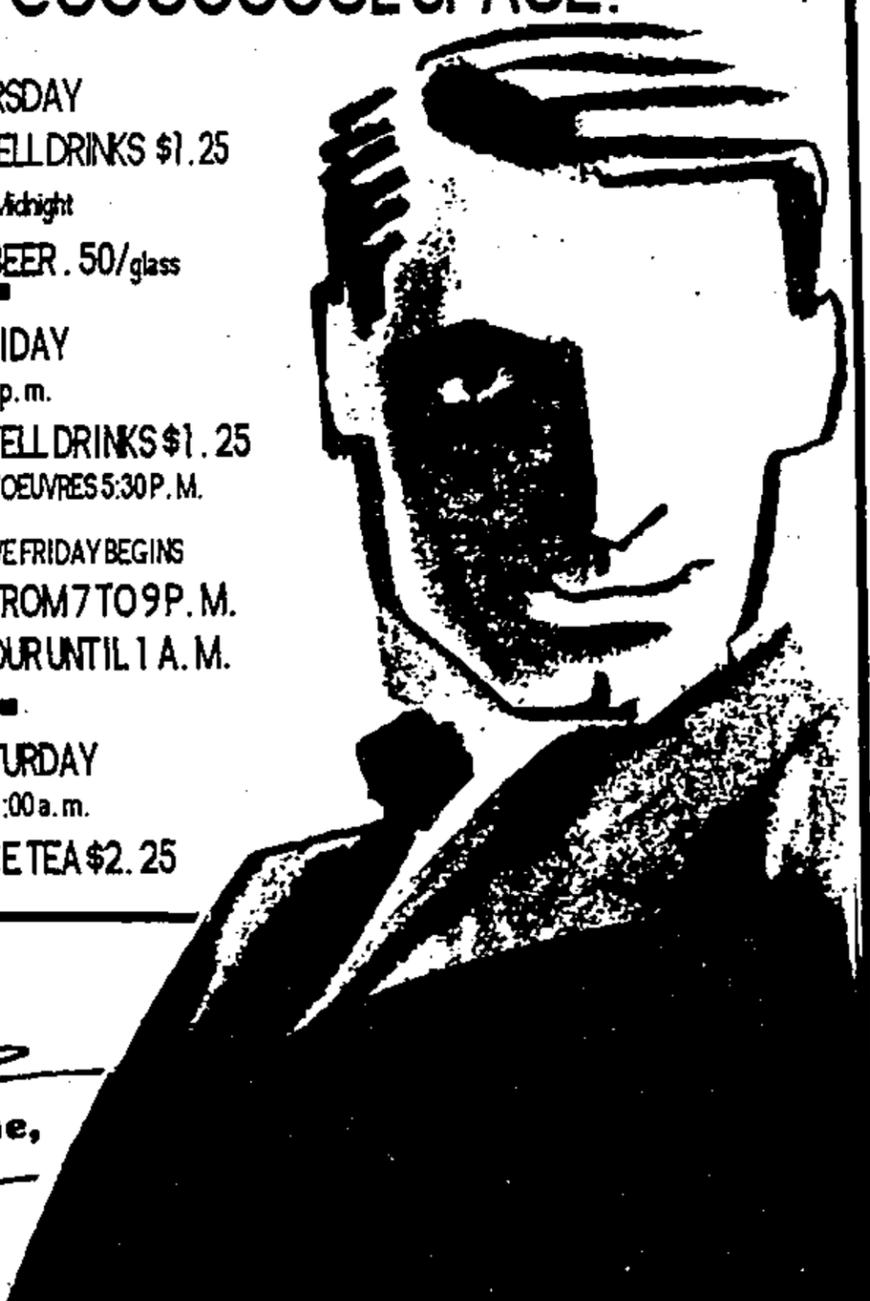
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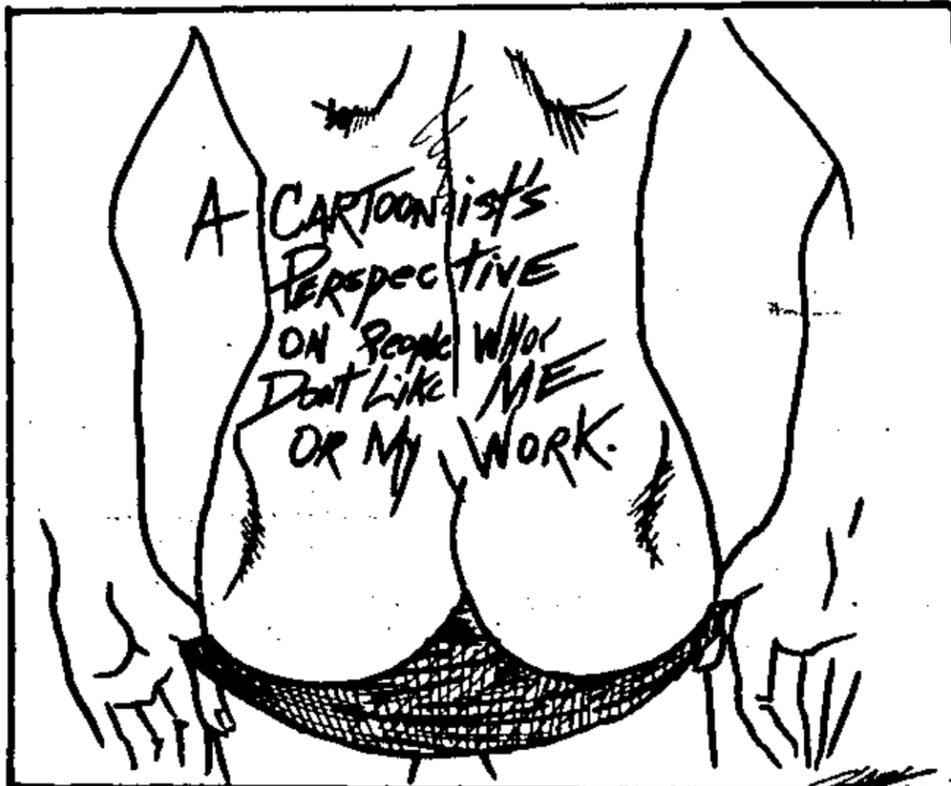
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by Bev Cochran

In Ecclesiastes, a book in the Old Testament, written by Solomon in the 10th Century B.C., there is a negative lesson to be learned. It is a series of things not to do. It shows the emptiness of trying to live for oneself and to please oneself alone without considering the needs of others or considering God our Maker. There is a positive side, however. If one can see how not to live, perhaps then we will see what we ought to do, and be spared the heartaches of living a wasted life.

In the third chapter of this book, "There is a time for everything". In the first eight verses of this third chapter, there are the negatives and positives in a list that encompasses all of the human emotions. If we believe that God inspired these writings then we must believe that God had a message to be given to each of us through these writings. This is not an easy book to read, but then neither is the

dictionary. But, what knowledge can be gained by reading it!

At MCC/Tucson the positive is encouraged but the negative is never discouraged. The good is foremost but the bad is not shunned. All frailties are accepted and all shortcomings are forgiven. God created us all, Jesus Christ died as the ultimate sacrifice for us all and Jesus Christ was resurrected to give us all hope. That hope being able to look forward to a better and fuller life than the one we have learned to accept in this life now.

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Thought for the Week: For God will judge us for everything we do, including every hidden thing, good or bad. -Eccles. 12:14

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Roaming Around With Chuck

Quiet and Lazy... we still have the month of August to go through before the summer ends. Many are now planning their vacations... so how about a cruise or something involving lots of water to keep us cool?

Here are some cruises you could check out through Now Voyager, (415)626-1169 in San Francisco or call Miriam at Fantasy Travel, 610 E. Knox Drive, Tucson at 293-2620 and see if she can arrange one of these cruises for you. Fantasy is an advertiser in the OBSERVER. Aug. 12-19 Cruise Alaska and the Inside Passage of Regent Sea, Aug. 12-19 try the Canadian Rockies Tour; Calgary, Banff, Lakes, or on Oct. 28-Nov. 4, the RSVP Cruise: snorkel, scuba in Belize and Yucatan. Nov. 17-24, sail Tahiti on Wind Song for Thanksgiving. Dec. 16-20 try Egypt, Nile River cruise and Israel for the holidays! One might have a wonderful love affair or meet Mr. Right... or perhaps meet other couples for fun and a good time.

I am finding that the Tucson Gay community is full

of clubs and organizations covering all aspects of a social life... then we have two new organizations forming and one growing fast (much needed I would say) Club Hispano de Tucson. They have elected Richard Salas, President and you can call him at 620-1840 for more info. Sounds like this will be a fun group... hope to report more on them later.

Another badly needed group that has just formed is the Tucson Information Network (TIN), which will coordinate all fund-raising, major social and entertainment events in the community. It is composed of all the clubs, organizations and bars. This is badly needed as some nights one never knows what event to attend, so often I just don't go out to any that night... just rent a video and stay home. Also, one gets tired of events every night... it would be fun to just go out with friends for drinks or even just cruise!

Shanti training was held this past weekend, nice size group. I was glad to

see more members of various clubs and organizations taking the training... there is always a great need to help our brothers and sisters living with HIV.

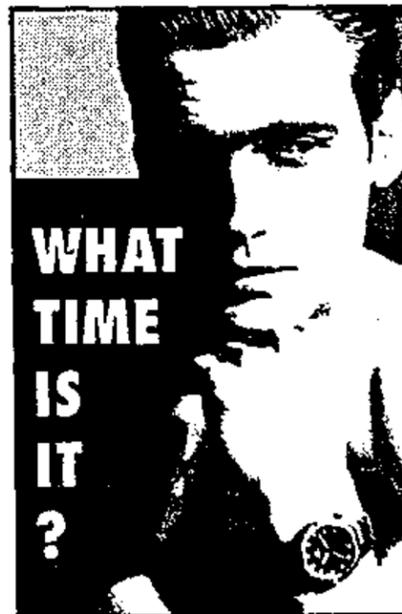
Besides the Gay-oriented churches in Tucson, there are several groups sponsored through the regular large churches - for Mormons, Catholics, Lutherans and others all listed here in the OBSERVER, so check them out!

Gay Games III in Vancouver could be a really great vacation... it is a lovely and friendly city and the excitement of the games should be lots of fun... so many hunks all in one place at the same time... what a vacation that could be... hmmm, give it some serious thought and give some support to the Arizona participants too.

G.L.I.A. is sure backing up their word... a new group that is devoted to helping brothers and sisters living with HIV. They have been cooking at Frensdorf House, moving clients to new homes or apartments, and been called on to do lots of hospital and shut-in visits... always with a smile and love... keep up the good work, you are needed very much. If you are HIV positive and need some sort of assistance, then

call them: Sylvia's number is 721-7674 or Cornerstone Fellowship at 622-4626...

Until next time, Chuck.



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POLITICS '90

by MARK R. KERR

ARIZONA NEWS

Recently, two polls were released covering the two most exciting contested primary races, the Republican gubernatorial nomination, and the Democratic nomination for Attorney General. The results in the Republican gubernatorial race show that former governor, Evan Mecham has gained in the polls, at the expense of former congressman, Sam Steiger. Here are the latest results:

SYMINGTON	27%
MECHAM	21%
STEIGER	12%
KOORY	5%
BARNES	3%
UNDECIDED	32%

In the race for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General, Georgia Staton, despite the endorsements from various county attorneys, and a major lead in fund raising, has only a slim 4% lead over her primary opponent, Phoenix attorney, Richard Segal. Also to note, the vast percentage of people who are undecided. Here are the results:

STATON	18%
SEGAL	14%
UNDECIDED	68%

Last week, Arizona State Republican Chair, Burton Kruglick, announced his resignation. Kruglick had taken a leave of absence in 1989 to run for mayor of Phoenix, a race in which he was soundly trounced by Terry Goddard. It is rumored that with Mecham in the race for governor, turmoil is running amuck in the party, and Kruglick is

tired of dealing with it, and expects the infighting between moderates and the Mechamites to worsen after the election.

CANDIDATE PROFILE



Herschella Horton is running for the State House of Representatives in Legislative District 14. Herschella has been a resident of Tucson for 24 years. She has raised two children - both attended the University of Arizona. Her professional experience is long. She is a professional nurse, she has received a Bachelor's Degree in Management. She is the owner of the HLH Environmental Management firm. Herschella serves on the Pima County Board of Health, Southern Arizona Water Resources Association. She is the Chair of the Tucson Civil Service Commissions. She is a member of the Tucson Black Business Exchange, and Democrats of Greater Tucson.

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THEATRE.....

"The Normal Heart"

BY: Larry Kramer

OPENS: Wed. Aug. 15; 8 p.m.

WHERE: Pima Community College, West Campus Theater

PRESENTED BY: Borderlands Theater

DIRECTED BY: Chris Wilken

CAST: Jonathan Zenz; David Adix; Kent Sorensen; Scott Taylor; Suzi Liet; Robert Mammans; Robert Encila; Duwayne Palmer; J.D. Smith and Gene Kelton.

"The play The Normal Heart is a history play - of the past five years; a period in which thousands died [of AIDS]. There is really nothing more to say to introduce a play in which you will find virtually every fact, statistic, issue, anguish, lament and question alluded to here." - This is quoting Andrew Holleran.

I talked to Albert Soto, Marketing Director of Borderlands Theater and Kent Sorensen, actor, who plays the character of Ned Weeks. This main character is loosely based on Larry Kramer's personality, his life experiences and his reactions.

Kent, as I was interviewing him, said "(It's) the hardest role I've ever had" and "It's the most important play I've worked with as an actor. It's relevant to today."

Albert said, "The whole cast believes in this play and feels very strongly about presenting the play as an

education process as well as an entertainment vehicle."

Both men feel that the director, Chris Wilken, has brought a true human element to each of the characters being played. "It would be easy to grovel, but humans tend to look for hope or humor in the face of hopeless situations.

The feelings I left with after the interview was - 'God, everyone should see this play!' I do want to warn you - it's not a "fluff" musical, but it should 'hit home' where we all live - our society today.

I'm going opening night and I hope to see many people I know there too. It promises to be entertaining, eye-opening and very, very educational. My hat is off to Borderlands Theater and all those involved. Break a leg (unless there is a dancer in the group), then I would of course say Mardi'

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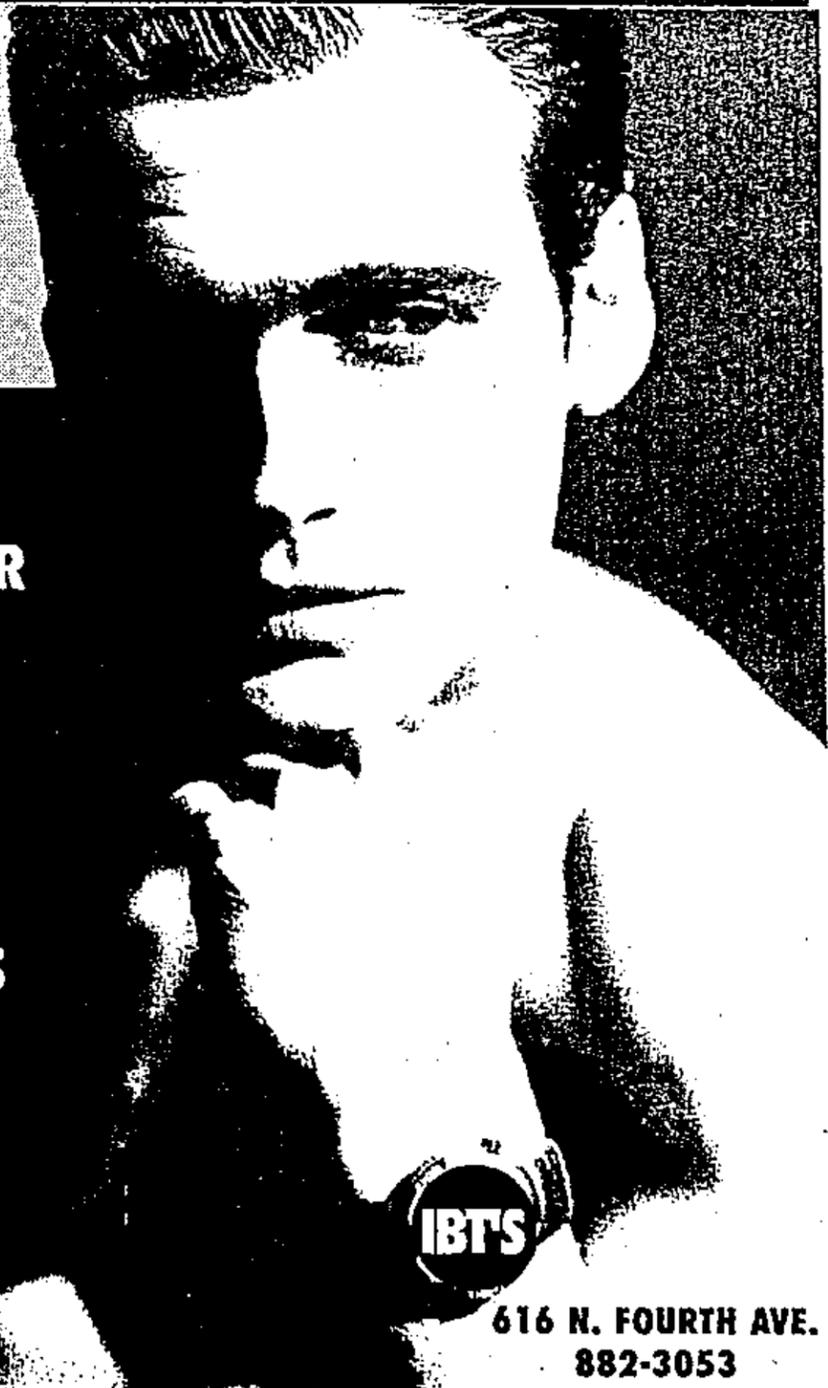
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A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

"Presumed" Predictable

A best-selling book does not a good fill film make. Unfortunately, the producers of "Presumed Innocent" — a predictable journey into the boring lives of a group of dreary characters— did not understand that truth.

Starring Harrison Ford, who plays a district attorney, the film deals with the murder of a fellow DA played by Greta Scacchi (a beautiful actor made to look like a sack of dog chow in this film) with whom he had been having an affair.

The all-too-contrived plot deals with all those who slept with Scacchi, who might have staged her "rape/murder," and her connection to a bribery case.

Apparently, the book upon which this film is based is far superior to the travesty now showing in theaters across the country. I never read the book, preferring to be stunned and surprised by the "clever twist ending" which, unfortunately, I figured out about 45 minutes into the film.

It does not make me happy to have figured out this "clever" ending because it made the second half of this film tedious and dreary.

Bonnie Bedelia, as Ford's neglected wife, is, as usual, very good. Raul Julia, who plays Ford's lawyer, is the best performer in

the otherwise forgettable film.

If you are interested in the story, read the book. The paperback edition is far cheaper than the price you'll pay to see this --and I use the word loosely-- film.

CAPSULE COLUMN ONE: The long-running off-Broadway musical celebration of Gay and Lesbian life, "Ten Percent Revue," opens at Phoenix's Herberger Theater Center August 9.

Running through August 25, "Revue", written by Tom Wilson and produced by the Theater League, offers a fast-paced series of musical selections looking at contemporary American Gay life.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets \$13. For more information 252-8497.

CAPSULE COLUMN TWO: Well, it has happened: I am now firmly entrenched in that "thirtysomething" age group. For the next nine years, I have nothing to look forward to but stylish clothes, a magnificent profession, wine and cheese gatherings, and an intense longing for the old television programs from my privileged youth. Sigh.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Almost everyone has a drivers license in our society today. Before you were given your license, you were required to take an examination that included a test of your driving ability as well as your ability to identify and understand the laws concerning driving and recognize the signs on the roads.

Road signs are important and placed there to help ensure our safety. Sometimes we can get overly involved in thinking about our problems, listening to the radio, or talking with a passenger and inadvertently ignore a road sign. This can bring about any number of mishaps, including such things as small or severe accidents, or the inconvenience and extra expense of a ticket from a police officer.

When I was just learning how to drive, one of the most important signs in my hometown was a railroad crossing sign. There were not flashing lights or barricades that descended when a train was coming, such as there are now. When you saw the railroad sign, you were to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

I will never forget the time my father was teaching me how to drive, and I went through the railroad crossing without heeding the sign. I was rudely reminded of my error by the loud horn and ringing bell of the train as it passed on the track I had just crossed. I had a very healthy awareness of railroad crossings after that experience.

The Bible refers to Jesus' miracles as signs. Whenever you see a Bible, remember that Jesus was sent to be a sign that requires your attention. When we ignore this sign, we often get our lives in an upheaval and spend a lot of time and money looking for solutions.

STOP! If you are looking for salvation from the overburdening cares of this world, you must LOOK! Within the pages of the Bible you will meet God's sign, Jesus Christ. LISTEN! God will reveal His plan for you. There is salvation in no other way. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14:6) If you have stopped, looked and listened to any other plan, you have missed the Way.

If you would like to know more about Jesus Christ, or would like to receive a Bible, please call and talk to a member of the staff at Cornerstone Fellowship, 622-4626.

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What's Up Doc ???



Plans are well in motion for this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship IV Run, which is held over the Thanksgiving holidays. This annual run is put on by all of the local clubs here in Tucson with the traditional Thanksgiving day dinner being served. All meals will be served at the MCC Church. Each different club will be having different games played by all throughout the complete run, with winning trophies passed out prior to the send-off brunch at the Graduate, this year on Nov. 25.

Run applications should be in the mail either this week or next. If you plan on joining in on this always entertaining and interesting run, contact one of the different club members for an application, or call this year's host club - Partners-President Ben.

This coming weekend it will be time for TKO's monthly Beer Bust at the Graduate. This Beer Bust will have something a little different, 16oz cups of beer for .75 and two raffle tickets. TKO will also be serving freshly popped pop corn. Drawings as always, will be held every 30 minutes for a scratch and quick draw lottery tickets. All festivities begin at 2 p.m. and will run until 6 p.m. With the exhibition football season starting, there is a possibility that there'll be a game on TV for anyone wishing to watch.

TKO members will be on hand early that day painting their club trailer, in preparation for the annual trip over to the City of Rocks to join their Brotherhood club, Hijos Del Sol. This run is always open to anyone wishing to go so if you would like to go, stop in at the Beer Bust for a run application and

more information. The run fee is only \$10, which gets you all meals. Drinks will be your own responsibility.

For the month of September, there will be two different club runs. Over the Labor Day Weekend, TALL will be having their annual Old Pueblo Run. On Sept. 14, DL will be having their annual Mystery Run, again in Patagonia. Run applications for DL's run are available at IBT's at this time. As soon as TALL gets theirs out, they will probably be available at the Graduate. Both runs are always a lot of fun and sometimes can be interesting.

Also, this coming weekend, this year's registration packets for the coming year's CAT Awards voting may be available. If so, I will have one at the Graduate to sign up all those wishing to register. If not after this week's CAT Committee meeting, I'll know just when they will be and be able to inform everyone next week. This week's CAT meeting is being held tonight, Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Joshua Tree, so if you are a member of the CAT Committee and are reading this, get to this meeting. On the agenda is the voting on the By-Laws for the Community Awards of Tucson.

With everything coming up over the next few months, I highly suggest you pick up your copy of the OBSERVER weekly so you do not miss out on anything. Three different annual club runs are coming up, two out of town and one in town; Tucson's first IGBO Bowling Tournament; and this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship Run. I'll do my best to keep you informed on each of these and steer you in the proper direction for more information on each.

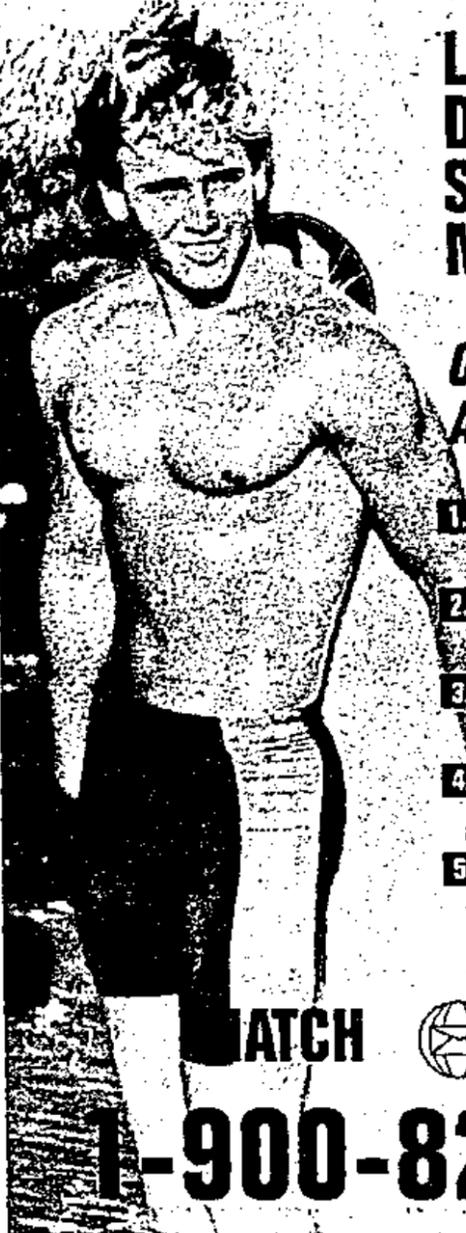
I'll put this article to rest for now so that I can run it over to Bob's. I hope I do not spoil him by getting my column to him early.

Remember, Bob has to type not only this column, but those from all the other columnists too. You sometimes have read different columns and found words misspelled or did not fit, that is the reason for it. I'm sure if someone volunteered, Bob would accept the help. Besides typing each, he also has to arrange or cut and paste to fit the paper together. We both have spell checks, to check spelling in the different columns but, if you typed a correct spelled word in a column, but it does not fit in that particular sentence, the spell check will not catch this. This is the area for proof readers, an area Bob could use some help.

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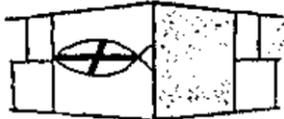
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
COLETTE'S - A really big "Show" starring direct from Phoenix Penelope Poupé and company. Always a fine entertainer, make your plans now. 62 Cover.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
GRADUATE - TKD monthly Beer Bust and raffle takes place here from 2 to 6 p.m. Always a great time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust at Dinner from 2 to 6 p.m. A great group of guys and some delicious food too.

JOSHUA TREE - "Four Play" a show starring your "Bitch Goddess" Vanity with Rae-Van and Mandy Nicole with special guest Candy Plastique. There will also be live vocals by Becky and Mark. It all begins at 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
COLETTE'S - It's Country/Western night again. A regular affair here and it's MC'd by the ever popular Loren Johnson. Fun!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
COLETTE'S - It's third Friday and that means it's time for "Soul Night" here. The music and the mood is all "soul". Get down!

JOSHUA TREE - Another big show this time hosted by Scandalicious and an all star cast. Be there.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
JOSHUA TREE - "LEO PARTY" All you Lions come on out and celebrate your month all day long here with some special prices for drinks and steak dinner too!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
COLETTE'S - It's the Dating Games again here. If you missed the last one you really missed some fun times. Get there early cause it's gonna be crowded

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
FRENCH QUARTER - "The" Luau To Remember. Mark the date and watch for details.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4536;

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
C.A.T. (Community Awards of Tucson) committee meeting at Joshua Tree starting at 6:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Shanti Brief Group meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will continue for the next 8 Wednesdays. Sign up before Aug. 8. Confidential dealing with AIDS and Gay and Lesbian issues.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
Borderlands Theater continues its summer season with "The Normal Heart" by Larry Kramer. Opens tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Pima College west campus theater. Directed by Chris Wilken, and runs Wednesdays to Saturday through Sept. 1.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
Erotic Sex Workshops: A Safe Sex Approach from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Shanti Foundation offices, 602 N. 4th Ave. Sponsored by Think Positive Project. A 4-hour "hands on" workshop based on nurturance of positive self esteem, safe, erotic sexual consciousness and balancing of mind, body and spirit by way of trust exercise, meditation, visualization, group rebirthing, sensual awareness, aromas therapy, affirmation and stress reduction techniques. Free. Space is limited. Call for more information 881-4582.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
Attention women bowlers! The Cactus Wrens, the all women bowling league is getting ready to form its 36-week winter season. There will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Cactus Bowl Meeting Room, 1630 S. Alvernon. The actual bowling league will begin Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27
The New Joshua Tree Bowling League will hold their first fall season meeting at Fiesta Lanes, 501 W. River Road, starting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be to elect officers, go over the governing rules and to form teams. There will be complimentary bowling following the meeting. For more info call Jack 578-2865; Bill 744-1345; Mark 749-1312.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak or Rib Dinner 3-9 pm \$4.75. DJ Bobby Jr. or Jeff 9-1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Open 1 pm. Pool Tournament 3:30 pm. \$3.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Nine Down Nine" 6:00 wine & go to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4. Bloody Marys - \$2.00/drink - \$1.50. Patio bar open 9 to 1 with .50 draft beer.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
IBT'S - Great sandwiches from DJ Cafe noon to 4. Country music, square and line dancing. Party with Big Mike.
RAINBOW ROOM - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Madness Specials 7 to close. Complimentary C/W Buffet 3:30. C/W Dancing 3-9, DJ Bill Leon.
RUMORZ - Noon to 4 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screws and Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs + 8 to 10 pm Well Drinks \$1 + Dewey DJs 9-1

Monday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Draft Beer or Schnapps .75 / 4 to 7 Non-Premium Beer \$1.25, Well \$1.50. Bowlers Special with Fiesta Lanes card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Bobby Jr. 9-1
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. 2 for 1 drinks 3-8. All White Well \$1.00.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hors d'Oeuvres 3-7. "Live" "Win, Lose or Draw" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
IBT'S - Noon to 4 party with Big Mike. 4 to 6 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.25.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon to 7 pm. .75 Well & Domestic Beer. 8:30-9:30 Heavy Cloggers.
RUMORZ - 4-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 plus Monday Night Drink Specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

Tuesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 2 pm to 7 pm Draft Beer or Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.25, Well \$1.50. 7 pm - 1 pm Corona Beer \$1.50. Bobby Jr. DJs at 9.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 3-8. Longest Bottle Beer \$1.25 free 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.
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FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hors d'Oeuvres 3-7 with Jason or Earvin entertaining. Dinner served 4 to 9. Patio bar open 9 to 1 with .50 draft.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
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Policeman Charged with Hate Crime

APPLETON, WI - A Blanchardville policeman accused of beating a hair stylist taunted as a homosexual will be charged with a felony under a new law designed to crack down on "hate" crimes.

An investigation continued into two other officers' roles in the incident witnessed by several people at a bar near Appleton.

A policeman who will not be identified until a complaint is filed, will be charged with battery and disorderly conduct. Outagamie County Assistant District Attorney Jon Des Jardins said in a telephone interview from Appleton.

The battery charge will be prosecuted as a felony "hate crime" based on a 1987 Wisconsin law that applies to attacks motivated by bias based on race, religion, ancestry, disability or sexual preference, the prosecutor said.

Blanchardville Police Chief Kevin Larson said the man under investigation is a part-time officer. Blanchardville, a community of 800, is located southwest of Madison.

Meanwhile, Des Jardins said he was reviewing reports involving the activities of two other officers - one from Marathon county and another from Kenosha - in the incident.

"I have sent an investigator to Wausau to gather a little more evidence," Des Jardins said. He did not believe the Marathon County and Kenosha officers would be charged with felonies.

Witnesses said officers attending a party at the Omni Lounge near Appleton to celebrate their completion of police training at Fox Valley Technical College assaulted a 20-year-old Grant Chute hair stylist.

Witnesses said 12 to 15 officers were celebrating at a lounge where the incident erupted and many of the officers were drunk.

One officers started calling the hair stylist "a faggot and stuff," then removed the man's hat and put it on his own head, witnesses said.

When the man, who was attending a birthday party, walked to the bar, the policeman taunted and pushed him, making anti-homosexual remarks, said mall employee Brian Brezinski.

Some officers eventually followed the man outside to the parking lot, where he was allegedly tackled, punched and kicked.

The hair stylist was taken to an Appleton hospital for treatment of bruised ribs and internal injuries and released, witnesses said.

The man's mother, who asked not to be named, said her son wants his attackers barred from law enforcement. "As far as he's concerned, he wants his hospital bill paid and he wants their badges taken away," Marathon County Sheriff Lair Schillinger said he would ask for an independent investigation of his deputy implicated in the beating.

Rubenstein Succeeds Hunter at ACLU

NEW YORK, NY - The American Civil Liberties Union has appointed William B. Rubenstein as Director of its Lesbian and Gay Rights and AIDS Projects. He succeeds Nan D. Hunter, who had been Director of both projects since their inception in 1984.

While a staff attorney with the two projects, Rubenstein argued the landmark case Braschi v. Stahl Associates before the New York Court of Appeals. The 1989 Braschi decision marked the first time any state's highest court recognized a Gay couple to be the legal equivalent of a family. Rubenstein has also worked on cases involving forced HIV-testing, access to health care and discrimination against Lesbians, Gay men and AIDS patients.

As he prepares to lead the projects into the 1990s, Rubenstein said his immediate goals are gaining full legal protection of Lesbian and Gay family relationships, ending discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the military and continuing the fight against discrimination based on HIV status.

"The ACLU has made great strides in achieving social justice for Lesbians and Gay men and in fighting back AIDS-related repression in the past four years," he said. "I intend to advance that agenda just as vigorously in the months ahead."

Rubenstein will be responsible for coordinating the ACLU's work on these issues nationwide. The ACLU employs nine attorneys across the country working full-time on AIDS and Gay rights issues. The last three Gay rights cases to reach the Supreme Court were all brought by the ACLU.

Hunter, who has joined the faculty of Brooklyn Law School as a professor of law, said she is pleased that Rubenstein was chosen as her successor. "I think the 1990s will be a time when enormous progress will be made on these issues and I feel confident that the ACLU, with its nationwide network of offices, will be one of the leaders in achieving legal protections for Lesbian and Gay Americans."

Rubenstein is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. Before coming to the ACLU in 1987, he clerked for the Honorable Stanley Sporkin in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

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Sodomy News From Across The States . . .

WASHINGTON, DC - The struggle to repeal and reform anti-sodomy laws continues on many fronts with significant developments in Missouri, Georgia, Kentucky and Michigan.

MISSOURI

Activists from east and west in Missouri gathered recently in St. Louis for a sexual misconduct repeal debriefing and planning session. The meeting was convened by NGLTF's Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde and coincided with the fourth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Hardwick v. Bowers*, in which the states' right to retain and enact sodomy laws were upheld.

Missouri's campaign to lift the yoke of the country's most unusual sodomy law has been led by St. Louis' Privacy Rights Education Project (PREP). The Missouri law specifically criminalizes use of the hands and tongue during sexual activity, as well as the more common prohibitions concerning "mouth and anus of one person and genitals of another."

Missouri legislative campaign to repeal this obnoxious law made impressive progress in its first year. PREP activists secured sponsorship in both chambers of the legislature; hearings were held in House and Senate committees; and, most significantly, the signatures of over 10,000 residents urging the law be repealed were presented to the legislature at the state's January 9 first-ever lobby day on a Gay/Lesbian issue.

"I cannot think of a better way to commemorate the loathsome and tawdry *Hardwick* decision than to plot and plan the demise of a sodomy law. The Missouri activists are conducting the movement's most vigorous grassroots campaign to repeal a sodomy law -- it's a model for every state organization grappling with this issue," said Sue Hyde.

GEORGIA'S BALLOON BURST

A Christian-owned and operated company which fills orders for customized balloons refused to print several hundred balloons intended to raise visibility for the Georgia Privacy Coalition's campaign to repeal that state's sodomy law. The Privacy Coalition planned to float their sodomy repeal message at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian pride march and rally at the end of June. The Coalition's balloon plans were burst, however, when the Balloon House of Iowa City, Iowa rejected their order.

In a letter from NGLTF's Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde, Balloon House manager Lynn Griebahn was asked to explain "this outright act of censorship by your company". Griebahn replied, "Because we are Christians, we do not print any material that is lewd, offensive, racist, immoral, wicked or evil. It is our opinion, from reading the word of God, that homosexuality is immoral, lewd, unclean and unrighteous. Because the Lord owns this business, we cannot accept business which displeases Him... Homosexuality is your game and it is filthy, disgusting and wrong. And you know it's wrong."

In Iowa City on June 23 for that community's Gay and Lesbian pride rally and

march, Hyde quipped at the rally, "I was not aware that the Lord owned a balloon company or any other earthly commercial concern. If He did, however, I feel confident that He would consider this display of bigotry filthy, disgusting and wrong. And Lynn Griebahn knows it's wrong."

Lynn Griebahn can be reached at the Balloon House, 918 Dearborn, Iowa City, IA 52240. (319)354-3471.

LEGAL CHALLENGES MAKE WAVES

Two statewide challenges of sodomy laws made important progress in Kentucky and Michigan. A criminal court in Kentucky ruled that the state's homosex-only sodomy law violates the state constitution (OBSERVER, July 11). While not binding outside the courtroom, this ruling nonetheless paves the way for this case, *Wasson v. Kentucky* to advance through the state courts. Should the state of Kentucky appeal this decision and were it to be upheld, *Wasson* could result in the toppling of the Kentucky law which makes Gay and Lesbian sex a misdemeanor, carrying a 12-month jail term and/or a \$500 fine.

In another developing legal challenge, the lowest trial court in Michigan has found that state's law in violation of the state constitution. (OBSERVER, July 18). In a case brought by Michigan Organization for Human Rights and Lambda Legal Defense and Education fund, a dozen women and men challenged the law on grounds it violates their right to privacy. The affirmative ruling advances the case to the next judicial level in Michigan.

CROSS BURNING INVESTIGATED

NEAR UNIVERSITY IN MISSOURI SPRINGFIELD MO - Authorities are investigating a cross burning at night in a park near the Southwest Missouri State University campus fire inspector Bill Crossland said.

Authorities found a slightly charred 5-foot-tall cross made of 2-by-4 pieces of wood near a parking lot at Phelps Grove Park, Crossland said. Next to the cross was a cardboard sign on which the words "Queers Keep Out" had been spray-painted.

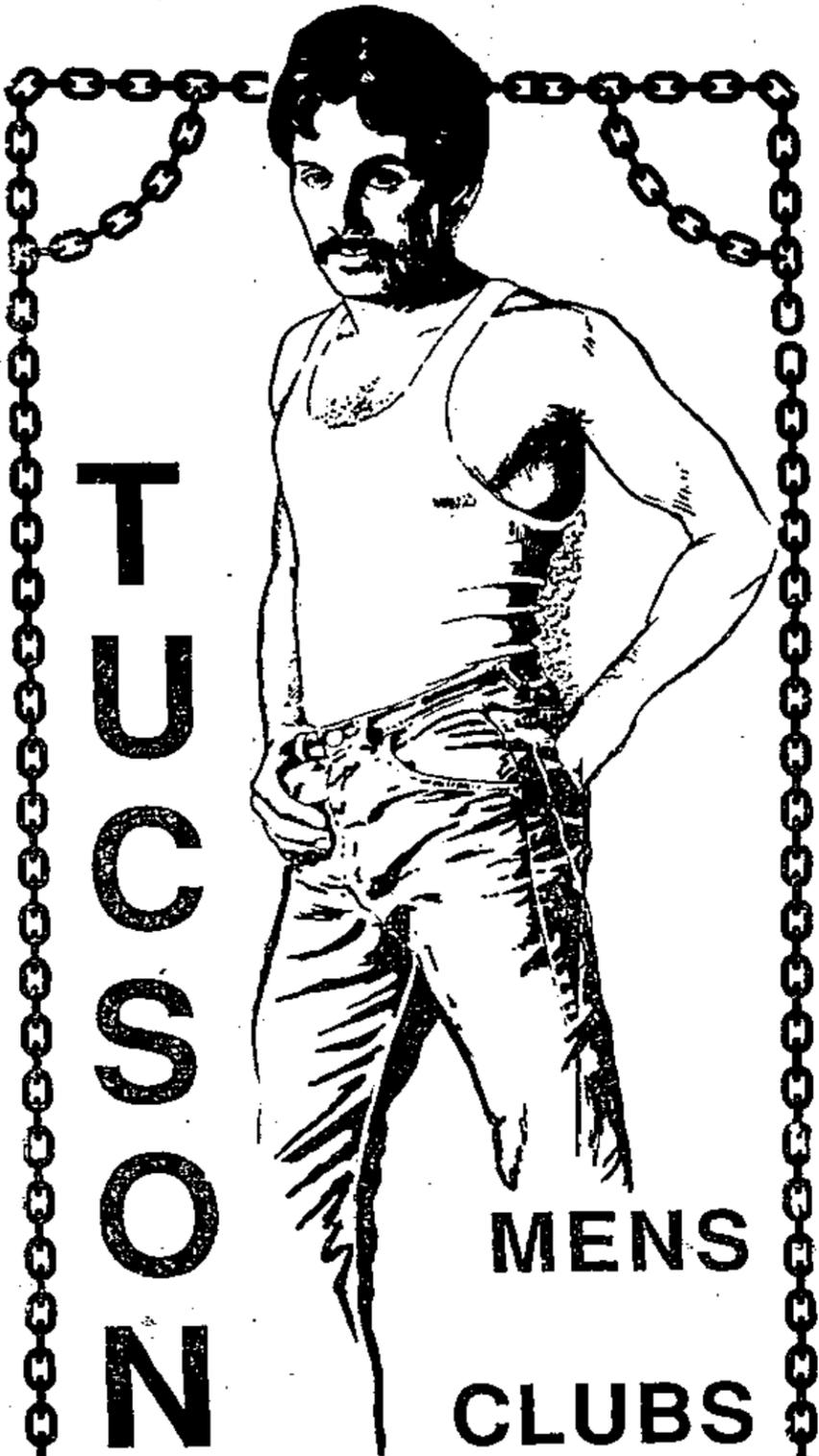
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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.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. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting others for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Beverly and Roberts 795-4517 or Don and Harlan 888-9236 in Tucson.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Come, be a part of a body of believers that worship in spirit and in truth. Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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, AZ 85733

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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 - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Mid-night. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 & 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Moeyn's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - 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, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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G.A.P.A. - Gay Asians Pacific Alliance is forming a new social, educational, political and cultural group in Tucson. Call 881-4582.

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Charge NEA Chair with Homophobia

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serts that "however the NEA may choose to define homophobic speech, it is not in and of itself obscene, and Congress may not create an irrebuttable presumption that it is."

The restrictive language was only attached to a one year appropriations bill and is set to expire with the end of the 1990 fiscal year. However, Congress will take up the fate of the reauthorization for the NEA sometime later this month. Any restrictive language adopted by Congress on the reauthorization will be in effect for a period of five years.

"This is a crucial time for the Gay and Lesbian community to raise our constituent voices and demand that Congress reauthorize the NEA for five years without content restrictions," said NGLTF's Radecic.

Activists should address their letters to: Senator Dennis DeConcini or Senator John McCain United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 and Rep. Morris K. Udall or Rep. Jim Kolbe U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Activists who want to direct comments to Frohnmayer can do so by writing to: John Frohnmayer, Chairman National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20506.

Bush Signs AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill

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broad anti-discrimination protections to handicapped persons, including people with AIDS and HIV. (OBSERVER, July 18). The bill prohibits discrimination in public services, transportation, public accommodations, telecommunications and private sector employment.

Peter Jude Radecic, NGLTF legislative director and an ADA lobbyist, represented the Task Force at the signing ceremony. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, along with other AIDS and civil rights groups, also sent representatives. NGLTF was part of a coalition of disability, AIDS and other groups that lobbied for the bill. President Bush signed the law on the lawn of the White House at an event attended by more than 2,000 people.

Radecic, along with other NGLTF staff, attended the April 23 White House ceremony where President Bush signed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. That occasion was the first time openly Lesbian and Gay activists had ever been invited to a public White House ceremony.

National media reported that White House and other conservatives, including Chief of Staff John Sununu, were furious at the invitations to Gays and outraged at a letter of support from Barbara Bush to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. (OBSERVER, May 23).

"The signing of this bill is a triumph for people with AIDS and HIV and a man-

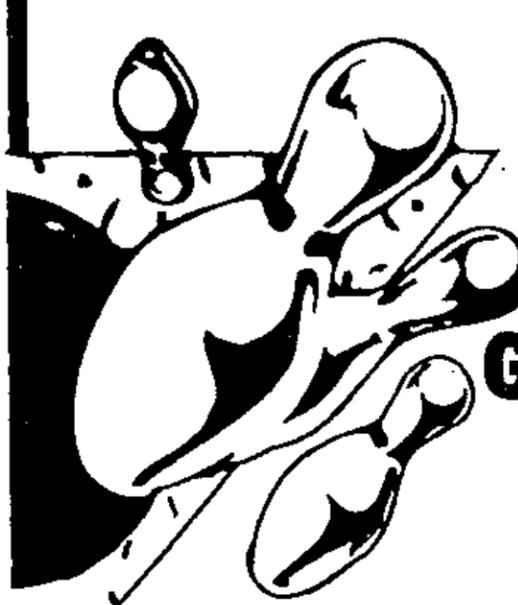
date for fairness and justice for those affected by the epidemic," said NGLTF's Radecic. "It was important for Gays to witness the event because of our key involvement in the bill's passage and because more than 60

percent of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. are Gay-related. Despite a homophobic backlash by arch-conservatives, President Bush remained inclusive of all Americans at the ceremony--including our community."

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