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Community Awards Of Tucson Winners, IBT's Scores Most Trophies

by Ben Corbin

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee held their Fourth Annual Awards Banquet last Saturday evening, Jan. 26. There were 116 dinners served to those in attendance at the Quality Inn during the evening. There was live entertainment interspersed during the evening along with the presentation of awards.

Those entertaining included Mary Murphy, Joe Wallen and the Copper City Squares from Tucson; Coco, Miss Gay Texas 1989-90; and Mr. Loren Johnson who entertained and was Master of Ceremonies.

There were disappointments during the evening, when the winners of each category was announced, but each of the five top nominees in each category should be considered a winner. The votes were counted and tabulated by Cactus Tax and Bookkeeping Service, and the winners names were kept in sealed envelopes until they were announced when the trophy was presented.

Those who have worked diligently during this past year on the CAT Committee are to be commended for this year's presentation.

The next meeting of the CAT Committee will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. This meeting will be to elect the Steering Committee for 1991 and to evaluate this year's proceedings. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

The winners of the 1990 awards in the 24 categories are as follows:

- CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR
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(Individual who works for the betterment of the community throughout the year)
CHUCK CLAPP
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(Individual who works for the betterment of the community throughout the year)
NATALIE PERRY
- SUPPORT SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
(Organizations that provide services and/or funding for the community)
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- MOST OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE MEDICAL FIELD
DR. SCOTT GORMAN
- ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR
NON-FEMALE IMPERSONATOR
LOREN JOHNSON
- FEMALE IMPERSONATOR OF THE YEAR - a.k.a. BOBBI JO MEMORIAL AWARD
(Female impersonator who works for the betterment of the community)
CANDY PLASTIQUE
- BAR OR BUSINESS SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR
RUMORS - JELLO WRESTLING
- DAY BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (MALE)
DENVER - GRADUATE
- DAY BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE
SANDY ELEAZ - IBT'S
- NIGHT BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - MALE
JIM JOPLIN - IBT'S
- NIGHT BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE
TINA NEERING - JOSHUA TREE
- FINE ARTS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
ONE-IN-TEN REPERTORY THEATRE
- DISC JOCKEY OF THE YEAR
LINDA FIZDALE - IBT'S
- BAR MANAGER OF THE YEAR
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FREDDIE CARILLO - GRADUATE
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Pictured above are Loren Johnson, winner of the Entertainer of the Year and Jim Joplin, Male Nighttime Bartender of the year after their selection at Saturday night's Community Awards of Tucson Banquet.

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REV. BERNARDO DAVID HUMANITARIAN AWARD
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In addition to the CAT trophy awards, there were ten Merit Awards this year presented to those who have done outstanding work for the community. The winners of these Merit Awards are as follows:

- COLETTE BARAJAS
- ROGER BARGER
- CHUCK CLAPP
- GARY CLARK
- DANNY DUNCAN
- WILLIE GRADILLAS
- NATALIE PERRY
- REV. NITA TERLISNER-WILLEY
- GINI WROO
- PAM YOUNG



Winner of the Bernardo David Humanitarian Award at the Community Awards of Tucson Ceremonies last Saturday was Lee Thompson aka Margo Leigh pictured above.

UPDATE

Goddard campaign to begin Feb. 8 for Tucson Gays

TUCSON - Plans are underway for bold an 'open house' to show support for gubernatorial Democratic candidate Terry Goddard in Tucson, Friday, Feb. 8.

The gathering's main purpose is to enlist volunteers who will be willing to work during the final days of the campaign doing various duties in conjunction with the Goddard Campaign's Tucson headquarters to assure a victory on February 26.

The event will be held at Tucson Old Pueblo Resort beginning at 7:00 p.m. Several Democratic political luminaries will be present from both the State Senate and House, Tucson City Council, as well as representatives from the governor's office. Goddard will be present during the evening.

There will be refreshments, a no-host bar and entertainment. A perfect time to get together and show your support for Terry Goddard and his campaign for Governor of Arizona. He needs your help. If you can volunteer a few hours or your time or talents on the phone, letter writing, envelope stuffing, and the millions of sundry things that have to be done in order to run a victorious campaign.

There will be flyers and posters in all our businesses in the city announcing the time, the final list of guests and additional information concerning this late-breaking story for our community.

Gay Marriage on "Golden Girls"

NEW YORK, NY - On the Saturday, Jan. 12, episode of "The Golden Girls", Blanche's Gay brother announced that he and his lover were getting married. Blanche (played by Rue McClanahan) had the expected reaction: she was horrified.

"Aren't there any homosexuals who date women?", she wailed to Estelle Getty's character Sophia.

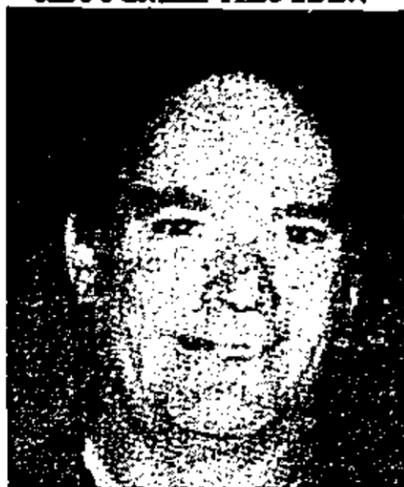
"Yes," Sophia replied, "They're called Lesbians."

All ended well, in the tradition of the superbly written "Golden Girls"; Blanche decided her brother's happiness was more important than what the neighbors would think, and the nuptials proceeded as scheduled.

Observer Now Accepting Valentine Messages

TUCSON - The Fifth Annual OBSERVER Valentine's Day issue will be delivered on Wednesday, February 13, Issue 343. Each year OBSERVER solicits Valentine messages from its readers at not cost and prints them in it's Valentine's Day issue. There will be receptacles in all the local bars for patrons to place their messages. Others may be mailed to P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703. It's only four weeks away so be sure to get your Valentine's greetings to us in time.

RECOGNIZE THIS MAN?



TUCSON - Have you had contact with this man in 1988-1989? If so the Pima County Legal Defender's Office would like to hear from you. Ask for Gene Reedy, Mike Fitzmorris or Andrew Shostack at Pima County Legal Defender's Office, 624-8797.

Justices seem to OK strippers

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Peeking from behind the black-robed decorum of a Supreme Court hearing were vivid hints that the justices are attracted to the striptease - as a constitutional idea, that is.

Ordinarily, the justices seldom expose their leanings on a constitutional issue during a hearing, but they seem to have real difficulty this time concealing the apparent view that nude dancing - when done before paying customers - will go on enjoying constitutional protection.

An Indiana test case, involving strippers at a bar and adult theater in South Bend, had raised the prospect that the newly conservative court would remove the constitutional cover for such public nudity provided by past Supreme Court rulings.

For nearly an hour, the justices focused on that case, often with humor but also with some seriousness as they worried openly about possible threats to dancing as a form of free expression if Indiana were allowed to ban nude dancing in public places.

Only two members of the court, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia, made any significant efforts to help Indiana Deputy Attorney General Wayne E. Uhl, who drew the sharpest, most critical questioning from the bench.

Uhl, keeping an entirely straight face, suggested at one point that Indiana's ban on nude dancing could be upheld because it provided a remedy to the problem that was "narrowly tailored": Dancers could satisfy the law if they wore only pasties and a G-string.

The state's lawyer was seeking to revive the nude dancing ban, struck down last year by a federal appeals court, that said "dance as entertainment is a form of conduct that is inherently expressive," and thus a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment.

Uhl had merely begun when Justice Anthony M. Kennedy suggested that the state was only after the strippers because they were "not good enough dancers" to qualify for protection as artists.

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Pat Bond Succumbs to Lung Cancer



PAT BOND

Pat Bond, one of the most prominent openly lesbian actresses in the United States, died in Larkspur, California, of lung cancer on December 24, 1990. She was 65.

Born in Chicago, she grew up in Davenport, Iowa. In 1945, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and served as a medical technician caring for wounded soldiers returning from the South Pacific. When the war ended, her company was sent to serve in occupied Japan.

After her honorable discharge, Pat moved to San Francisco, where she became involved in the Gay and bohemian life in North Beach. She acted in various theater groups, and received a BA degree from San Francisco State College under

the GI Bill. She spent the last four decades of her life living in Sausalito, San Rafael and Mill Valley.

Pat was best known for her appearance in the pioneering 1978 documentary "Word Is Out", where she described her life in the WACs and in North Beach Gay nightspots. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, she wrote and performed in four one-woman shows, which were major contributions to the development of Lesbian theater: "Conversations With Pat Bond", about growing up Gay in the Midwest; "Gerty, Gerty Stein Is Back Back", based on Gertrude Stein's life in Paris (which was made into a PBS television special); "Murder in the WAC", about a terrifying witchhunt against Lesbian WACs that Pat witnessed while stationed in Tokyo; and "Lorena Hickcock and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story".

Pat Performed her shows (many of them benefits for Lesbian and Gay organizations) at universities and theaters across the United States and Canada. She made several appearances in Arizona.

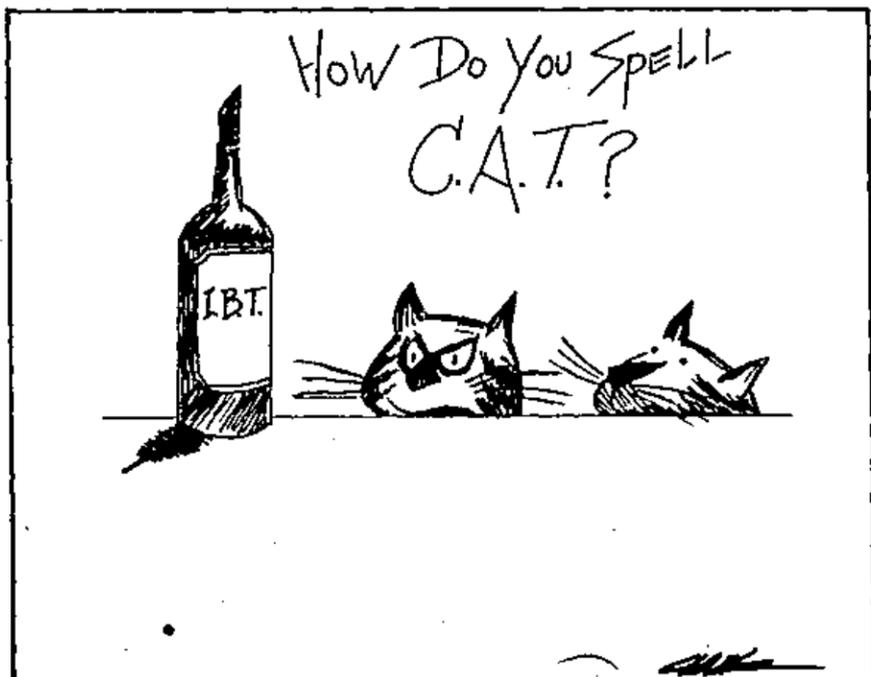
Pat is warmly remembered by many people as the first openly Lesbian performer they had ever seen. She has moved audiences with her feistiness, her humor

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STEVEN DIETZ..

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A You aren't alone in your preoccupation about the war in the Middle East. There are countless social and political leaders, organizations, and counselors warning the American public to "take a break" from the minute by minute media coverage.

The greatest threats to mental health, in times like these, are the fears of the unknown, and the feelings that personal control has been lost. Something as large and sometimes incomprehensible as the conflict of war may seem too enormous to allow for any one individual's actions to make a difference, but in fact, there is much you can do. Not only can you make a difference at your own level, but your efforts will give you a sense of control and accomplishment.

1. Set limits on the time you spend reading the newspaper or watching the news. A half-hour news broadcast once or twice a day will be more than sufficient to keep you up-to-date with current events. The subconscious mind of the strongest individual can suffer mental indigestion from being fed the same stories, repeated over and over through-

out the day, no matter how objective the newscasts may see to be.

2. If you have friends involved in the Middle East, write to them. The support from home is deeply meaningful to them, and allows you to stay in touch. If you have no personal friends overseas, make new ones. Even letters to "Any Soldier" will be distributed to those in need of contact from home, and will provide support and encouragement. If you have strong feelings about the conflict, share them with government officials. Never assume that your single voice has no power.

3. If you find you cannot sufficiently relieve anxiety on your own, get involved with a support group. Many are available throughout the community, and you should be able to get a list of times and places from the local military base, chamber of commerce, or your place of worship. Such groups provide an opportunity to talk about your own fears and worries as well as providing a listening ear for others who share your emotions.

4. Our beliefs are so personal and individualized that it would hardly be appropriate for me to suggest what your expression of faith should be. However, whatever your religious background, it might help to visualize analogies such as the dilemma a parent faces when two children make opposing demands; the concept of death as a time of sleep in preparation for a new beginning; using prayer as a seed for personal and global resolution, rather than competition

between winners and losers. (Then give the seed time to grow instead of digging it up again every fifteen minutes to see if it works). Above all, don't ever be embarrassed to ask your pastor, rabbi or priest to help you resolve questions of faith. What you believe is the base from which all decisions are made. Don't under-estimate the value of time spent in learning more about spiritual values than can hold you up during times of this present crisis, as well as preparing you for personal challenges yet to come.

5. Remember to plan recreational time with friends. Exercise relieves anxiety and builds emotional as well as physical strength. Make time for laughter; it is just as appropriate during times of stress as is sorrow - and is twice as healing.

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Observer/Community Benefit Set for March 23

TUCSON - The Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit will be held on March 23 in the Convention Center at the Plaza Hotel on Speedway at Campbell.

Many of the specific details of the gala evening are still being worked on. Shanti Foundation/Tucson and PACT for Life, this year's recipients will host the affair with the OBSERVER.

It will truly be a gala affair with dinner, dancing and lots of local and imported entertainment throughout the evening. More details will be announced as the date draws nearer, but you are encouraged to mark March 23rd on your calendars and plan to attend the benefit of the year.

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What's Up Doc ???



My congratulations goes out to all the winners in this year's CAT Awards. Also, to those who were nominated, but who did not win, you are winners just the same. Being nominated is a way the Tucson community expresses their thank you for your contributions to the Gay community over the past year.

With the exception of one little goof up on one of the awards, Day Bartender - Male, all of the awards were a little better distributed around Tucson this year. As for that Daytime Bartender-Male, the winner, Denver did not even know he was one of the five finalists.

When I put in last week's column my comment about making mistakes in this column and people coming up to tell me, little did I know I was typing yet another one. And yes, it was pointed out to me. It seems "Moose's Weenie Wednesday" is in the afternoon, not the evening as I stated. Moose, I hope this will make you happy now, and you go through more weenies than you can keep up with.

I sometimes get the opportunity to sit down and write this column a couple days before I have to turn it over to Bob. This weekend was the same. After writing my column last Saturday A.M., I came home after the CAT Awards and changed it.

My article was concerning the overall process of the last CAT Awards registration and voting problems. I gave some strong reasons for what I felt the reasons were for these mistakes. After thinking it over a little more, I've come to change my feeling about some of what I had written.

Yes there were problems this past year, but not all of the blame should rest on the shoulders of the CAT Committee. Try as hard as they could, they did try to make the year's process work smoothly, but there were some major goof ups.

The first, I felt, was that registration should have started back at the Gay Pride Picnic. Next, I felt a better coverage of all the bars, both afternoon and evenings, should have taken place, allowing more people the chance to vote.

Part of the disagreements or complaints I have received could have been handled long before even the voting took place. It is called involvement by more individuals from all the bars. At the final CAT Committee meeting, prior to the voting, only one bar had a representative sitting in. Now for all the bars to get equal coverage and support, someone from each bar is going to have to take the responsibility on and become a member of the CAT Committee. It does not have to be the owner, or the manager, it can be anyone willing to take the time and attend these meetings.

For the coming year, I have a few suggestions I am going to put forward at

the first CAT Committee meeting that may help. I personally feel the full CAT Committee met too many times over the past year, sometimes not getting anything constructive completed by some of those meetings. One of my ideas is that the CAT Committee should be broken down into 3 or 4 committee's. Those committees could meet whenever they wanted to, bringing back reports and suggestions to the full CAT Committee, who would only be meeting quarterly.

Another area I would like to change, is, sometime around October, I would like to see the community pick the nominees, then when everyone votes, you would be voting for one of those nominees.

Of course, all of my ideas may not be approved but, if each of you that, for one reason or another, has complaints about the latest process, it is highly suggested you attend one of the early CAT meetings and express them at that time. Just sitting around a bar discussing them, does not do any good nor is it helpful when it comes to clearing up those problems. The next meeting of the CAT Committee is Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree.

At this year's CAT Awards ceremonies, a questionnaire was passed out. There were only five questions to be answered and your responses to each will go a long way in improving the complete package. I am going out this week to drop off envelopes with these questionnaires in them at all the bars. Take a minute and please fill one out. Be totally honest. We are grown adults, so our feeling are not hurt that easily.

Let me congratulate each of this years winners of the CAT Awards, and pray you will have fond memories for years to come when looking at the award.

In closing, another congratulation is due at this time also. Pam, Desert Leatherman member, was awarded First Runner-up in this year's Miss Leather Arizona, up in Phoenix a couple weeks ago.

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ATLANTA, GA (AP) - The U.S. AIDS epidemic has reached a grim milestone - 100,000 dead in nearly a decade - and the death rate is accelerating rapidly. In just the next three years, as many as 215,000 Americans will die of AIDS, the national Centers for Disease Control projected last week.

"The epidemic is here," said Dr. Ruth Berkelman, CDC AIDS surveillance chief. We see from these numbers alone that AIDS has already taken an incredibly heavy toll, and there's no letup in sight."

Of the nation's 161,073 AIDS cases reported since 1981, 100,777 patients had died by the end of 1990, the CDC reported.

"It's really hard to imagine that many people having died," Berkelman said.

CDC officials estimate that 1 million Americans are already infected with HIV. Of these, an estimated 165,000 to 215,000 will die during 1991-1993. Worldwide, the World Health Organization estimates more than 300,000 AIDS cases so far, and about 10 million people infected with the virus.

90 percent of the U.S. AIDS patients are male, and nearly three-fourths are between 25 and 44. Gay or bisexual men and intravenous drug abusers of both sexes continue to be at highest risk, accounting for more than 86 percent of AIDS death, the CDC said.

By 1989, AIDS was the second leading

cause of death among men 25-44, second only to injuries. And by the end of this year, it's likely to rank among the top five killers of women in that age group, too, the CDC said.

AIDS is already the leading cause of death among men 25-44 in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York City, and is the leading cause of death among black women 15-44 in New York state and New Jersey.

Gay and Lesbian Roles In Combat

[ED NOTE: The following Editorial appeared in a recent edition of the San Francisco Chronicle.]

Gays and Lesbians have answered the call to battle ever since people went to war armed with sticks and rocks. They have found places in the United States military as officers and in enlisted ranks. Some are superb performers, some are goldbricks and some stand plumb in the middle.

It is unrealistic for the Department of Defense to reject enlistments by homosexuals or claim that the armed forces cannot function effectively if homosexuals are included. Veterans of all the nation's wars can recall serving with Gays and Lesbians.

Most homosexuals manage to escape detection, but the military established a pattern of discharging or even imprisoning those it found on active duty. The

commander of the Navy's surface Atlantic Fleet described Lesbian sailors as "hard-working, career-oriented ...among the command's top performers" -- and, in the same order last fall, instructed officers to root them out.

The military now seems ready to modify the process, but only temporarily. Chronicle National Correspondent Sandy Shilts reports that a new Pentagon "stop loss" policy calls for letting Gays and Lesbians remain in the service as long as the present emergency in the Persian Gulf persists.

"This doesn't abdicate the rules," Shilts was told by a Pentagon spokesman. "You just have to establish priorities."

The case of Donna Lynn Jackson, a 25-year-old Army reservist whose hospital unit has been called up, seems especially pertinent. Jackson, who identified herself as a Lesbian, said she is ready to serve in the gulf -- but in return, she seeks assurance that the Army won't discharge her from the reserve when she returns from the combat zone.

IT WOULD BE UNJUST for the Department of Defense to go ahead with a plan to let Gays continue to serve in the gulf - and then, once the emergency is over, dump them from the armed forces.

There is no valid defense for a policy that says Gays and Lesbians should not be allowed to serve - or for that matter, be exempt from a possible future draft simply by declaring their sexual orientation.

Pat Bond

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and her occasional raucousness.

In the 1980s, Pat was emcee and Grand Marshall for Lesbian and Gay Pride Parades in San Francisco, New York and Dallas. In 1990, she was among a group of Lesbian and Gay veterans who were honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for their service during World War II.

Pat died in the hospital surrounded by her friends singing carols on Christmas eve, a time when she had traditionally gathered people together in her home.

Her friends are now collecting her papers and photographs to preserve in an archive, and are raising funds for an annual "Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award" to be presented to a Lesbian over 60 whose service to the community has not been sufficiently acknowledged. Donations may be sent to the Pat Bond Fund, 545 Douglass Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sam Thomas

Well, the 1990 CAT Awards are over. I thought things, overall, went pretty smooth that evening. That is till later that evening. There seems to be a good number of people who were not only upset, but down-right pissed. What I told them is that if you have complaints, please attend the next CAT meeting, Wednesday, Feb 20 at the Joshua Tree at 7 p.m., and speak up. Everyone has a right to voice their opinions at these meetings (these are community awards). If you are unable to attend, then pass on your opinion on to a CAT member. Only with the community's input can these awards truly be the community awards of Tucson.

Congratulations are extended not

only to the nominees and recipients, but also to the people who worked hard to put everything together. All of us at the CAT Committee encourage and look forward to increased community participation in functions and activities of the CAT Committee.

It seems that as a result of last week's leather column, there are several interests for a few follow-up columns. Some areas asked about were: The Leather Mentality; Piercing; and Leather Sex Practices.

Next week's column will be about "The Secret Life Of Jerome Beillard, Man With A Big Heart."

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

War. It's not a pretty word, is it? What does the word "war" conjure up in your mind? Pain, torment, sacrifice, death? War is not fun. War is not easy. War is not desirable. But, as much as anyone dreads war, and no matter how hard people try to prevent or stop war, it will always be a part of our lives.

Kind of scary, isn't it? When at war, as we are now, there is an uncertainty about the future. Suddenly, plans are put on hold and we let war set the course of our lives. Vacations aren't planned because gas may be rationed or airlines might close down. Reservists can't finish college because they are called up for duty. Houses aren't bought because money is tight. Precious sleep is lost at night for fear of terrorist attacks.

Do these scenarios sound familiar? If so, be assured that you are not alone. Most everyone, with few exceptions, is negatively affected by war.

There is, however, a brighter side. Although war can be painful, it is not overpowering for the Christian believer. You see, Christians do not live for what this world offers them, but for the promise of a better world offered by God. Scripture points out that war, especially

in the Middle East, is the fulfillment of centuries-old prophecies. Christians should actually be excited at this time of conflict, because it indicates that the end is drawing near. This is not to say that we should condone war, nor should we be happy about sending our men and women overseas to fight the enemy, and possibly die. But it does mean that we are moving closer to the day so eagerly anticipated by Christians throughout the world.

Christians look forward to a better life, a perfect life, and eternal life. Christians are so named because they have turned their lives over to Jesus Christ. We have a personal relationship with Jesus, and are thus guaranteed entry into heaven. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Yes, war is a terrible reality. It's a shame we can't all live in peace with one another. But as long as there is sin in the world, there will be war in the world. Don't let this confrontation in the Middle East rule your life. Let Jesus rule instead. He patiently waits and wants you to call on Him. He wants you to be at peace ... not war.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Last Saturday the Annual Congregational Meeting was held at the church to conduct the business for 1991. The reports from the various departments, committees and officers were read and approved. There was much discussion on the new facilities that will be moved into this coming April. Two administrative Council seats were voted on and filled with Bert Hoop as a new member and Peggy Terlisner-Willey being reinstated for another three-year term. Those members of the Administrative Council who were not up for re-election, were Dennis Bell, Angie Burtell and James Carlin. The Lay and Alternate Lay Delegates elected were Ben Corbin and Bert Hoop.

An important decision made by the congregation was to move the fiscal year from January 1/December 31 to February 1/January 1. This new fiscal year will facilitate in the Budget Planning and will help simplify the yearly reports presented at the Congregational Meeting each year.

It was also noted during this meeting that the Bi-Yearly General Conference of U.F.M.C.C. will be held in Phoenix, AZ this coming July. MCC/Tucson will be represented with our Clergy and our Lay Delegates during this Conference.

The monthly Administrative Council meeting which is on the first Sunday of each month has been changed for February only. This meeting will be held on Feb. 10. Our congratulations to the new Administrative Council, our prayers will be with them during this coming year.

MCC/Tucson would like to thank the CAT Committee and the Tucson community at-large for the honor of receiving the trophy for the Most Outstanding Religious Organization in Tucson for 1990. We were equally honored to have our Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey receive a special Merit Award.

Thought for the Week: The kindness planned for tomorrow doesn't count today.

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And don't forget to vote for Terry Goddard on February 26.

CALENDAR

of upcoming events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
JOSHUA TREE - It's showtime here with the antics of Scandalicious and her crew of performers. 10:30 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
COLETTE'S - Big variety show with the Peroxide Babes and a great list of other entertainers. Watch for details.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 10
FRENCH QUARTER - It's Mardi Gras time again here and this will be Edition II. Debbie Mason will be entertaining. Watch for more details. A big time for all. If you remember last year, you surely won't want to miss this one!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
BOURS - Valentine Show begins at 8:30 p.m. and will star Tiffany St. Thomas with Candy Plastique, Lucinda and Roxy. Sounds like a fun show.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
COLETTE'S - Jess Hawk Oakenstar will be performing here with some of the finest music you have ever heard. Make plans.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
COLETTE'S - Big Valentine's Day Pajama Party and Costume Contest. It begins at 8:00 p.m. There'll be prizes for the best costumes too!

FRENCH QUARTER - Valentine's Day Dinner being planned. Make your reservations now cause they're limited! Surprise your sweetie with a romantic dinner!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
COLETTE'S - It's Country and Western Night again and Mr. Loren Johnson, The Community Awards Entertainer of the Year will be singing and entertaining from 8:30 on. Don't miss it.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
COLETTE'S - It's another one of those hilarious "Gayly-Wed Game" shows again. Featuring some of your favorite people in the community playing this popular game. If you haven't seen this game-show, plan on getting here early.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
BOURS - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will present another of their fabulous Hoe Downs. 2:00 p.m. until closing. More details later.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
FRENCH QUARTER - San Francisco's wackiest comedian, David Kelsey will be holding forth here with his wonderful brand of humor. Make plans now, and watch for more details.



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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 week's 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).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Women's 3rd Annual Black and White Ball being presented by "40 and Better". \$5 at the door. 8:00 p.m. until ?? at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. Chaperons available for women under 40. Dressy dress, Black tie, Dress your fantasy. Non alcoholic beverages available. BYOB. 299-1131 for more info.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting at Hotel Park Tucson. 7:30 p.m. New York activist Claudia Brenner reveals a horror story of unprovoked homophobic violence. Brenner's lover was killed in the attack. Now Brenner speaks out across the country against hate crimes. A reception to meet Brenner and support her campaign against homophobia follows: the meeting at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort. Free to OP members and newcomers.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will begin rehearsals at the University of Arizona in the Music Building, Room 106. The rehearsal will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association March meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting, a Forum will be held. "Gays and God" is the topic. Distinguished clergy from various denominations (Catholic, Episcopalian, MCC, Presbyterian, Unitarian, Jewish and Methodist) have been invited to be on the panel, additionally, members of ten religion-based organizations serving Gays and Lesbians in Southern Arizona are encouraged to join the evening's presentation. Free to OP members and newcomers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's event is hosted by the beneficiaries of the benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Big, big plans are in the works on this Benefit of the year. Watch the OBSERVER for more details.



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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm \$1.00. DJ Bobby Jr. 9-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 10 am. NFL Football on our big screen. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Vim Down Vibe" \$1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Book. Brunch served 12-1. Bloody Barys - Screwdrivers \$1.50, Daiquiris \$2. .50 Draft Beer 3 to 6 p.m.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.

GLADIATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.

BOURS - Bloody Barys and Screws \$1.00 till 7 pm. Moose Salween Specials 7-1.

LET'S - Great sandwiches from DE Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/M music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/instructor Gil Leon.

REXES - Noon to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screws and Bloody Barys \$1.50 + Schnapps \$1.00/shot. + Hot Dogs.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special Bobby Jr. 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25, draft .75. Monday Night Football!!! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dops during the game.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50.

FIRELINE - Open at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.

GLADIATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.

BOURS - Open Book. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowly Clappers.

LET'S - 4 to 6 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

REXES - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.50 plus All White Well \$1.75 from 8 to close. food till 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. DJ 9 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. Looseback Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 7 pm to close all Well drinks \$1.75.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.

GLADIATE - .50 draft open to close.

BOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.

LET'S - 4 to 6 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Bits with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 4 pm to close.

Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.

REXES - \$1.50 Domestic Beer or Well drinks Noon-7 pm. All White Well \$1.75 from 8 to close. W/DJ 9-1 with C/lat.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9pm

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. 9-Square dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 7 to close all Domestic Beer \$1.75, All Schnapps .75

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.

GLADIATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sates.

BOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Light-Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.

LET'S - 4-6 Two for One. 8 to Close, White well Wite .75 (w/ juice \$1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Firdale 9 to 1.

REXES - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.50 Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.50 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. W/DJ C/lat at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. DJ 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / "Subversive!!" .75 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Mike Padilla at the piano. Off Appreciation Bite - Corona Beer \$1.50 from 7 pm to closing.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm \$1.50 Well, \$3.00 Pitchers.

GLADIATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

BOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Binkies or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Bite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Mack.

LET'S - 4-6 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Hot and Bud Lite \$1.25 8-1.

REXES - \$1.50 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Kopper 8pm to midnight .50/draft, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with C/lat 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. Bobby Jr. DJ's beginning at 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / Party Bite Hourly Drink Specials 8-12. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Dinner served 6 to 9 with easy Michael Padilla at the piano.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well and \$1.00 pitchers. New Fireline opens 8:30 "Share Vite" 17 & older with dancing/soon light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.

GLADIATE - Drink Specials until closing.

BOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25

LET'S - 4-6 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.

REXES - \$1.50 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. W/DJ C/lat 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Book. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Book. Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Michael Padilla at the piano.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. Sports Saturday! .50 hot dogs, drink specials all day

GLADIATE - Drink specials until closing.

BOURS - Open Book.

LET'S - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.

REXES - Open Book. 8 to 1 Corona Beer \$1.75. Dance with W/DJ C/lat 9-1

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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS: Last week, former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, announced that he would not seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in 1992, when John McCain's term is up. Babbitt was in Washington, DC to tell the head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia. It has been speculated that Babbitt will seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in 1994, when Dennis DeConcini's term is up. It is expected that the Senior Senator will not run for re-election, in lieu of the Lincoln Savings scandal.

A poll was released last week that shows the approval rating of our two Senators has dropped. In the recent poll, 16% of those Arizonans questioned stated that Senator DeConcini was doing an excellent job down from 27% when the poll was last taken. Only 24% of those questioned thought that Senator John McCain was doing an excellent job, down from the 32% in the last poll.

Last week, former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter was officially elected as the Chairman of the Republican National Committee. To replace Yeutter as Agriculture Secretary, President Bush named Illinois Congressman Edward Madigan. It is expected that Madigan will be quickly confirmed for the Cabinet post.

ARIZONA NEWS: Last Week "Financial World" magazine released its annual survey of the best managed cities in the United States. At the top of the list was Phoenix, Arizona. The Symington campaign blasted the report as "political trickery". I find it surprising that Symington finds the "Financial World" magazine to be a publication controlled

by left-wing, liberal democrats. The publication is just verifying what we all knew: that under the Goddard Administration, Phoenix was a well managed metropolis.

Last Saturday, the State Republican and Democratic parties met to elect new State Officers for the 1991-92 term. The Democratic Party agreed to hold off electing new officers until after the Feb. 26 runoff election. They kept their current slate of officers for the next month.

On the other hand, the Arizona Republican Party had a donnybrook to elect a new Chairman to succeed Burton Kruglick. After two ballots, the winner was Gerald Davis, a Phoenix Lawyer and head of the Dist. 18 Republicans. Davis, regarded as leader of the Mechaite faction within the GOP, is a rabid anti-choice conservative. Privately, some of the moderates expressed their displeasure at his election. But in his acceptance speech, he expressed his fond hopes for unity.

In this reporters opinion, the State GOP has drifted even further to the right. Davis is expected to name Edith Richardson, a former Mecha aide, as Executive Director. Need I go on! We have no hope within the State GOP. Do not expect change in the future, it is only going to get worse.

TUCSON NEWS: Prominent Tucson lawyer, Lawrence Becker, announced that he will not seek the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1991. This announcement seems to be paving the way for the candidacy of Ward 3 Council Member, George Miller. But, the Council Member has been silent on his possible candidacy for the Mayoral post. Recently I had a chance to talk with Ward 1 Council Member Bruce Wheeler on his future plans. He has assured me that he plans to run for re-election in the upcoming election. But if Miller decides not to run, and the conservative "Tucson Business Coalition" puts up a candidate, Wheeler would run for mayor.

But I expect within the next month that Miller will announce his candidacy for the job of Mayor of Tucson. He has terrific managerial skills, he knows how the departments run, and he would lead the city out of the tough times we are in. George has been a friend of the Gay and Lesbian community, even when it was not the politically correct thing to do. We must elect George Miller as our next Mayor. He will lead us into the 90s.

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package. I have listed some individual places as personal friends have stayed at these places, yet there are many more in Key West and all over Florida.

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Until next time... Love Ya... Chuck

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-- George Bernard Shaw

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. 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. For more information call Ray at 575-0087 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

LESBIAN BICYCLING CLUB - Riders of all levels welcome for fun and exercise. Next ride is Sunday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 a.m. Meet at JB's at Kolb and Speedway. For info call Jean 885-2120.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555.

P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for info.

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.

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

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YOUNG AND GAY?

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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.

KALPIDOSCOPE offers Gay men and women a chance to explore the joys and trials of Gay life. Through educational programs, confidential discussions, and community outreach, we try to nurture understanding, trust and support. Singles, couples, bi-sexuals, or "just coming out" call information and Referral 881-1794 Mon-Fri 8 to 5.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LESBIAN/BISexuals/GAYS UNITED Welcomes students, alumni, faculty and staff to social/political meetings in Student Union, Room 285 every Monday 7:00 p.m. Call 886-6992 for more info.

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9808 if interested.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. PACT office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 322-9808.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
Drop-in support Group for family, friends and significant others 8 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti Office, 602 N. 4th Ave. Open to anyone wanting emotional support in dealing with a person who is HIV+, AIDS or facing any life-threatening disease.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV. P.A.C.T. office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m. 322-9808.

EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY
"IRIGES" Shanti Support Group. 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love, self healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

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Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti office. 622-7107 for reservations

A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

It Was Their Finest Hour

Winston Churchill's words, spoken during the fighting in World War Two, complimented members of the Royal Air Force for their efforts fighting German planes. Those same words, however, are appropriate when speaking of the current war in the Persian Gulf.

When fighting began Wednesday evening, January 16, about 4:30 p.m., Arizona time, I was preparing for work. I had been assigned to cover a fundraiser by one of the daily newspapers for which I work. I had been edgy about working something so frivolous when bombs were dropping on Baghdad.

I knew bombs were dropping because I was listening, with the CNN television crew, as they fell outside the hotel in Iraq's capitol city. It was like Murrow's roof-top reporting of the bombs dropping on London during World War Two. It was, "You Are There", more realistically than Walter Cronkite might ever have imagined.

I donned my tuxedo, drove to the fundraiser, and began asking questions about the war's impact on the mood of the event. I was pleased to see nearly everyone was concerned about the appearance of a fundraiser while bombs littered the ground in Baghdad.

Excited, I called my editor, to beg her to allow me to write a "war reaction" story. Luckily, she already had the same idea.

The event couldn't end quickly enough. The band played music from the 1940s -- the irony, I believe, lost on everyone but me. Certain people left the dinner tables to return moments later with a quick update on the situation. "Bush said this..." or "CBS radio reported..." It was a glorious moment both as a journalist and as a member of the human race.

I hurried back to the newspaper, saying to myself, "Remember this moment. Remember this feeling, the excitement." I want never to forget how I felt being a part of the whole world; yet isolated, a lone journalist doing his job.

Less than two hours later, my "war reaction" story was written. About ten hours after that, it was on the streets, in newspaper kiosks, being purchased and read by people who neither knew me, nor the excitement with which I wrote the article -- nor the excitement coursing through my body that day and for the next couple days.

War, as I have written in this column over the years, is a ridiculous waste of time and effort -- and men, women and intelligence. But, to have been a vital, actual member of the few (million, probably) of the people doing something in direct response to the war was a thrill I hope to never forget; but to repeat often -- although one hopes, under different circumstances.

I make this point for several rea-

sons, the most germane being that when the big earthquake hit San Francisco in October 1989, I was stuck watching CNN. My beloved city had been vandalized and I sat there, impotent, unable to react in a positive manner, to say the right words, to DO SOMETHING.

Although my few printed "war reaction" words will probably have little if any effect on the "big scheme of things", at least I was given the opportunity to do, to act, to achieve. And for that small, yet important opportunity, I am deeply thankful.

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CAPSULE COLUMN ONE: Now would be a good time to sit down and write a letter to a soldier in the Persian Gulf -- as recommended in this column last week. Letter should be addressed: To Any Soldier, Desert Shield, APO New York, 09848-0006.

CAPSULE COLUMN TWO: Hats off to both C-SPAN and CNN cable networks for offering live, free-of-charge coverage to cable systems and/or viewers across the world: C-SPAN for televising the Senate's War Powers Act debates the week before the war began; CNN for their live reports from Baghdad when all other networks went dark. Signals were unscrambled; charges were waived. It was television's finest hour.

CAPSULE COLUMN THREE: Lastly, congratulations to actor Bruce Davidson, winner of the Golden Globe for his powerful performance in the AIDS-themed film, "Longtime Companion". But, congrats more than for just his win. Closing his acceptance speech, Davidson said: "I have a hope and a prayer that as we evolve as a species, we can devote as much of our intelligence, our intuition, our courage

and our will to the war against AIDS as we do in our war against each other."

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

General Motors Bans Discrimination of Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Wall Street Journal reported that the General Motors Corporation (GM), "faced with a threatened boycott by the city of San Francisco over a slur against Gays in a promotional video, has issued a company directive barring discrimination or insults against homosexuals".

San Franciscans reacted angrily to an "internal video" shown last September at GM's Chevrolet unit, "which contained reference to a foreign competitor's product as 'that little faggot truck.'"

The city of San Francisco threatened to cancel its \$500,000 a year contract with GM unless the auto maker "could show how it would avoid discriminating against Gays in the future," the Wall Street Journal reports.

GM responded by issuing the directive against discrimination and, in the December newsletter, "condemning discrimination against Gays, "according to the Wall Street Journal." Also, GM Chairman Robert C. Stempel has sent a letter of apology to the city of San Francisco.

"I want to assure you that this singular unfortunate incident does not reflect General Motors policies, practices or attitudes toward Lesbian and Gay people," Stempel's letter said.

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