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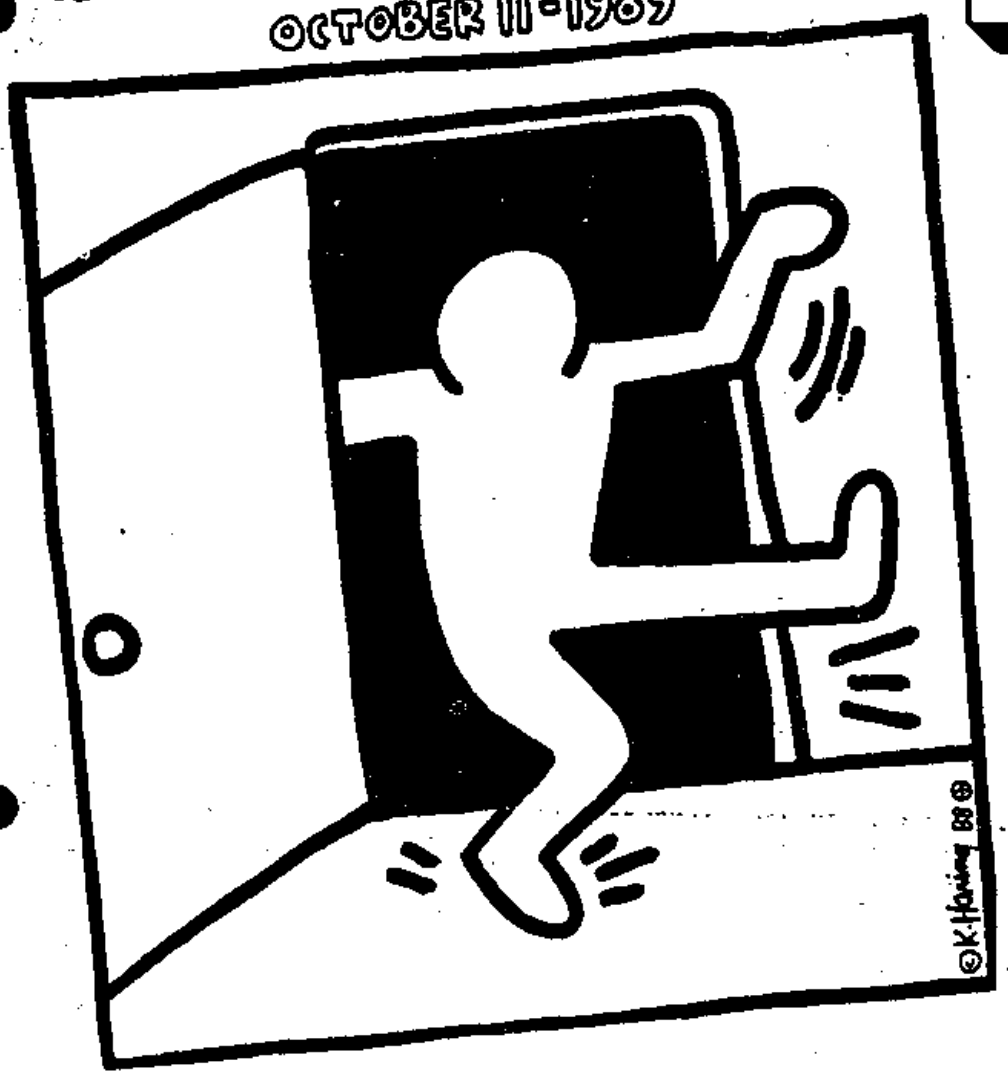

by Jason Serinus, C.H.

Individuals and groups across the country are formulating how they will "take their next step" as momentum builds for the second annual National Coming Out Day (NCOD) on Wednesday, October 11.

Coming Out is the cornerstone of Lesbian/Gay liberation, and the chief means by which Gay and Lesbian people can claim the rights granted to other minorities. Only by coming out and fully accepting the uniqueness of Lesbians and Gay men will, NCOD organizers believe, give Gays and Lesbians the visibility and power that will lead to liberation.

"Coming out is a process and not a singular event," explains NCOD national co-chair Rob Eichberg. "We're not asking people to do something way beyond their comfort level. We're asking everyone to look at what more they could be doing in terms of telling the truth and being open and out, out there."

National Coming Out Day grew out of a February, 1988 "war conference" of Gay leaders from around the country. Envisioned as a follow-up to the 600,000 strong October 11, 1987 Lesbian/Gay March On Washington, it was scheduled on October 11 in order to continue the forward momentum of the historic march. As such, its message is clear: "Take Your Next Step: Take the Message of the March Home."

As Rob Eichberg explains, "It was tremendously exciting for 600,000 to gather and march, and to garner at least some media attention. But if those 600,000 people had all returned home willing to go to their friends and co-workers and families to tell them what they were marching about, that is, to say 'I am Gay and a worthy human being who deserves my rights,' we'd have already aligned the majority of people in this country to support us.".

"Most people think that they don't know anyone who is Lesbian or Gay. And that's not because they don't. It's because we hide," continued Eichberg.

"The truth is that we don't have to rely on the 'powers that be' when we have that power within ourselves. But the only way we can utilize our power is to be willing to be out there. You can't make any change from a closet.

"The bottom line of Lesbian/Gay liberation has always been coming out. In some ways we have lost sight of this, partly because of the epidemic. A lot of Gays have become activists as a result of AIDS, but they've never really focused on their sexuality itself as an issue that requires activism. We must realize that being Gay is a political issue. The only way we can depoliticize our sexuality is by coming out."

1988's impact was so great that the decision was made to establish a separate NCOD organization to coordinate yearly events. Pilo Bueno, ex-president of Common Knowledge, Santa Fe's Gay and Lesbian social and community organization has become the first full-time NCOD National Coordinator of the New Santa Fe National Office.

While National Coordinator Pilo Bueno shares that one of his visions is for NCOD to grow into an

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Guest Editorial

HIV Testing And Early Treatment

The federal government released the results of a scientific study a couple of weeks ago that removes the last lingering doubts about the wisdom of HIV testing. The study, conducted under the auspices of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, found that carriers of the human immunodeficiency virus who were taking the drug AZT progressed to full-blown AIDS at half the rate of those who were taking an inert placebo. (OBSERVER, Aug. 16). With the finding that proper medical treatment can delay the onset of AIDS, it becomes imperative that those at risk of contracting the disease monitor their health with every valid means at their disposal.

While the study was inconclusive for HIV-seropositives whose immune systems have not yet been compromised, it demonstrates beyond the shadow of a doubt that early treatment with AZT helps those whose T4 "helper" cells have fallen below 500 but who otherwise remain outwardly healthy. Further, it showed that patients were helped by taking as little as 500 milligrams of AZT a day. (Full dose is considered 1200 milligrams per day). "This is a true breakthrough," said Dr. Samuel Broder, director of the National Cancer Institute. "And I don't use those words often."

Now the federal government must take a number of steps. First, it must pass and stringently enforce legislation prohibiting all forms of discrimination against those who are HIV-positive The Americans with Disabilities Act (which was passed by the Senate last week, OBSERVER, Sept. 13) is a good starting point.

Second, the government must make immediate and adequate provisions for those tens of thousands of Americans who will need early treatment for HIV infection but who will be unable to afford it. According to the New York Times, "A substantial number of AIDS patients do not have health insurance and are not eligible for the government's Medicaid and Medicare benefits." The cost of early treatment is high: $7,000 to $8,000 per patient per year for a full dose of AZT; several hundred dollars for doctors' visits and medical monitoring; several hundred dollars for medical testing. The minimum the government can do now is to renew its AIDS drug assistance program, which is scheduled to expire this month.

Finally, it is time to do something better than the usual stopgap, patchwork solutions. It is time to plan and establish a national health care plan for all Americans. It is time for our government to wipe out, once and for all, the health care gap between rich and poor, urban and rural, white and black. It is time for the government to live up to the ideals of the founding fathers.

Framers of the Constitution conceived the new American system in the Enlightenment model: a government was to be a social contract among citizens. In return for taxes and popular support, the government would provide essential services - notably, defense against invading armies and help in the face of natural disasters. The AIDS epidemic is a natural disaster as devastating as earthquake, flood and typhoon, and it is the responsibility of the government to respond to it in a fully humane manner.

But we, as individuals, also have responsibilities. Insofar as we can, we must take care of our own health. Given the most recent scientific evidence, this means that it is essential for anyone who is at risk of contracting AIDS to know his or her HIV status. Counseling, however, is crucial. We have heard too many stories of rash steps, even suicides, by those who were psychologically unprepared to be told they were HIV-positive.

The most important aspect of the AZT study is that it provides hard, scientific proof that, finally, with the proper medical treatment, HIV disease is no longer a death sentence. For that news we are truly grateful.

[Reprinted from Bay Area Reporter, San Francisco]

Lambda 'Meet The Candidate Night' Oct. 13

TUCSON - The Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus' first major event is sponsoring "Meet The Candidate Night" on Friday, Oct. 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The candidates for City Council in the upcoming November elections who will be present include incumbent George Miller from Ward 3; Steve Leal, candidate in Ward 5 and Molly McKasson, candidate in Ward 6. All three will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding the political race or their opinions on the various issues and problems facing this city.

Also in attendance will be Mayor Tom Volgy and the other City Councilmembers, Janet Marcus and Bruce Wheeler.

There will be a no-host bar sponsored by Colette's West; Boomer's Cafe Espresso is sponsoring Hors d'Oeuvres. The Metropolitan Community Church Choir, 35-strong, will be there to entertain as well.

Everyone is invited to attend this spectacular first-time event which will be held outside, weather permitting. The Location is at 1602 Greenlee, one block south of Prince Road on the corner of Greenlee and Cherry, Friday, Oct. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Please come and bring a friend!

UPDATE

Take Back The Night March Oct. 7

TUCSON - In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Tucson Women Take Back The Night will hold a march to protest violence against women on Saturday, October 7. The organizers are a group of women in Tucson who have gathered for the purpose of bringing awareness to the community at large regarding the many acts of violence against women and children that occur daily. Such acts of violence include rape, battering, sexual abuse, prostitution, pornography, child abuse and sexual harassment.

Pre-March activities will begin at Armory Park at 5:00 p.m. Armory Park is located at 6th Avenue and 12th Street. There will be program activities before and after the March. The March itself will be in the downtown area and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Those who are unable to participate in the March are urged to attend the Rally.

Peacekeeper Training has been held for the past few weeks. The last training session will be held on the morning of the March, Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia. The session will be from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

Peacekeepers are people trained to assist in maintaining this unity and assure a smooth flow to the March. Peacekeeper training for one event is useful for others, however, even if you have been trained as a peacekeeper you must go through training for this March to assure consistency and unity.

"We encourage all women and children to join us in acknowledging the violence in our lives and to share our hope for a future of peace and justice," said a Take Back The Night spokeswoman.

Women Take Back The Night has spokeswomen available from professions dealing with different forms of violence against women and children including representatives from the Southern Arizona Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Legal Community and Counselors working with victims of violence.

Carpooling is strongly suggested. For more information call 791-7891, 887-7880 or ask for Julie at 326-2153.

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES MINOR
1957 - 1989

Born in Illinois, Jim Minor moved to Tucson some eight years ago to join his parents. A hair stylist by profession, Jim operated his own salon in Tucson. He was also a very active member of P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson.

Jim joined P.A.C.T. in 1988, a surprise to many members who saw Jim become involved in so many Coalition activities that they assumed he came on board with the 'Founding Fathers'.

Jim was instrumental in transforming the Saturday HIV Wellness Clinic form a dream into an operational reality. After Tim B. and representatives of TAP, Shanti, and TATA put together the office space, volunteer staff, and program of prsentations, Jim served as "Clinic staff" to welcome and direct visitors to the Saturday activities currently being held at the Broadmoor Center.

A legacy Jim Minor left behind for us is, in his own words, "For us to fight HIV on all fronts, personal and public, demands the best positive attitude we can muster. We have to be in this as a team, giving our strongest support to each other and drawing on that same support as needed."

The comunity has truly lost a hard-working volunteer and a gentle wonderful person.

IN MEMORIAM
GREG BERNDT

Services were held recently for Greg Berndt, who died on Sunday September 24 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Greg was from South Dakota, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Greg was the treasurer of the Satyricons Motorcycle Club in Las Vegas, as well as an Associate Member of Desert Leathermen of Tucson. He was buried on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Palm Valley View Cemetery in Las Vegas with full military honors. He will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to have been acquainted with him. He was a fine asset to the club community.

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S.F. D.A. Won't Prosecute Lynn Griffis

by Michelle DeRanleau

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The District attorney's office has closed the investigation into the alleged abduction and assault of Lynn Griffis when he declined to prosecute Griffis for filing a false report.

"Although there is probably cause to believe [Griffis] did in fact mislead police, it is not believed that the entirety of the evidence compellingly establishes her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt," district attorney Jerome Benson said in a statement.

According to Griffis' report, she was abducted at knifepoint by two men police later described as "skinheads". Griffis told police that one of her captors drove while the other threatened and beat her, carving a three inch cross into her chest. Griffis said she was thrown from the car after the assault.

But at a press conference two weeks after the alleged attack, Police Chief Frank Jordan said that Griffis' injuries were inconsistent with her story. He said the wounds appeared self-inflicted. (OBSERVER, Aug. 30)

Inspector Jeff Lindberg said later that the injuries to Griffis' elbows and knees, which she said occurred when she was thrown from the car, were "sharp force injuries," like razor cuts, rather than abrasions characteristic of a pavement burn. He also said that no dirt or gravel was found in the wounds.

ALAIN MCLAUGHLIN/REACTION!

Lynn Griffis

Cuts on Griffis' lip, which she said occurred when her attacker punched her in the mouth, were also "sharp force injuries" unaccompanied by bruising or injury to the inside of the lip, Lindberg said.

Lindberg said Griffis' clothes appeared cut rather than torn, and showed no signs of the dirt or grass that would have been present if the attack happened as Griffis said. The top of Griffis' tennis shoes were also cut.

Police interviews with people in Golden Gate Park near Ashbury and Fell, where Griffis said she was abducted, failed to turn up any witnesses, even though Lindberg says people were there at the time Griffis said she was being attacked. Lindberg also said no corroborating reports were phoned in to police, unusual in such a high visibility case.

At first Griffis, an assistant pastor at the Metropolitan Community Church, was thought to have been targeted because of the high visibility of the church in the domestic partners' campaign and her work with AIDS patients. She told police that her attackers said, "There's that fucking bitch who works with dying fags, let's get her" before the attack.

Police are still investigating a previous attack, in which Griffis said she was hit over the head with a shovel by someone who painted "Die with your fags" on the wall of her garage.

The alleged attacks were preceded by an increase in hate mail to the church, including death threats, which pastor Jim Mitulski said he suspects Lynn of making herself.

But only Griffis knows exactly what happened, or why. Police were dispatched to Griffis' house at about 11:00 a.m. on July 2. When they arrived, Griffis told them she had taken a bike ride and then gone on a walk. She said she was returning home when she was assaulted. Police took her to the hospital where her injuries were photographed by police photographers.

Two days later, after examining the photographs, Dr. Boyd Stevens, the chief medical examiner, released a report to investigators detailing the nature of Griffis' wounds. Police continued their investigation, keeping their suspicions quiet until two weeks later, when they called a meeting between Griffis, church officials, community leaders and police investigators.

When Griffis was confronted with the conflicting evidence, she left the room with Mitulski and Melinda Paras of Community United Against Violence. She told them she had not told the truth, and then told police that she had been sexually assaulted.

Her new story still did not clear up the discrepancies in the physical evidence, and Griffis' case was forwarded to the district attorney's office for possible prosecution for filing a false report. Griffis could have faced a year in jail or a $1,000 fine.

But that would not begin to cover the costs of the investigation, or security at an ACT-UP march from the Castro to the Haight the day after the alleged attack to protest anti-Gay and Lesbian violence.

Meanwhile, community leaders and police have emphasized that the threat of anti-Gay violence is very real, and police have maintained their commitment to solving hate crimes. Everyone involved, even Griffis in the early stages of the investigation, praised the department's handling of the case.

The day after the meeting with the police, Griffis left San Francisco for her parent's home in Nebraska, where she remains. She said from Nebraska that she was not lying about the attack, but she wanted the investigation dropped.

According to Minneapolis police records, Griffis reported being sexually assaulted when attending seminary school in St. Paul. Her attackers was never apprehended, and she never followed up on her complaint.
[Reprinted from the San Francisco Sentinel].

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official holiday which would eventually be listed on people's calendars and celebrated internationally via postcards and greeting cards, national co-chair Rob Eichberg contrasts it with the party and festival atmosphere of many Gay Pride Day Celebrations.

"The message is somewhat different. Gay Pride is more aimed at the community getting together and celebrating itself, while NCOD is about Lesbian/Gay individuals and groups reaching out beyond the community to let others know who and what we are. It's a chance for us to look inside at what our own next step is and be willing to take it, whether it be a very private step, or quite public."
(Reprinted from OUT! magazine)

[ED NOTE: Wingspan is coordinating the NCOD activities in Tucson and has issued a press release but contents cannot be released until 11:00 a.m. October 11 !!!]

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APACHE	52,108	4	4	2	1	1	0	1	1	0
COCHISE	85,686	6	6	2	3	3	1	16	16	1
COCONINO	75,008	6	6	3	-	-	-	13	12	1
GILA	37,080	4	3	3	-	-	-	1	1	0
GRAHAM	22,862	-	-	-	1	1	0	2	2	0
LA PAZ	12,557	2	2	1	-	-	-	6	4	0
MARICOPA	1,509,052	635	602	357	240	242	82	1108	1070	67
MOHAVE	55,865	8	7	4	-	-	-	18	18	1
NAVAJO	67,629	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
PIMA	531,443	167	166	76	32	35	11	406	402	26
PINAL	90,918	9	9	7	1	1	0	14	14	1
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	-	-	-	1	1	0	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	68,145	10	10	4	-	-	-	17	16	1
YUMA	76,205	12	12	3	6	6	2	30	30	2
UNKNOWN		1	1	0	6	6	2	290	288	[16]
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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well, TKO made their trip to Nogales, 11 people all trying to see just how many margaritas they could drink up and just how much money they could spend. All in all, it was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time. And, just for the record, Keith did buy himself a new dress.

I learned something very interesting on this trip and anytime I go again, I'll take one certain tour guide along - Terry. Almost every shop we walked past, the owner came out to say hello to Terry. At one of the final stops, out came this little kid, I'd say 16, but I was told he was 20. Anyway, the kid was carrying this very large wood carving, in the shape of you know what. Terry bought it and carried it back across the border and even had it inspected by the border guards. I wonder if that phallic carving will gather any dust?

Another purchase I really could not understand was Tommy M. buying himself a couple new pairs of earrings. For someone who only wears them on very special occasions, why buy more? I guess next weekend he will don at least one pair of them for everyone's viewing.

The only drawback the complete day was when we went to El Cid for dinner. The group all ate, had a few drinks and when the bill came, we were all shocked, $135! How 11 people can eat that much, drink that much to receive a bill as that, I'll never know. You can bet we will never make that mistake again.

Now back to Tucson and this coming weekend. Don't forget this is DL's Mystery Run Weekend in Patagonia. Run applications are posted in the bars but I'm sure if you go on this fun run and drive down to Patagonia, they will have applications for you to sign, or get to the Graduate this Friday, evening, Oct. 6 and sign up. Watch next week's OBSERVER and read all about this run as reported by DL's ace reporter, Ernie.

Also this coming weekend, down in Phoenix, it is the Third Annual International Gay Rodeo Finals, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7-8. Everyone is invited to see all the top rodeo contestants from throughout the country plus the top performing artists and Country and Western dance groups. It all takes place at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds. The entertainment takes place in the Dance Hall. The rodeo is always great fun and this annual IGRA event should be a winner!

At the time of this writing, TKO is scheduled to also be in Phoenix this coming weekend for their monthly meeting. From some of the talk I have heard so far, the meeting may possibly be switched back to Tucson. If this is the case, (the meeting to be held in Tucson), I'll contact all the members to pass on the location and time.

With that, I'll put this column to rest for this week, transfer it to paper for Bob and get ready to go bowling. Keep your fingers crossed, because I am borrowing a printer this week and if it works out I'll not have to copy all these words onto parchment with my quill. I hope this week is a beautiful one for you and everyone is happy and loving all the time.

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This year's Mystery Run will be held in the Southern Arizona town of Patagonia, just tobacco-spittin' distance from the Mexican border. As to the details of the mystery itself, Ernie and Candi have kept that. . . well, a mystery. but there is a whole lot we can tell you.

Check-in will be at the Graduate on Friday, October 6. The group will leave for the Stage Stop Hotel in Patagonia on Saturday morning, and on the way there, be treated to a tour of Arizona Vineyards, including a wine tasting party. This is one of the finest wineries in Southern Arizona.

Your evening at the Stage Stop will include a superb dinner of Prime Rib or Broiled Red Snapper, along with a few other surprises, and a tour of the local pubs and colorful nightlife.

Heading back to Tucson Sunday, you will then be a part of Desert Leathermen's 4th Anniversary celebration, to be held at Mi-Casa Su Casa in Tucson.

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Dextran Sulfate found ineffective

PHILADELPHIA, PA (AP) - In the Oct. 1 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine, the researchers have reported on the use of dextran sulfate in 18 health volunteers. After administering the drug orally and intravenously, the researchers, using three different methods, found only traces of the drug's activity.

Researchers in 1987 discovered that dextran sulfate prevented the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV, from invading the T-cell lymphocytes, a type of immunity cell that the AIDS virus normally attacks. After those reports, AIDS patients clamored for the FDA to allow them to import the drug from Japan, where it was used as an anti-clotting agent. Dextran sulfate's use has not been approved by the FDA.

The drug has been imported from Mexico and Japan during the past two years by "buyers clubs" organized by people infected with the virus. Last May, the FDA approved the drug for use in limited clinical trials.

Tests of the drug in volunteers, however, have since contradicted the early laboratory findings. The study appears to confirm preliminary results that the drug is poorly absorbed into the bloodstream and shows little promise of fighting the AIDS virus.

"If dextran sulfate is ultimately found to be an effective anti-HIV agent in humans, its therapeutic index is likely to be small," warned researchers at Johns Hopkins, the FDA and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

In addition, the drug is unlikely to prove useful when given intravenously, as the size of the large molecule prohibits it from easily crossing membranes.

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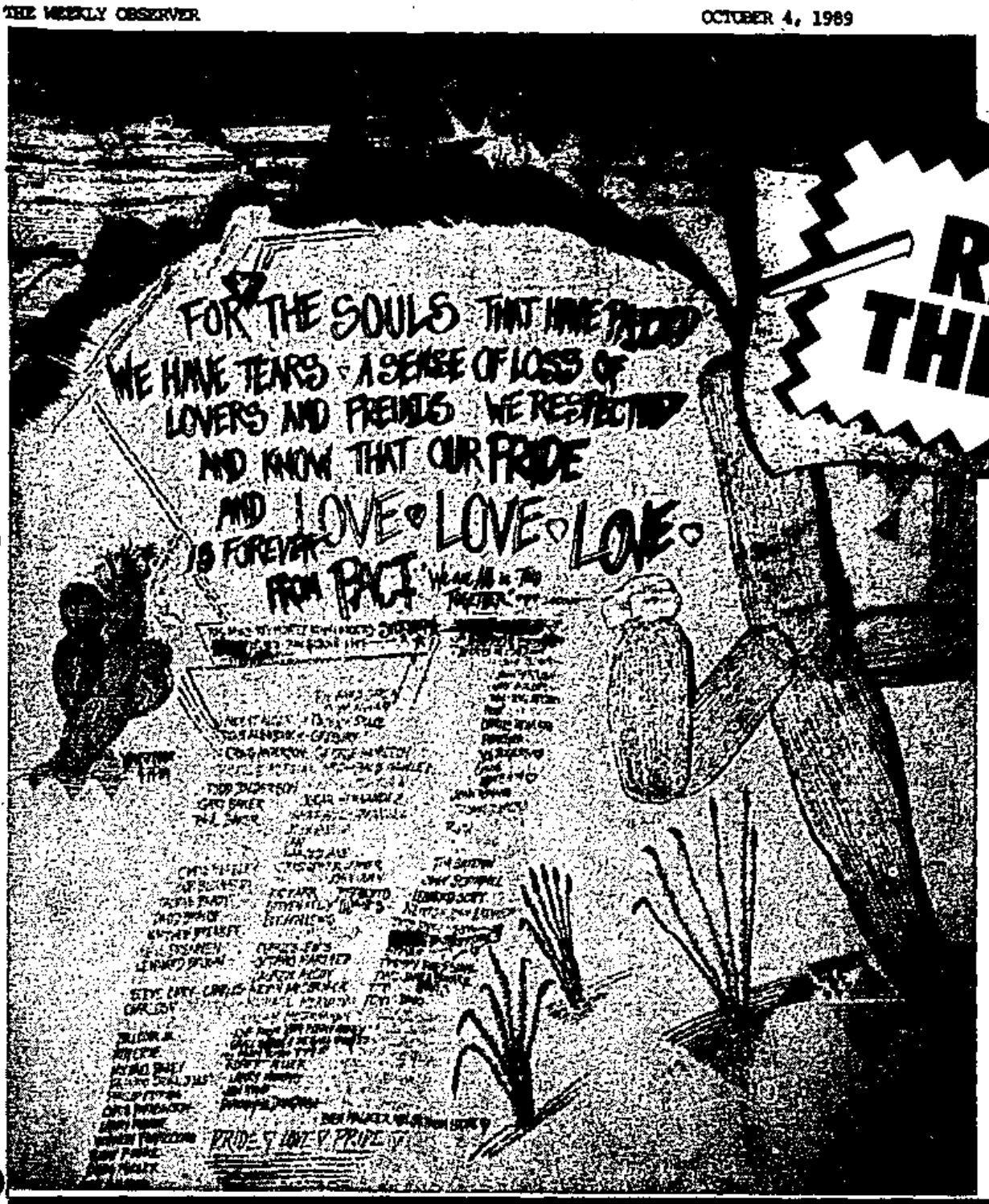

REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.

Pictured above is the latest 'panel' from Tucson to join the NAMES Project Quilt. The 6x6' multi-colored panel was created and painted by Tucson artist Jan Meyer.

The panel lists the names of all known local people who have succumbed to the AIDS epidemic. It was on display at the formation meeting of the Desert Quilt Project at St. Francis in the Foothills.

The colorful panel is being hand carried to Washington to be seen by thousands of people who will attend the final display of the memorial quilt in its entirety this weekend, Oct. 6, 7 and 8. The Tucson contingent will read the names on the Panel as it is being presented.

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS: President George Bush scored a big victory last week when the House of Representatives voted to cut the Capital Gains Tax. The new Democratic House leadership had vowed to defeat the tax cut, but 69 Democrats voted with the President. The final vote was 239-190. The question now arises, can the Democratic leadership hold their members in line.

In the United States Senate, the Senators voted to limit what National Endowment for the Humanities can fund. This is in the wake of the Mapplethorpe exhibit controversy. The Senators did vote down the Helms proposal which would have set very rigid standards.

ARIZONA NEWS: The Arizona Supreme Court, by a 5-0 margin, handed former Governor Evan Mecham another defeat. The Court ruled that the State Senate had acted properly in his impeachment trial, and that this was a "political matter" and the court had no jurisdiction. Mecham had petitioned the court to reinstate him as governor, pay him his back salary and give him his protocol fund back.

Mecham stated that he will appeal in Federal Court. He stated that the only way Arizona will get justice is when the state elects their judges, and gets rid of the ones who have been appointed. Mecham also stated that this defeat will not hamper his plans to run for Governor in 1990.

TUCSON NEWS: It looks like the incumbent Councilmember from Ward 3, George Miller, will have a challenger. David Schmerl, Libertarian, has qualified for the November general election ballot. Schmerl gathered 325 signatures (238 were needed) to get his name on the ballot. Schmerl, in a news conference, challenged Miller to a debate. Schmerl stated that, as a councilmember, he would take a hands-off view on policy. He is running as an independent.

The Molly McKasson campaign is counting their eggs before they hatch. If you have noticed, her campaign signs have been taken down. The campaign has stated that the public may be bored with the signs. They feel they have this election wrapped up. But do not take Gartrell for granted. He is eloquent, charming and will run one hell of a campaign, giving Mrs. McKasson a rough race. Thomas Dewey in 1948, took his race for granted and look what happened!

LAMBDA NEWS: The Lambda Caucus held their monthly meeting. The highlights were the speeches by Cyvia and Jerry Wohlman regarding the upcoming Platform Committee Hearing on Oct. 21 (see below). Jerry Wohlman also gave a rousing speech on how Lambda members should be involved in the Democratic Party. He stated that all Lambdas should become precinct Committeepersons, thus taking the first plunge, and he urged all to attend the Southern Arizona Town Hall.

Be sure to attend the Lambda Democratic Caucus-sponsored "Meet The Candidates Night" on Friday, Oct. 13. City Council Candidates George Miller, Steve Leal and Molly McKasson will be in attendance along with Mayor Tom Volgy and City Council members Janet Marcus and Bruce Wheeler. It will be held at 1602 E. Greenlee from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Arizona Democratic Party will be meeting to go over the State Platform in Tucson. This meeting is open to all citizens, who wish to have a voice in the platform. The meeting will be held in the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Hall, located at 2432 E. Water St. near the corner of Grant and Tucson Blvd., next to KSMB (CHil) TV studios.

The topics to be reviewed range form Gay and Lesbian rights to world politics. Yours truly is the Sub-Committee Chair on Gay and Lesbian Rights. This will be the first time that the Arizona Democratic Party will have planks regarding alternative lifestyle issues.

Why am I bringing this up to you all? If we do have a significant number of people there, we will get a lot. If we do not, we will get a very watered down, tiny insignificant piece of junk. This is our big moment. We can give the Gay and Lesbian rights movement a big push in the right direction. And we, as citizens of this great state, will finally be able to lead our lives, with no fear from anyone.

Until next time, take care.

News From MCC Tucson

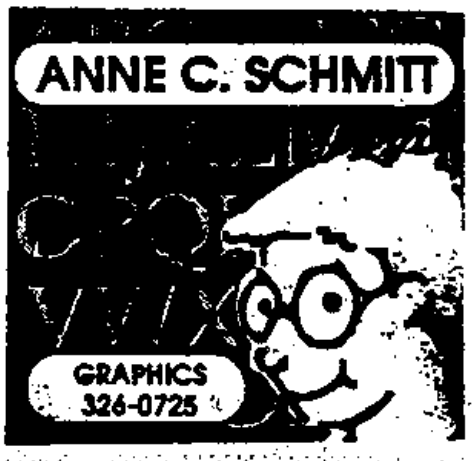
Well, here it is October! If we stopped and thought about how the time flies, it would be November before we realized it. October, a beautiful month, even here in the desert. Time to get ready for the ghosts, goblins, jack-o-lanterns and Halloween. October, the tenth month of the year. October comes from the Latin word "Octo" meaning "eighth". Those Romans again, October was the eighth month but just to confuse everyone, they changed the calendar and made it the tenth month, but refused to change the name of the month. So, now you know. And, if you have read all through this first paragraph you get an "A" in history. If you remember any of this, means nothing.

To help celebrate Halloween this year, on Oct. 28, during the monthly Bingo games, MCC/Tucson will include a Halloween party. Everyone is invited to come in costume to help celebrate during the games and during the different "intermissions", "rest breaks", and other excuses that we will think of. There will be fun and games to help you enjoy your winnings. Watch for more details as the time approaches.

MCC/Tucson will be joining S.O.S. during their Hoedown at Rumorz on Oct. 15 with another Bake Sale. We are looking forward to this event and wish S.O.S. all the success possible.

Last Sunday during our morning worship service we had a special baptismal service with three new members being added to our membership. We welcomes our new members: Bert, Bill and Ernie. God be with you.

Thought for the Week: Adam and Eve were the first bookkepers. They invented the loose-leaf system. (Eddy Cantor).



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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

RAINBOW ROOM - Special Friday Preview: Loren Johnson makes this his first stop of the weekend. 9:30 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COLETTE'S - Big 3rd Anniversary celebration with an all-star women's live variety show. 8:30 p.m. Watch for details. No Cover.

GRADUATE - Tom's Anniversary & Birthday Show 8:30 ish with Loren Johnson and a big cast. Watch for details

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

GRADUATE - TALL's monthly Beer Bust 2 to 6 p.m. then it's SOS Casino Night. Great fun and prizes. Help out this community oriented club.

JOSHUA TREE - Special Benefit/Memorial Show for Dana (Matthews) Barritt will be hosted by Michelle and an all-star cast of troupers. It begins at 9:30 and Dana's parents will be in attendance.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

COLETTE'S - The song stylings of the popular Anne English. Always a favorite.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust 2 to 6 p.m. Free raffle tickets for prizes. Then Loren Johnsons performs beginning at 8:30 an the SOS Hoedown Kick-Off Show.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

COLETTE'S - The ever popular Lisa Otey holds forth here with her unique vocal stylings. Catch it!

JOSHUA TREE - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held at Sportspark. There was a big crowd on hand last year and this year promises to be even better. Watch for more details and get your sun screen ready! Party!!!!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will hold their big Fall Hoedown here. 1 until 9 p.m. Lots of live entertainment and food with games and prizes.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

COLETTE'S - It's Womyn's Night here again with the entie evening devoted to womyn's music. Good times.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

COLETTE'S - It's the monthly Country/Western Night here and Loren Johnson makes it all happen. Come on down!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

COLETTE'S - It's that great "Dating Game" once again here. An evening of hilarious entertainment by some unsuspecting people. Make plans now.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

GRADUATE - The 7th Annual Turnabout Night takes place here. Watch for more details or contact the Graduate for Roger or Kenny Anne.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Pianist David Payne will be playing your favorite tunes at the Baby Grand piano from 1 to 5. A nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your friends.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

COLETTE'S - Singer - songwriter Anne English entertains here. A wonderful talented performer.

SPORTS

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2. "THE WEEK AFTER"	17	4	.809	1
3. BANANA NUT BREAD	15	6	.714	3
4. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	14	7	.667	4
5. JOSHUA TREE	12	9	.571	6
6. SOMETHING REAL LOUTE	9	12	.429	9
7. BOOKS BROS. LTD.	8	13	.381	10
8. THE VIRGINS	7	14	.333	11
9. THE STRAY BALLS	5	16	.238	13

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: "THE WEEK AFTER NEXT" 663 / JACK S. 212 / CAROL M 163.
HIGH GAME HANDICAP: BACK POCKET 849 / BOB S. 256 / TINA N. 234.
HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: "THE WEEK AFTER NEXT" 1858 / JACK S. 555 / CAROL M. 410.
HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: JOSHUA TREE 2407 / BOB S. 701 / TINA N. 622.

HONOR ROLL: "THE WEEK AFTER NEXT" 2488 / JACK S. 555 TINA N. 394

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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 ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEKS ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536].

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Boomer's Cafe Espresso will present Jason Mallonee on his keyboard and organ starting at 9 p.m. Boomers is open until 3:00 a.m. every Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY OCTOBER 6-7-8-9

Desert Leathermen's Mystery Run IV. Check-in time at the Graduate, Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 pm. All run participants will tour Arizona vineyards in Nogales, spend the evening at the Stage Stop Hotel in Patagonia and experience the quaint night life of this Southern Arizona town. The run will conclude at Mic Casa Su Casa on Sunday. Total run fee is $55.00.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

The "Women Take Back the Night" march will take place. The purpose of the march is to bring awareness to the community regarding issues or rape, battering, sexual abuse and other ongoing acts of violence towards women. For more information call 791-7891, 881-7860 or Julie at 326-2153.

The Cronies - Gay Men 40+, will meet from 6-9 p.m. at Mi Casa Su Casa., $1.00 donation requested. For more info call Bob 885-7081 or Chuck 323-1661.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Desert Leathermen's 4th Anniversary Party at Mi Casa Su Casa starting at 2 pm with DL's monthly Beer Bust. The evening will continue with the awards for Mystery Run IV, installation of the new year's officers, a chuckwagon supper and other surprises. You do not have to be a Mystery Run participant to attend this activity.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Local Gay Repertory Theatre Group will meet at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in any phase of the theatre call Gregg 884-7601.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Weather permitting this event will be held poolside. A $4.00 donation is requested for the open buffet.

SHANTI General Meeting. 7 p.m. UMC, Room 5403. Stress Reduction presentation by Dr. Douglas Brown of Charter Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

C.A.T. committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Mi Casa Su Casa starting at 6 p.m. This will be a general meeting and will include a pot-luck supper in conjunction with the regular meeting. This will also be a BYOB function.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus invites you to a party to introduce Tucson's Democratic City Council Candidates to the Lesbian and Gay community. The affair is being held at 1602 E. Greenlee (one block south of Prince Road on the corner of Greenlee and Cherry). Come and meet your City Council Candidates! Bring a friend.

Cynthia Stacey at Boomer's Cafe Espresso starting at 8:30 p.m. This ever popular vocalist is back by popular demand. Boomer's is open until 3 a.m. on Fridays.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Anne English, vocalist, musician, songwriter and popular entertainer will perform at Boomer's Cafe Espresso at 8:30 p.m. It's still warm enough to spend the evening on the patio under the stars. Open until 3 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Former Los Angeles police officer Mitchell Grobeson will come to the Hotel Park Tucson to tell Old Pueblo Busines and Professional Association members and guests about the circumstances that led to his dismissal from the force, and harassment that defied L.A.'s liberal laws against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m., the meeting at 8. This is OPBPA's homecoming night, free for all.

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd. $1 donation at the door if you can. This month will feature Boomer's Coffee Cart.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Anne. Noon to 7?? Country Music - line dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon until 1:00 a.m.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 Schnapps .75 /4-8 pm Well $1.50, Domestic Beer $1.25 / 8 pm - 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

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

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draf Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm Domestic Beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer $1.00 or Well Tequila $1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

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

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

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

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus $1.00 Schnapps from 7 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.

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

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 7 pm to close Draft Beer .50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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

GRADUATE - All Dark Well $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50). Longnecks $1.50. Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

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

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 / Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

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

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks $1.50 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25, non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks $1.75 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

ET TU, HUGO

Growing up, I was constantly regaled by my father with tales of "The Big One" Hurricane Camille which, in August 1969, struck Louisiana, Alabama and the Mississippi Delta, killing 255 and wreaking damage totaling $1.5 billion. Whenever it stormed outside I felt, needless to say, less than safe.

In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert did it's dirtiest. In 1989, it was Hurricane Hugo.

Hurricane Hugo hit the mainland Thursday evening, Sept. 21, about 10:30 p.m. After only a few hours of 135 mph wind and some rain, 21 people were dead, thousands homeless and about $3 billion in damage left to be cleaned up.

During news reports, the requisite scenes were there: a car sporting a 5-year-old oak tree as a new accessory; hotel signs laying atop the hotels they advertised; piles of lumber representing a bedroom or a dining room. Yes, everything was there, including the crying men and women, the screaming children and a couple reporters having trouble standing against the wind — providing a more cogent report than mere words.

I might begin to sound a tad heartless here, but what is there to do? You live in a hurricane area and one comes up and whips your house into the next town: hope you have insurance and a strong resolve, because there are more where that came from.

I could never understand my father's relatives, those who lived through Camille. They still live in the same area where hundreds died. Is there some problem in the translation here?

I lived in San Francisco during the killer storms in the early 1980s; I am convinced there was more wind and rain packed into one of those short-lived storms than any hurricane. Was I scared? You bet!

I drove home from work the Friday (a 13th, no less) the storm hit. 30 miles from work to home, on one of only four freeways to my house —all of which had been closed due to landslides and flooding. The rain was crashing down so hard I could not see the front of my car through the windshield. The 45-minute trip took over 3 hours.

I drove into the little city I called home and remarked to myself how dark it looked: there had been no power for hours, and it was the next day before any came back.

I drove the Oakland/San Francisco bridge with winds clocked at more than 80 mph inching my car off the ground and ever closer to the guard rail —which was the only thing between me and a couple-hundred-foot fall into San Francisco Bay. Yes, life became a little more precious after that.

I did not leave San Francisco after these storms (which repeated the next year); but I am certainly glad not to be there when they recur every year.

I guess the point of this column is this: things happen. I didn't ask to be in the San Francisco storms any more than the people asked to be where Camille or Hugo hit; but you take chances and hope the outcome is better than it is worse.

I can say one thing for sure, however: I will NEVER live in a hurricane or tornado zone. (Of course, I will never snow ski, either: I value my ability to walk a lot).

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CAPSULE COLUMN: A tip-of-the-hat in memory of song-master Irving Berlin who died September 22 at the ripe-old age of 101. I leave you now with a great quote: when asked where Berlin's place was in American music history, a man replied, "He has no place in American music; he IS American music!" How true.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week.

Bronchitis Drug May Help Fight AIDS

STANFORD, CA (AP) - An inexpensive drug used to treat bronchitis appeared to block production of the AIDS virus in test-tube experiments, researchers said. The researchers cautioned against human use of the drug until the outcome of further study.

The drug is not a cure of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, scientists at Stanford University said last Tuesday, Sept. 26, in announcing results of lab tests.

But they said it could slow down the virus' assault on the immune system, as well as prolong and improve the patient's quality of life when used with AZT or other drugs approved for treating AIDS.

Unlike Compound Q, a sometimes toxic protein distilled from Chinese cucumber roots, dextran sulfate from Japan or high-priced AZT, the drug under study at Stanford is readily available and relatively cheap and safe.

"I am really optimistic about this," said Leonore Herzenberg, a professor of genetics at Stanford, who worked on the research with

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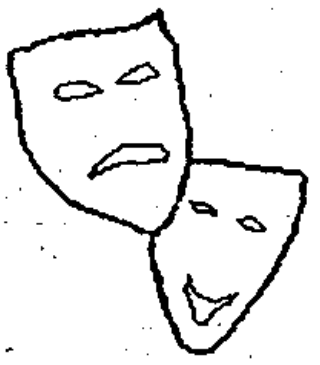

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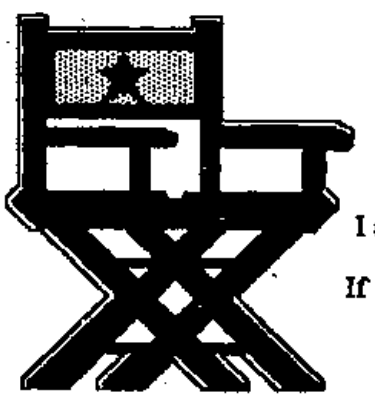

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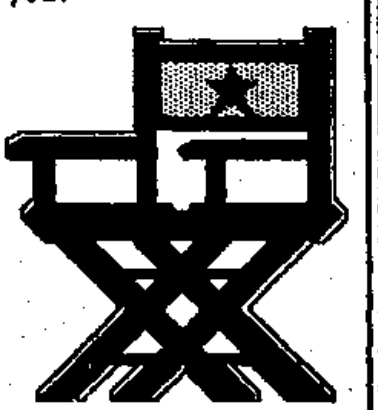

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Mecham's FAZPAC Scales Back

PHOENIX (AP) - Ousted Governor Evan Mecham's political-action committee, FAZPAC, has changed its status from a campaign committee to an information source after telling supporters this summer that it badly needed funds.

Mecham said last Friday that the committee's financial problems were not as serious as the July letter indicated. He also said his gubernatorial campaign will not suffer funding problems. He said that instead of providing funds to candidates, FAZPAC will concentrate on providing information about candidates to its supporters.

We've found the strength is in the organization itself," Mecham said. "Most PACs just gather money. That's not our principal thing." Mecham added that any problems in raising money for FAZPAC should not affect his gubernatorial bid.

Meanwhile, some conservative Republicans said they believe Mecham is losing support and that the committee's financial problems could be a sign of future problems.

Zane and Tracy Thomas, head of Lincoln Caucus, a conservative Republican group, said they have detected a move away from Mecham by conservatives. "I have seen that for some time," said Thomas. "I think that is a natural progression."

"People were not so much Mechamites as that they believed in what he said. They have swung away from personalities and toward the issues."

However, state Sen. Jerry Gillespie (R-Mesa), said he spoke at a FAZPAC function Sept. 2 that had a good response. Gillespie said numerous people had told him that they would not support Mecham next year. But he said he did not know how widespread that sentiment is.

In the July fund-raising letter, Mecham said he was writing for a "desperate reason".

"We didn't hear from most of you in July!" the letter said. "We can usually count on 800-900 of you to help us each month keep going in this most crucial work, but as of July 25, we have heard from only 265 of you."

Mecham added that the committee had cut utility and other costs by a third from the previous year and that its paid staff had forgone vacations.

Mecham said last Friday that things were not as bad as the letter sounded and that he had simply wanted to stir his supporters. He said the letter had been fairly effective. Earl Taylor, FAZPAC executive director, said he was not sure how much money the group has.

Mecham said the change would free FAZPAC from state regulations requiring financial reports. But attorney General Bob Corbin said his office believes such reports still would be required if FAZPAC remains in the political arena.

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TAURUS

Talking with a job superior could involve difficulty in diplomacy. If you feel the need to go out later and blow off steam you will be wise to choose an inexpensive form of entertainment.

GEMINI

Be honest about financial involvement with money belonging to another party. If partnerships are in the offing, be sure to establish mutual trust before money changes hands. Mixing business with pleasure could be more expensive than you want it to be.

CANCER

Your home could be the stage for a classy social get-together. Make sure all the girls bring their faces. I am sure there are boys beneath that make-up somewhere. Finding out new secrets and comparing notes with others will bring you much joy.

LEO

A new idea you have been toying with is a good one, yet it may be premature to reveal this to others. Keep the idea for future development even if you think now is a good time to implement change. Unforeseen flaws can be better dealt with later.

VIRGO

If you are feeling that money can't buy you love, it has been known to influence friends. Listen very carefully to what others say to you and keep your criticism confidential. Loyalty is a virtue subject to constant change in an imperfect world.

LIBRA

You may be in the middle of a powerful conflict that requires you to make a difficult decision. Throw diplomacy to the winds and be honest with others about your feelings. Some people may not be aware of your sensitivity to their vibes.

SCORPIO

Use your intuition if you find yourself doubting what others are telling you. It is very possible that you are unaware of important facts. Delay decisions that will have far-reaching influence. Keep information you gain without telling anyone.

CENTAUR

Always the optimist, you Centaurs can often become the life of the party. You are characteristically jovial and fun for others to be around. Be sure that in your generosity, you do not find yourself paying for all the party. Finances can have you feeling stressed.

CAPRICORN

Partnership opportunity is opportunity well analyzed. Professional ethics could be on your mind when an acquaintance offers an interesting idea that could have financial promise. Investigate to find out all the applications and implications of this deal.

AQUARIUS

Work and service you provide is the key to unlocking a door you were unaware is before you. Revealed secrets provide the catalyst to get your long-range goals closer to achievement. Avoid an unpleasant encounter with someone who has irritated you.

PISCES

Group activity could put you into an organizing mood. Metaphysical interest you share with others could be put to good use during this Halloween season. Contact important people who will help you make this party period a Happy Happening.

GAY HEALTH

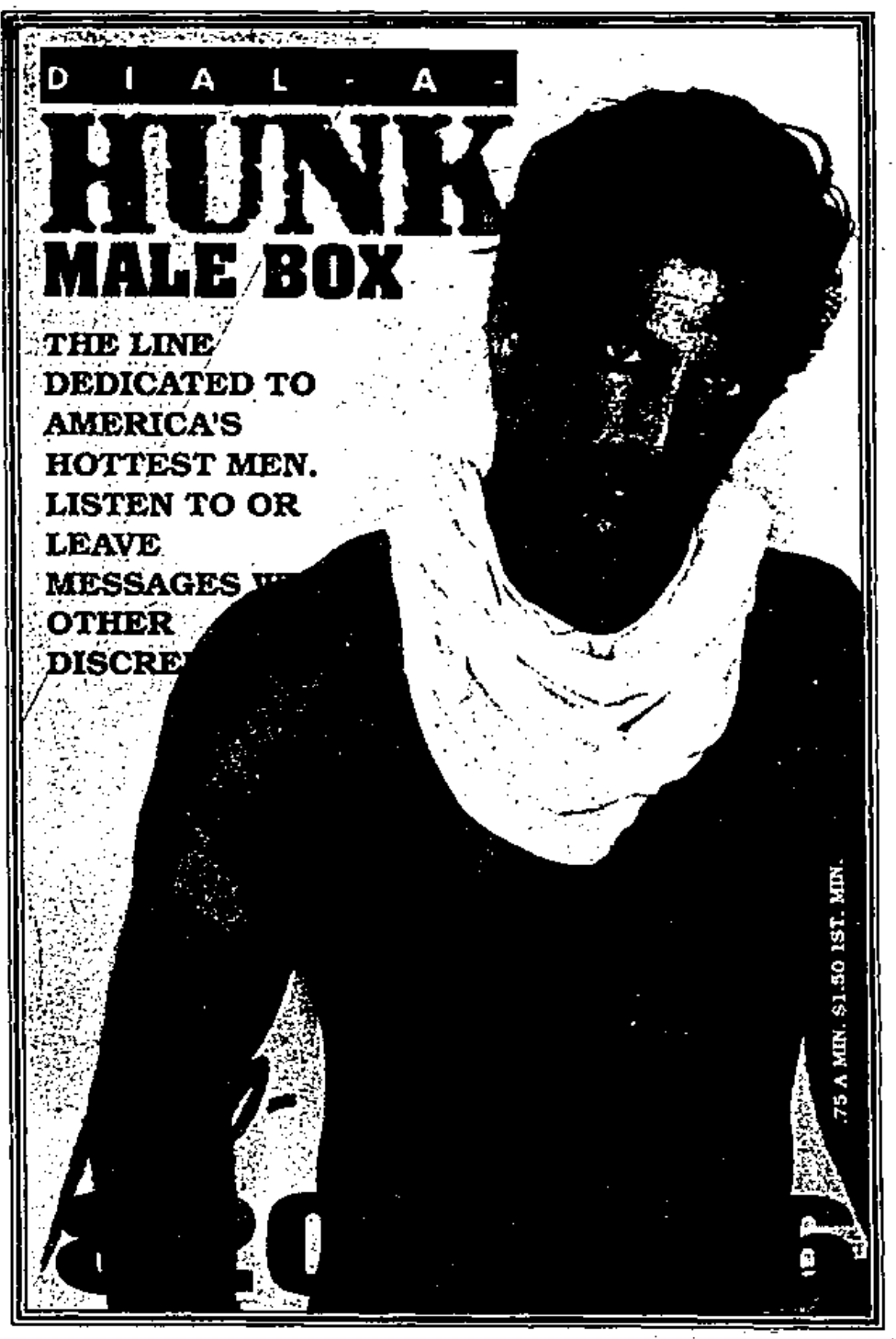
YOU CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE
by Marc Haberman, L.M.T.

Remember how good your feel after a good nap or good sex? Well, you feel even better after a good professional massage. There is no connection between sex and massage. Massage is purely sensual experience, better than sexual. Professional massage is many times misunderstood as a form of sexual foreplay. There are some who advertise doing massage, and they are usually only trying to make a quick buck. When calling someone who advertises as a masseur, ask them if they went to school for it, if they are licensed, and how many years they have been doing massage professionally.

Professional therapeutic massage is a very nurturing experience. Almost like returning to the womb, or sleeping with someone you are very comfortable with. In a one-hour massage, one receives the equivalent benefits of 3 to 5 hours of deep sleep, and then some. Massage is a form of passive exercise.

If you are concerned about maintaining or improving your health, massage is one of the best things you can do for yourself. The recommended frequency at the beginning is weekly to several times a month, to notice a real difference. Also, massage is very integrating. It works with the emotions, mind and body. Massage can bring you to a state of natural balance and raise yourself esteem. You will feel better about everything around you also.

(If you have any questions about massage call Marc Haberman, Licensed Muscular Therapist at 881-4582. There is a men's massage group that meets every 2 weeks. Women who are interested in their own group can contact Marc also).



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HOT, HOT, HOT FOLSOM FAIR

IN SAN FRANCISCO

by Kathleen Baca

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The 1989 Folsom Street Fair is now history. It was held Sunday, September 24 and the all-day event featured live music, entertainment, exotic foods and some of the finest arts & crafts in the Bay area. Our intrepid roving photographer was on hand and wired these photos back for your perusal.

There were bare chests, bare bottoms, exposed breasts, leather chaps, and leather bustiers. Men in chains, women chained to each other, couples with babies and even dogs in leather showed up at the sixth annual Folsom Street Fair.

The weather was idea for those who chose to expose their bodies, and a little too warm for those who didn't. The street was blocked off from Seventh to Eleventh, with two main stages that offered entertainment for everyone. While the entertainers worked the stages, the fairgoers worked the street. They danced, partied, hugged and kissed.

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were busy promoting a tea dance. Vendors were selling everything from hamburgers to Thai food. Jewelry was bought by some, while others had their bodies pierced. Over 250,000 people were said to have attended Sunday's fair.

"I think the fair was more crowded than ever," said Gary Walker, who has worked on the Folsom Street Fair for the past five years. "I've watched it grow and change. When it first started it was mostly leather, but South of Market has changed. This year I saw yuppie families walking along side men in chaps."

All in all, Walker said this year's fair was a tremendous success, and if the figures are correct, the Folsom Street Fair will be the second largest event in San Francisco.

(San Francisco Sentinel)

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With the current emphasis on early detection and aggressive treatment of HIV infection, asymptomatic seropositive persons (those testing positive for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus with no disease symptoms) may well ask what they can do to monitor and maintain their health status.

The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.) has contracted with the local affiliate of a national laboratory testing service to offer the basic blood tests for assessing immune system status on a walk-in basis at affordable prices.

Testing is now being offered at the P.A.C.T. office from noon to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday. Blood will be drawn by personnel employed by the private lab. For those unable to visit the P.A.C.T. office on Saturdays, a referral slip for testing at the laboratory facility Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. can be obtained through P.A.C.T. during regular weekly business hours - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All testing is strictly anonymous. Each blood sample drawn at P.A.C.T. or at the lab is assigned a code number. Results are released (after 3 days) to the person presenting his or her specific code number.

The immune system status test includes the p24 antigen and the beta-2 microglobulin tests as well as an Immune Competence Profile. This profile consists of a complete blood count (CBC) with differential, total lymphocyte count, total T and B lymphocytes, T lymphocytes subsets, and T4/T8 ratio.

Local hospitals and private physicians often charge $300 or more for this series of blood tests. P.A.C.T. offers them for $95.00 (individual tests for follow-up treatment monitoring purposes are also available at comparable savings; the Immune Competence Profile alone, for example, is $62.50 through P.A.C.T.).

The laboratory will issue a bill for persons seeking reimbursement from private insurance. If ordered by an AHCCCS plan physician, the tests are covered by AHCCCS payments. Persons without medical insurance unable to meet the costs of the tests are encouraged to notify P.A.C.T. and request available financial assistance or sliding scale charges.

Knowing your immune system status provides a vital baseline against which you and your physician can monitor changes in your health before the onset of symptoms or in response to drug therapies. Please take advantage of this service by calling P.A.C.T. at 422-9808 or coming to the P.A.C.T. office at 151 South Tucson Blvd., Suite 282 Saturdays at noon.

BRONCHITIS DRUG MAY HELP FIGHT AIDS

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husband, geneticist Leonard Herzenberg.

"Looking at the scientific evidence for what this drug does, and the scientific evidence for how AIDS works, our guess is that treatment with this drug may be quite good. But until we get it tested in patients, we won't know if it will work."

The drug, N-acetylcysteine (NAC), is used for treating chronic bronchitis and other lung ailments, and as an antidote to acetaminophen overdose, the ingredient in Tylenol and other over-the-counter pain remedies. The drug is made by the Zambon Group in Italy and is available in liquid form in the United States and in tablet form in Europe. Bristol-Myers Co. makes a vaporized formula with the drug called Mucomist.

Mrs. Herzenberg warned that AIDS patients should not begin taking the drug in any form before further experiments show whether the drug works on AIDS in humans.

"We're moving as quickly as possible and we are now talking with physicians about doing clinical tests," she said.

Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR), said the experiments sounded promising, but he also urged caution. "While I think this hold promise, we have to have . . . tests on humans before we know how effective it will be," Silverman said.

NAC blocks the triggering of AIDS virus production by increasing glutathione levels in blood cells affected by the virus, the Herzenbergs said. Glutathione eliminates potentially harmful oxidizing agents and is essential for energy generation and other cell functions.

The Herzenbergs have reported the preliminary results of the research at an international conference exploring research strategies on AIDS in Geneva.

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The contest, co-sponsored by Boston-based Alyson Publications and the San Francisco branch of A Different Light Bookstore, carries a top prize of publication with a $2500 advance and a matching $2500 promotion budget. It is open to fiction which is either set predominantly in the San Francisco Bay area (San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and neighboring towns) or which is written by residents of the area; it is limited to first-time novelists.

The deadline for receiving manuscripts is February 1, 1990. Work will be evaluated by a panel of judges as it is received, with finalists selected by March 1, 1990, and the winner announced at the annual meeting of the American Booksellers Association that May.

Before sending manuscripts, writers should request complete guidelines by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "By The Bay Area", A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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