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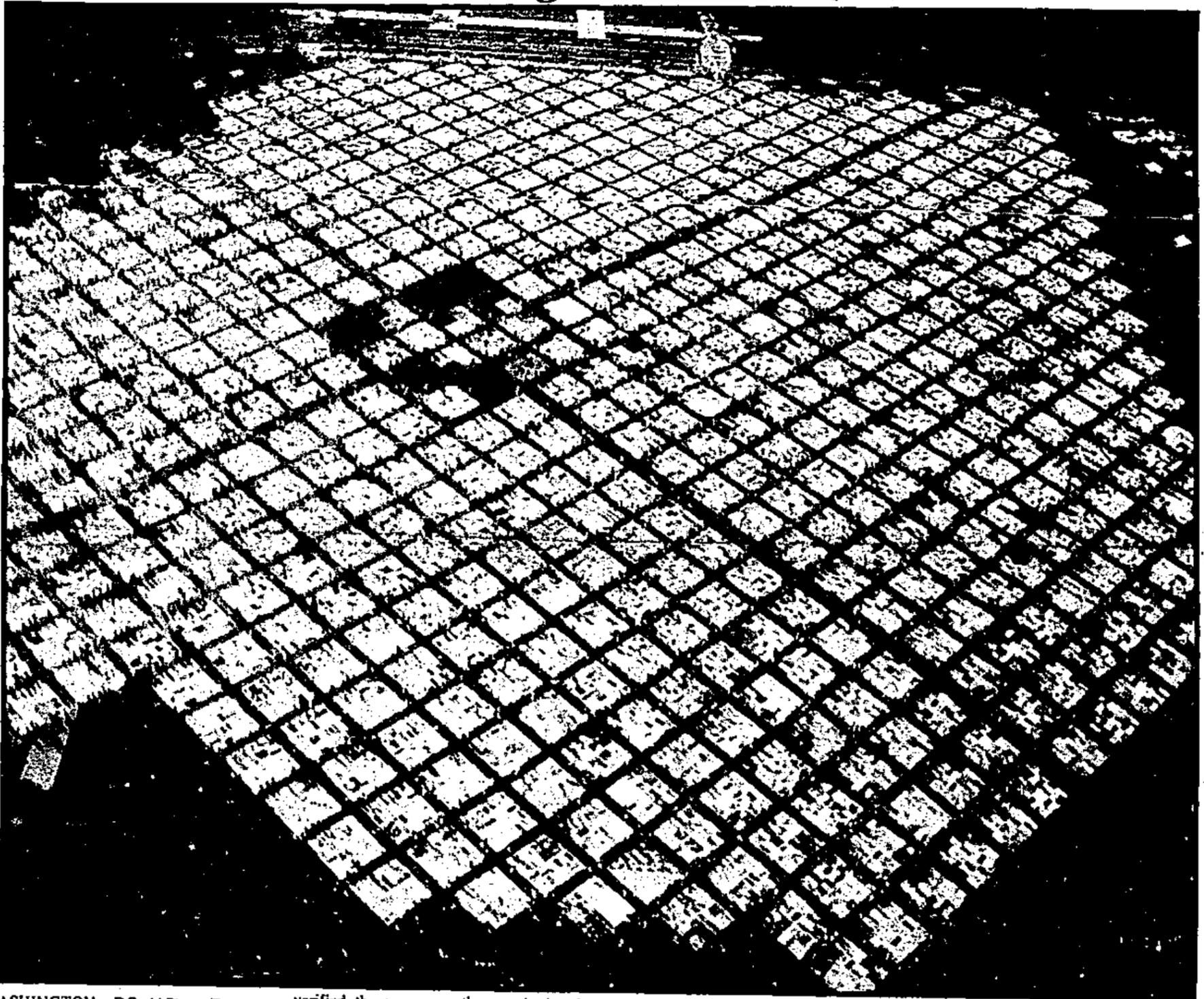
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Thousands View Largest Names Quilt In D.C.



WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Tens of thousands of people walked through the shadow of the Washington Monument on Saturday to view the 15-acre AIDS memorial quilt and pay tribute to the dead on more than 22,000 panels.

Even as the crowd threaded the walkways separating the quilt into large square, the memorial to those who have died of AIDS grew measurably larger.

Friends and family members lined up at the string of tables stretching 50 feet across the grass to present new panels commemorating even more people who have died of the disease.

Neil Willenson, an AIDS activist from Milwaukee, said he "personally saw over 1,000" new panels by noon.

Volunteers accepted the panels;

verified the names on them and placed them on growing stacks.

Others spread the panels on the grass and attached each section. Some incorporated photographs, or poetry or sheet music. One contained a well-worn leather jacket. Another a Boy Scout uniform. Still another a teddy bear.

After waiting for the rain-soaked monument grounds to dry, some 3,000 volunteers worked systematically to unfurl the sections of the existing quilt and align them along the walkways.

Many of the visitors searched for a familiar name.

And as they walked, more volunteers read the names of those memorialized by the quilt, name by name. The readers often personalized the task, adding the

name of friends, relatives and lovers who have died of AIDS. Organizers said more than 300,000 people viewed the quilt over the weekend. The U.S. Park Police estimated that 90,000 showed up Saturday.

"For loved ones and for friends it's a part of the grieving process," said volunteer Bob Linden, a hospital administrator from Baltimore. "On another level, it also supports consciousness-raising about the problem of AIDS. And it encourages people to become involved in some way. It can mean different things for different people."

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was first displayed in Washington in October 1987. At the time, it had 1,920 panels.

The front page photograph was taken by OBSERVER contributor Sean

Thomas from atop the Washington Monument and gives a bird's-eye view of the huge size that the quilt has grown. There are more photographs on the center spread of this issue and a related story written by Thomas concerning his personal views of the momentous weekend in Washington.



UPDATE

Tucson Weekly Selects Best Gay Bars

TUCSON - The Tucson Weekly, the local news and arts journal, issued its "Best of Tucson" issue last week. The poll covers everything imaginable - from the Best local politician to the Best bar restrooms. The readers poll selected Club 2520 as the best Gay bar in Tucson with runners-up (in a tie) Hours and Rumors. The TW staff picked Hours.

And there was a surprise category: "Best Gay Bar For People Watching". The Tucson Weekly staff picked the Venture-N. Congratulations to all the winners and all the losers too.

OP Oct. Meeting To Discuss Amsterdam AIDS Conference

TUCSON - The 8th International Conference on AIDS was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in July. Chris Brown, Pima County AIDS Program coordinator, was there.

This Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., Brown will report on the conference at a meeting of Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson. His focus will be on the epidemiology and social ramifications of AIDS worldwide.

"The conference really opened my eyes to the enormous impact that AIDS is having throughout the world, not just in the United States," Brown says.

There is no charge to members and first-time guests.

Successful Walk For Life

TUCSON - As the sun set, people gathered at the offices of El Proyecto and the Early Intervention Center last Monday, Oct. 12 to prepare for the 5th Annual Walk for Life. Enrique Gomez, Executive Director of El Proyecto describes it as "A walk to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS".

The evening began with the musical talents of a band called the Skinny Coyote. An estimated 200 people began the walk with lighted candles, from the offices to the base of "A" Mountain. At the base the Red Cross had a first aid station and provided refreshments for the walkers.

A van was provided for those who needed transportation along the way, courtesy of CODAC Behavioral Services. At the top, Bwiya Toli played music from the Andes Mountains, including "El Condor" as candles were placed in memory of family members and friends lost to AIDS. People of every walk of life, of various backgrounds as well as many teenagers participated in this very moving event.

Miss Gay Arizona Pageant December 12-13

PHOENIX - The annual Miss Gay Arizona Pageant will be held earlier than usual this year. It is now scheduled for December 12 and 13 in Phoenix. The deadline for entries is December 1. For more information, call Poupé Productions at 279-3736.

In Memoriam



JOHN J. "JACK" McMAHON
Sept. 27, 1958 - Oct. 10, 1992

Our good friend Jack, died peacefully last Saturday, Oct. 10 of complications of AIDS. He is survived by his mother and father, two brothers, three sisters, four nieces and one nephew. His dear friend Denise Duckwiler was by his side to bid him goodbye.

Memorial services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 at Adair Funeral Home, Dodge Chapel, 1050 N. Dodge Blvd. (at Speedway). The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, remembrances be made to the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd.

Jack will always be remembered for his humor his love. He fought courageously and lived life to the fullest even as AIDS kept putting hurdles in his path. His death has caused a void in the lives of his family and his many friends. We miss you, Jack.

BOWLING BEAT

by Mark Rosenbaum
NEWSFLASHES...

H.I.T.T. '92 (Oct. 30 - Nov. 1) is almost full. Most of the 160+ bowlers registered thus far are from out of town. Lots of new faces! Tucson bowlers interested in bowling should see Dennis at Golden Pin tonight during league play (begins at 9pm). There are still spaces available, especially for singles (i.e. without a team; marital status irrelevant).

H.I.T.T. NEEDS YOU! Volunteers are needed for tournament weekend to assist with a variety of tasks and events. If you can spare a couple of hours to assist the bowlers and the tournament committee, please call 743-3303. There will be plenty of time to get acquainted with the visitors and help us show them the good time they've come to expect here in the Old Pueblo.

COYOTES DO MOTOWN! Three local members of the Tucson Desert Coyotes bowled in the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) Mid-year tournament this past weekend in Detroit. Although they didn't win any bowling honors, they spread the word about desert hospitality at every opportunity. One bowler (who shall remain nameless) won a bottle of wine... very appropriate after all the whining on the flight up... and the team name, Peter's Peter and the Pumpkin Eaters, got an honorable mention in the team name contest.

SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE... for one full team (3 bowlers) and a few single bowlers for weekly league bowling. Come down to Golden Pin Wednesday at 9pm and ask for Geoffery.

3-DAY TRAINING IN NOGALES OCTOBER 19-21

Shanti and the Santa Cruz Health Dept. are co-sponsoring a three day training in Nogales, Arizona from Oct. 19-21.

The training consists of information about HIV and other life-threatening illnesses, development of active listening skills and death and loss exercises. In addition, it increases trainees sensitivity to cultural diversity and non-traditional life styles.

On Tuesday, October 20th, 7 PM at the Shanti office, Dr. Larry Lincoln will talk about *Being with the Dying*. In addition to working with Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, Dr. Lincoln is an Internist of Infectious Disease here in Tucson.

For more information on these programs and other Shanti services, please call us at 622-7107.

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Penny Murderer Receives 11 Years

SAN DIEGO, CA - A judge has sentenced John Lamar Andrews to 11 years in state prison and a \$2,000 fine in the death of Lance Penny on September 17, 1991. Andrews had been charged with murder, forcible sodomy and penetration with a foreign object upon Penny, whose body was found hanging out of Andrews gray Mazda in front of his Mission Hills home. (OBSERVER, Sept. 25, 1991). Those charges were plea bargained down to voluntary manslaughter just prior to the murder trial in August 1992.

Penny, 29, a popular member of the Tucson Gay community had moved to San Diego only four months before his tragic death. Lance was a staff member of the OBSERVER for nearly four years as a graphic artist. He also tended bar at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket where he instigated many fund raising events for various AIDS organizations. He was an active member of MCC/Tucson. He moved to San Diego to further his modeling career.

San Diego Superior Court Judge John Thompson said that Penny suffered "a brutal death". The prosecutor Deputy District Attorney Peter Cross said that Andrews, 50, may have "fisted" Penny, and the judge noted the medical examiner found evidence of "anal tearing".

Jacqueline Crowle, Andrews' attorney, unsuccessfully urged the judge to grant probation for her client, saying he was "an exceptional contributor to society".

After the plea bargain in August, Judge Thompson wanted a delay to ascertain the proper sentencing and decide whether to accept the prosecutors recommendation of 6 to 11 years in prison for Andrews who had no prior record.

Crowle said Andrews suffered from "a long-time mental disorder" along with an alcohol problem. She urged Thompson to send Andrews to a camp so his problems could be treated. "He knows now he is an alcoholic and will never take another drink," said the defense attorney. "He can learn from his mistakes."

Crowle said the incident happened "while he was loverless," when his boy-

friend left him.

Andrews, dressed in blue jail clothes and handcuffed to another prisoner, told Thompson he accepted responsibility for Penny's death. "I never intended to hurt Lance... I hope God will give me forgiveness for what I've done," he said.

Cross told Thompson that it might be hard for Andrews at age 50 "to change one's habits" and comply with probation conditions. He urged an unspecified term in prison. The judge responded saying that Andrews was unsuitable for probation.

Cross told the judge that Penny was vulnerable, having gone home with Andrews upon meeting him in a Gay bar. Penny's blood/alcohol level was 0.36 - more than four times the legal limit for drunken driving. "Mr. Penny was clearly taken advantage of in this situation," argued the prosecutor.

At the time of the murder, it was reported that it appeared that Penny had had his wrists bound and there were indications that he had been strangled after hours of torture, then dragged from the house, through the yard and left hanging out of the car. Andrews who was found, incoherent, under the influence of alcohol, wandering around his yard. He was hospitalized for a valium overdose.

"This was not atypical behavior for Mr. Andrews," said Thompson. "Mr. Andrews had a history of handcuffing sexual partners. This gentleman suffered a brutal death at the hands of your client. Thompson told Crowles. "He's getting an upper term" (maximum sentence).

Andrews testified that he was hit on the head and robbed by a third man. Police found money in Andrews' wallet and no evidence of a robbery. Later, Andrews told police the victim must have drowned in the bathtub, as he found Penny lying face down and handcuffed. He said he took him outside to go to the hospital and then realized he was dead while trying to get him in his car.

No water was found in the victim's lungs, according to the autopsy.

Torch Awards Sunday, Oct. 18

TUCSON - The second annual Torch Awards will be presented this Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Quality Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The awards were created by people with HIV/AIDS to recognize people in their community for accomplishments in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Tickets for the ceremony are \$13 each. Alan McLaughlin of Cloud 95 radio fame will act as Master of Ceremonies.

The public is not only invited but urged to attend this unusual evening of honoring many of our unsung heroes. For more information or tickets call 770-1710. Tickets may also be purchased to all local AIDS agencies.

Those nominated for this years awards include:

- VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**
- Mr. Travis Wright
- Ms. Jerry Rawlins
- Mr. Ray Van Hoosear/Mr. Jim Knox

- NEWTON-JOHN SKINNER SELF-EMPOWERMENT AWARD**
- Mr. Bill Frye
- Mr. Sean Thomas

- POLITICAL ADVOCACY AWARD**
- Mr. Chris Brown
- Mr. Jim Toews

- MEDICAL ADVOCACY AWARD**
- Mr. Joel Gray/Ms. Jane Mohler
- Dr. Billie Holbrook, DDS
- Ms. Cindy Dols
- Ms. Guillermina Contreras-Arriola

- HEALTH PROVIDER OF THE YEAR**
- Dr. Billie Holbrook, DDS
- Ms. Carolyn Garcia
- Ms. Fritz Schneider
- Dr. Neil Ampel, MD
- Dr. Scott Gorman, MD

- COMMUNITY LEADER OF YEAR**
- Mr. Sean Thomas
- Mr. Enrique Gomez
- Mr. Bob Henry
- Mr. Craig Snow

In addition there are twenty-five additional nominees for Humanitarian Awards. The evening promises to be an exciting affair for everyone.

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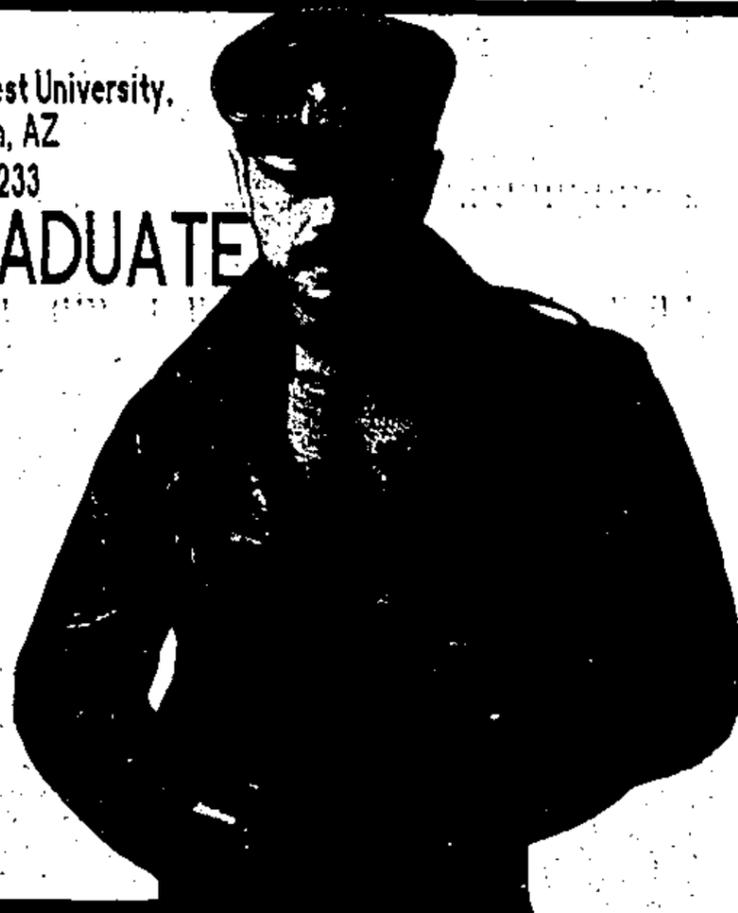
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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

D.C. was terrific! I met so many wonderful people and felt the full measure of the power of the AIDS movement. It was not all tears. There was plenty of room for laughter and frustration. The frustration of course was the idiot in the White House. Let's get him out of our lives and serve him an eviction notice on November 3rd by electing Mr. Bill Clinton our next president. None of the candidates are ideal, but at least Bill Clinton seems to listen both to our needs as Gay people and those who are affected/infected by HIV/AIDS. I felt so proud marching Saturday night around the White House in a candle lit procession. It was great to have so many Tucsonans in Washington for this historic weekend.

Hopefully this Sunday night we will have a great turnout at our community's TORCH Awards. This is everyone's opportunity to acknowledge, recognize and thank some true heroes for their unselfish accomplishment in this battle against AIDS. Please call 770-1710, get a ticket and lets give these heroes the recognition

they deserve so much. Hope to see you there.

I'd like to say good-bye and best wishes to a new found friend, Fred Hammons. Hope you find the success you deserve in Houston. Hope to see you soon. Stay in touch!

My trip to D.C. gave me a great deal of inspiration. For example: discussions on various safer sex variations such as, Leathersex, S/M, Fetishes, non-vanilla sex and a lot more. I may raise a few eyebrows in the next few weeks, OH WELL! As long as we have our heads in the sand or somewhere else (?) and refuse to face things, nothing will change. Lets learn and enjoy together. I don't think anyone will be disappointed. Shocked maybe, but not disappointed. Thanks for the inspirations F.H.! Remember that October is AIDS Awareness Month.

Hope to see you all at the TORCH Awards this Sunday!

Till next week: Sean

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

Last Thursday, the Bears of the Old Pueblo held our first General Meeting. The meeting gave us a chance to introduce ourselves and get the club off to a productive start. If you missed it, remember that General Meetings are the first Thursday of every month (the next one being November 5) at 7:30 p.m. on the Venture N patio (we're the debate embroiled bunch of guys with distinctive size and hairiness ratios). We'll be taking nominations for executive officer positions at the next meeting, and will hold elections at the December 3 meeting.

Everyone is invited to the BEARbecue, set for Sunday, October 25th, at 2 p.m. at Foothills Park (4001 East River Road, on the south side between Dodge and Swan). Take a left at the fork, and we'll be on the left at the two ramadas in the trees. Bring something for the grill, a side dish or dessert to share, and drinkables (we'll be purchasing a beer drinking permit). We'll provide the charcoal, but we'd appreciate some help with the plates, cups, and utensils. As always, please exercise common sense by staying in control and designating a driver.

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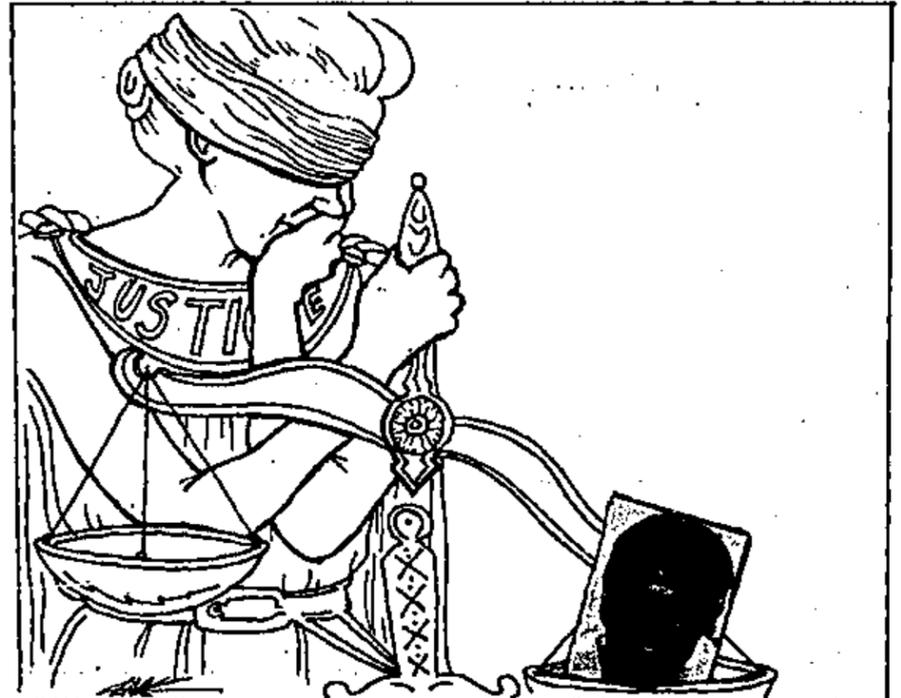
of us have been wearing and would like one of your very own, we'll be collecting orders at meetings and at the BEARbecue until November 5th. For only \$10 you can join the "in" crowd and sport the Bears of the Old Pueblo logo in red on black. If you haven't seen it, our logo is the Arizona flag cut into a triangle (point down) with a bear paw where the star would be...You can get a look at it on the inside cover of the pamphlet we've been distributing. Speaking of the pamphlet, we're looking for a new cover for the next run. Are you feeling artistic?

Until next week: keep in mind that these cooler evenings are perfect for cuddling!

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Sgt. Paniccia Receives Discharge

Staff Sgt. Tom Paniccia was discharged from the U.S. Air Force because he is an acknowledged homosexual.

Brig. Gen. Eugene D. Santarelli, the highest-ranking officer at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base here, concurred with a recommendation issued last month by a three-member military tribunal that Paniccia be given an honorable discharge.

The discharge came as no surprise to Paniccia, who has said his lawyers will take his case to federal court in an effort to overturn the Air Force ban on homosexuals.

"Tom (Paniccia) was discharged only because of his statements and only because of his status, not because of any improper conduct," said Mark Freeze, a Phoenix lawyer representing Paniccia.

"Homosexuality is incompatible with military service," said an Air Force news release detailing Defense Department policy. "The presence in the military environment of persons who engage in homosexual conduct or who, by their statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct, seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission."

Paniccia "came out" about his sexual orientation in a July 23 interview on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," stating he wanted to work toward changing the military's policy prohibiting gays.



"I believe that my sexual orientation is irrelevant to my ability to serve the Air Force and my country," said Paniccia.

"Three words - I am gay - do not change who I am and the contribution I have to make to the Air Force and the country."

During Paniccia's 11 year military career, he was chosen Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for his unit while stationed in England in 1988. Paniccia, 28, served as a maintenance-unit training manager assigned to the 355th Logistic Support Squadron during his duty at D-M.

Paniccia said he will take some time off and visit relatives in New York before returning to school next semester. He said he is planning to attend Arizona State University and finish his bachelor's degree, probably in human resource management.

Magic: Bush Lied In Debate

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Earvin "Magic" Johnson only attended two meetings of the Nation's Commission on AIDS. That's one more than all three members of the president's Cabinet who have seats on the commission.

"We've been very disappointed," Carlton Lee, chief liaison officer of the commission, said of the Cabinet secretaries' personal attendance record.

Lee said yesterday that the biggest disappointment was Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, who attended only one of the commission's two dozen meetings since it was formed in 1989.

Attendance became an issue during the first presidential debate Sunday night, when President Bush criticized Johnson's decision to resign from the commission and his poor attendance at the meetings.

The Los Angeles Lakes basketball star - who announced last year that he had tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS - resigned from the commission last month, saying the Bush administration was not taking the panel's work seriously enough.

"I was a little disappointed in Magic because he came to me and I said,

'Now, if you see something we're not doing, get a hold of me. Call me, let me know,' Bush said Sunday. 'He went to one meeting and then we heard that he was stepping down.'

Bush was wrong.

"He says I only went to one meeting," Johnson said in an interview with KNBC-TV in Los Angeles. "He lied. I went to two meetings. I couldn't make the other ones because of scheduling problems. Of course they only had a couple more after that."

Lee confirmed Johnson's attendance at two of the six meetings the commission held while Johnson was on the panel.

In addition to Sullivan, two other members of the president's Cabinet, the Secretaries of Defense and of Veterans Affairs, are ex-officio members of the AIDS commission. The Cabinet secretaries do not vote. The other 12 voting members of the commission are appointed by the President and Congress.



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Fortunately, Jim Toevs,
Ariz. 5th District
Democrat for Congress,
does get it.

Jim Toevs thinks that Congressmen who wallow in perks and privileges should not deny a decent wage to the working people. It's time for a change! Kolbe has been in Washington, D.C. too long.

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¹HR 1016 - House Vote No. 1016, 740-771 H.R.2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to reduce the minimum wage to 4.50 and equally pay.
²11/1/92 - House Bill No. 3000 Government Pay and Ethics Package

NCOD Celebrated at UofA

TUCSON - National Coming Out Day was celebrated two days early, last Friday, Oct. 9 to be exact on the University of Arizona campus in order to allow as many students as possible to participate in the events that were planned. Pictured here are some of the mall activities that took place in the early afternoon outside the Student Union.

In the evening the Second Annual NCOD Ball took place in the Junior/Senior Ballroom in the Student Union. A large crowd was on hand. A spokesperson said it was larger than last year with the crowd estimated at well over 500. Campus organizations that participated included ASUA's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association & Resource Center, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays United!



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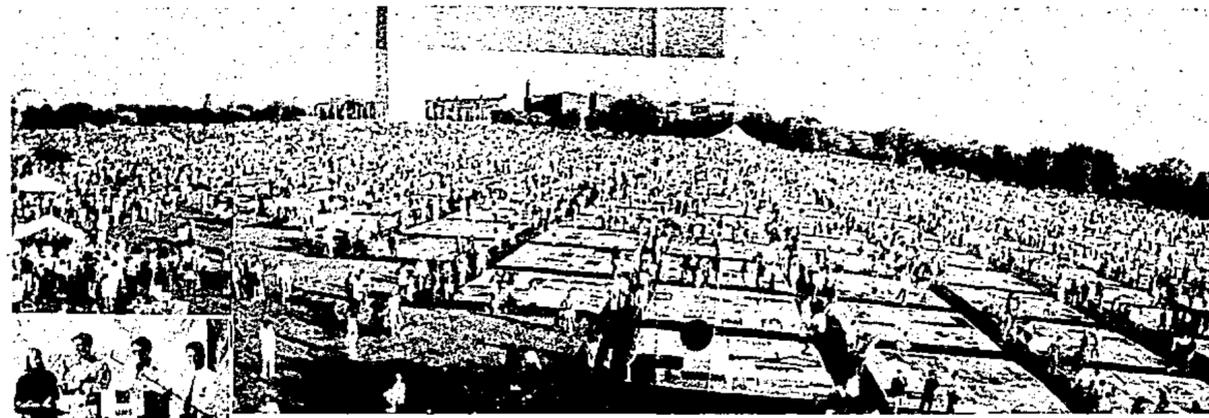


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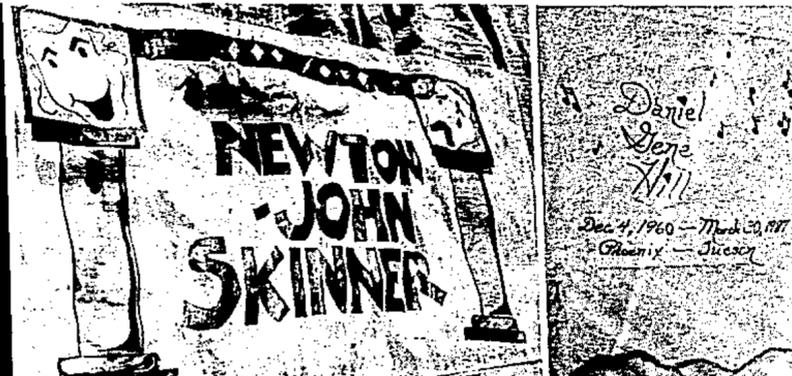
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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

IBT'S - Beer Best party/fundraiser for Jim Toews from 7 to 10 p.m. Also, at 9 p.m. they will announce and present the winner of IBT's UofA Scholarship.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

GRADUATE - Partners Beer Best here from 2 to 6 p.m. In addition the good folks from MCC will be holding a bake sale at the same time. If you haven't tried those homemade goodies, you've really missed something.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their 10 anniversary Beer Best and complimentary spaghetti dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. At 4 p.m. they will install their new officers for the coming year. Come on down and meet some real great guys and enjoy the food, drink and camaraderie.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

CLUB 2520 - The popular country/western performer Dea Kaye will be performing two shows here beginning at 9:30 p.m. Make plans and mark your calendar. She's excellent.

IBT's - A Beer Best fundraising event for Lambda Democratic Caucus from 7 to 10 p.m.. This group does plenty of background work for this community and they deserve your support. Be here.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

GRADUATE - Annual Graduate Turnabout Show here with lots of 'talent' for you to enjoy. You will always have a great time at this annual event. Watch for their ad.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

RUMORZ - Live dance music by Beau Cormier and Dominanz Devic. Some real great sounds.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

IBT'S - PACT for Life presents free anonymous HIV Testing and Information from 7 to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

CLUB 2520 - Halloween will be a big event here. It will take place over the three-day Halloween weekend (Oct. 30 - 31 & Nov. 1) and there will be \$600 in prize money awarded. Get your costumes ready! Watch for more details about this super party.

RUMORZ - Halloween show featuring a special appearance by Miss AGRA '92. Costumes, contests, prizes etc. More later.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

AIDS Update will be the topic of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association October meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Prima County AIDS Program Coordinator Chris Brown provides a review of the findings and projections at the recent International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam. It all takes place at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 H. Grant Road. It's free to OP members, newcomers and members of TAP, Shanti, PACT and El Proyecto.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

A Barn Dance hosted by Mr. AGRA contestant Larry Mann as a fund raiser for P-FLAG. There will be dinner dancing and entertainment. Raffle items, auction items, all the food you can eat, bottomless cup and entertainment all included for a donation minimum of \$5.50 at the door with proceeds going to Parent and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). It all takes place at a warehouse located at 101 E. Ventura with dinner being served 6:30 to 8:30 and then dancing and entertainment 8:30 to midnight.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Second Annual Torch Awards will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle. Tickets are \$13 per person. The awards were created by people with HIV/AIDS to recognize people in their community for their accomplishments in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. MC Alan McLaughlin of Cloud 95 radio. For more information contact PACT, 770-1710.

Arizona Diocesan AIDS Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams. Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocesan Committee on HIV disease and the Frensdorff House.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

A Halloween costume party will be held at the MCC Church starting at 7 p.m. There is no specified time for the party to quit. This will be a pot-luck refreshment party to share. A fun time and a great way to try out your costume before the bar contests and parties begin.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Talk of the Town Salon presents their third annual Halloween Party beginning at 8:00 p.m. It's their way of thanking everyone for a very successful year and it's also a great party.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

UofA Faculty & Staff for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Equity meets for it's monthly meeting. Open to UofA faculty and staff who are concerned about Gay & Lesbian issues. Group meets the fourth Monday of each month for a brown bag lunch consisting of brief business meeting followed by guest speakers, panels and discussions of current issues. Bruce Fowler is facilitator. Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Union room 283. For more information contact Professor Fowler at 621-1876.



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SUNDAY

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Solid Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 11.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Bluddy Marys and Serves \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 11.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8. Big Jobs (courtesy of Ventura-N) open rock and country 2-4. Miller Lite and Domestic Draft \$1.50 from 9 to close. Gil Leon Dls Country/Western at 8.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm \$3.99. Bluddy Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 3 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Larry, \$1.99 pm to 1 am
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Mamma Madonna's Mal Teis \$2.75, 8 to close. T-Squares Beginners' Class 7-9 pm. Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m. C/W dancing begins at 9 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No puns please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 p.m. 50¢ msg Draft Beer 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing. \$1.50 White Well.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Party Buckets of Margaritas, chips and salsa 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Flashback Night on Disco side Party begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schappys 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Advanced Country/Western dance lessons 6-8 with Gil Leon. \$1.50 Bud/Red Light and C/W dance 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Bud & Red Light Cans 99¢ all day.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti 6-8, \$2, or Tacos @ \$1 each. Western dance lessons with Paul 7-9. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.
IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer 4 to 8 pm. Beginners Country Dance Lessons 6 to 8 with Gil Leon and Tom Marx. C/W dance 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing. 75¢ Schappys. VJ/DJ David 10 to 1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, \$3. Men's Nite - Anyone in here chest, boxer or jockey shorts or wearing 50% off well drinks or domestic beer. 50¢ draft. 9-1. Dart Tournament 8pm \$3 Pot Matched. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heiseles or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 11.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Margaritas and Kamakazi \$1.50 from 8 to close. Gil Leon Dls Country/Western at 8.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. DJ/VJ David
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "All you can eat" beer battered Fish Fry \$4.50 or "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, \$3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Tom Marx DJ's Country/Western at 9.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Nova O'Devryne. VJ/DJ David 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, \$3. 50¢ Schappys 8-11. Western dance lessons with Rick 7-9. Westerns Patio Bar open 10-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Free hot dogs 11pm-1am.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IBT's - Open noon. Jayne Wayne rides again! Happy Hour extends noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Tom Marx DJ's Country/Western at 9.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VJ/DJ 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. \$3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Clyde Mitter

Tucson was well represented in Phoenix at last Sunday's monthly general membership meeting of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. Total meeting attendance was fifty-nine.

Several pieces of business were discussed including changing the 1993 Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR) in Phoenix to a three day event. It is expected that over 200 contestants will complete during this year's RRRR schedule for January 15, 16 & 17. The concern was to avoid having another rodeo that ends at 11:30 at night. A rodeo day that is fourteen or fifteen hours long not only affects the contestant's performance but also the ability of the volunteers to ensure a safe rodeo. The motion that was accepted would change contestant registration to Friday from 10:00am - 2:00pm opening up Friday night for the first-go-round for some rodeo events.

The AGRA membership also voted to extend the deadline for the 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo poster contest to November 8th. The contest is to select a poster design to promote the 1993 Saguaro Rodeo to be held in March. This contest is open to anyone; membership in a rodeo association is not a requirement.

1. All entries must be 18" X 24"
2. The only lettering to be on the poster shall read 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.
3. Design must have blank area for location, dates, phone numbers and three logos.
4. The poster may be black and white or color.
5. If color is used, it has to be the original art work or an original photograph.
6. The winning design and original are work becomes the sole property of AGRA.
7. Designer's name, address, and telephone number must appear in upper left back.
8. Deadline has been extended to November 8, 1992.

All entries must be received by November 8, 1992. You may bring them with you to A.G.R.A.'s General Membership meeting at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix on November 8 and register them by 4:00pm. Or, you may mail them to A.G.R.A. Poster Contest, C/O Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback, Phoenix, AZ 85013 or to AGRA-Tucson, PO Box 40894, Tucson,

AZ 85717.

Judging will be done Sunday, November 8, 1992 at A.G.R.A.'s Monthly General Membership Meeting at Charlie's starting at 5:00pm. The winning design will be selected by a vote of the A.G.R.A. General Membership present at that meeting. The winner will be awarded \$100.00. All other entries will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made; all returned entries will be at the artist's expense.

A suggestion to change the AGRA By-laws to eliminate the Tucson Board of Directors in favor of a 5 person committee did not come before the AGRA membership last Sunday. Nor did the suggestion proposed by a Tucson by-law committee which would have only modified current board positions leaving the Tucson Board with its present ability to govern the Satellite Chapter.

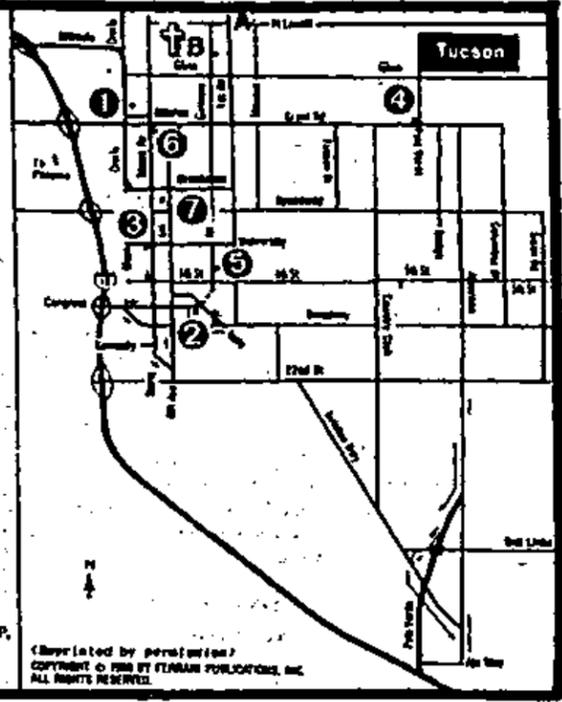
Tucson - Satellite Chapter member Larry Mann is running for Mr. AGRA. This Saturday, October 17th, Larry is having a "Barn Dance" to raise funds for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) at 101 East Ventura. One and a half blocks south of Rumorz, then east of Ventura. A donation of \$5.50 includes an "All-You-Can-Eat" Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner, a "Bottomless" cup of beer or soft drink and dancing & entertainment. Dinner is from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm with dancing and entertainment to follow until Midnight. Come out and support or Mr. AGRA Contestant from Tucson.

A new tradition maybe bewitching AGRA - Tucson, "Ghost Town '92", to be held on "All Hallows Eve" October 31st from 10:00 pm - 4:00 am. Join witches, goblins and spooks at 101 East Ventura for dancing and entertainment. Judging for the "Best Overall Costume" will be at 2:00 am and is sponsored in part by AGRA and H.I.T.T. Come par take of the witches brew at "Ghost Town '92".

Nominations will close for the Tucson Board of Directors at the next AGRA - Tucson General Membership meeting this Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 pm at the Venture-N, 1239 North Sixth Avenue. There will also be a beer bust. Anyone wishing to have their name appear on the ballot must be nominated. General Elections will be held in December.

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In 1990 several people were asking why we of the HIV community didn't have a form of recognition for those who have worked so hard for our benefit. Not a single organization's awards, but a collective one from all the agencies and the people they serve. The concept began to be developed as a result of the various perspectives of such people as Scott Levine, Chuck Mayer, Jérôme Beillard, Sean Thomas and many others. When we were trying to think of what to name these awards, we were stumped.

Then, one day at the office, Jérôme Beillard came up with the name Torch. We all liked it and saw the obvious symbolism in it. Then through a quick brainstorming session, PACT's Office Manager Aline Stevens and Jérôme came up with: Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help.

And through the cooperative efforts of PACT for Life, The Shanti Foundation of Tucson, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora and The Tucson AIDS Project, these awards are now an annual reality. All four agencies participated in the nominating/voting process as representatives of their clients.

Each award will be described as it is presented. This is an evening to celebrate our living and to thank those who have helped.

Please contact your local AIDS Agency for tickets or call 770-1710 for more information or tickets.

What's Up Doc?????



This year's TKO excursion over to Albuquerque for HDS's balloon run was very interesting to say the least and those TKO's members that made it, will long remember. First off, a few minor mistakes were made during the very first evening and continued through out the entire weekend.

Now in all fairness, each of us who goes on runs during the year, in many different towns, and an occasion even here in Tucson, let me explain. Upon arrival at the Social Club (Albuquerque) we telephoned Sadie to let her know we had arrived. Sadie came down to meet us, and tell of the plans for the evening, the housing and the evening meal, presently cooking. Upon departure, there were two vehicles, Sadie's and Ed's, who was following Sadie. Well, as luck would have it, Ed got caught at a red light, and Sadie, for reasons I could not explain, did not pull over to allow Ed to catch up. Then, after many attempts on my part to get her to pull over or turn around to go back to look for Ed, we arrived at the house we all were going to stay at for the weekend.

Then the fun began. We departed the house, heading towards the Social Club to recover Ed and Keith. With Sadie driving, I was wondering just were the Social Club had been moved to when we, traveling East on Central, past the Albuquerque City Limits sign. At this point, Sadie did let me take over driving but insisted I keep heading in the same direction, not having any luck in convincing her we were headed in the wrong direction. (Not wanting to allow her to drive any more, what condition she was in I'll not say, just let you read between the lines) - well, it ended up I found myself caught on a freeway, heading North to Gallup, N.M. Eighteen miles later I was finally able to find a spot to turn around and head back to town. At this point, Sadie stated I was going in the wrong direction. After pointing out a road sign, Albuquerque 18 miles, Sadie went to sleep.

We got back to town, on Central heading West, so I woke Sadie up and asked her what the name of the cross street was at the Social Club, expecting to stop there. Guess what, with Sadie's directions we again ended up at the house we were to stay at that evening. I asked why we were at the house again and Sadie said, "Let's see if they had made it to the house."

This is when, after a good hour of sight seeing, I was getting a tad bit hot under the collar. After a short speech on my part, Sadie took over driving again, again heading towards the Social Club. Believe it or not, this time we did arrive. I got out and went into the club to locate Ed and Keith (I had to have a short Bud, just to calm myself down). Upon checking the parking lot, looking for Sadie, you guessed it - she had taken off.

After this, TKO members switched over to Plan D. From then on everything started falling into place and we enjoyed ourselves. And yes, we did end up with a place to stay for the evening, which I might add we also had to stay again Saturday night because of another one of Sadie's famous disappearing acts in the afternoon.

The NMN's show Saturday evening was just what TKO's members needed to finish off a day of frustrations and questions. As their show (NMN's) last year, this years version was just as enter-

taining. Hopefully I have a special portion of the show being mailed to me that I wish to publish as my column for next week.

Sunday morning's mass ascension of the balloons was again, and will always be, somewhat entertaining, especially getting up at 4 am, after a late arrival at home the night before. Then walking around in the chill of an October Fall morning in Albuquerque, checking all the booths out for those special run pins, or whatever, watching the horizon for the sun to make its appearance, not something I looked forward to. Thus, Ed and I, having lucked out and found a parking place in the second row from the entrance, ended up in the car, from there watching as the balloons all started filling and floating off into the early morning skies.

I did not get a count as to the number of balloons on hand this year but from overheard conversations, it was larger than last year. This balloon run is now billed, as has been for years, the largest gathering in the world. Again, there were balloons from Europe and other areas of the world. And also some of those special shaped ones, a cow, liquor bottles, a clown, Santa Claus, a United Van Line truck, and more, to numerous to mention at this time.

All I can say is, next year, Oct. 2-10, you could experience the thrill by taking the trip over. You do not have to be on one of the two different runs that also is going on, but you will be able to see some of the run people at the local watering spots along Central, not Gallup.

Enough of the trip for this time, let me bring myself back to Tucson. Do not forget, during Partners beer bust at the Graduate this coming Saturday afternoon, it will be time to start the dart tournament I have been trying to get off the ground. The only change for the previously printed schedule is, there will be two days of throwing darts over at Rumorz also. I'll pass out the new, and not to be changed again, schedule of dates at this tournament, along with your own score sheet.

AND - this being a very special Club Weekend at the Graduate, on Sunday, TALL will be celebrating their anniversary. It will be time for installation of the newly elected officers for the coming year. They, along with their beer bust, will be serving a free buffet for guest that day. Let us all be on hand for TALL's anniversary, another year of celebration of Brotherhood, another strong and little older Tucson club.

So, until Saturday afternoon, keep those blankets out for the night time sleeping if you are sleeping alone, it is getting chilly.



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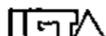
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

A Halloween Costume Party will be held here at the church, 3269 North Mountain Ave. on Thursday, October 22nd, starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be no specified time for the party to quit, we will party until the last guest leaves. This will be a Pot-Luck Refreshments party, also known as a B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Stuff), to share. All kinds of "Good Stuff" are planned for the evening. This will be an alternate type of party in contrast to the upcoming parties that will be held at the different bars in town. Even if you are planning to attend the parties to be held at the bars, this will be a good chance to try out your costume. It is a shame to spend all that time, money and talent on a costume that you wear only one time.

MCC/Tucson will be having another Bake Sale in conjunction with Partner's Beer Bust at the Graduate this coming Saturday, October 17th. A lot of home baked goods will be for sale during the afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Even if you aren't planning to make a purchase, a whiff of the aromas (for free) might make you change your mind.

Our annual "Three Days In October" will be held on November 6th, 7th, and 8th. This is our spiritual renewal and revival that is held each year in October.

Due to some conflicting schedules of The Heartsong group originally from Seattle, we were unable to "book" them in October. The Heartsong group will be singing at each of the worship services of Friday, Saturday and Sunday Morning. They will also be holding Workshops on Saturday afternoon. Our special speaker for this week-end is yet to be announced but more complete details for our "Three Days In October" will be announced.

Our Memorial Rose Garden is progressing on schedule. A rose bush will be planted in the garden as a living memorial to the lost loved one of your choice for a small donation of \$20.00. This donation will include the rose bush and a plaque at the base of the bush. Since rose bushes are best planted during January and February, orders for this coming year's planting must be submitted no later than November 15th. The bushes will be ordered from nurseries recognized by the American Rose Society. If you would like to order a rose bush for this coming year, call the church at 292-9151. Any order placed after November 15th will be planted in January 1994.

Thought for the week: Every book and every written thought is contained in the alphabet, but oh, how those writers switched those letters around.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the most misquoted verses in the Bible is Romans 8:28.

Every person who has ever lived experiences problems, difficulties, trials, some small—some gigantic—some which seem to be insurmountable. Right now I am going through a time of deep trial in my life. The details of my problem aren't important, except that they are not unlike problems most of you have faced at one time or another.

Sometimes I wonder how I am going to make it. While no one has said it, because I have not shared my problems with many people, I am sure that if enough people were aware of my situation, someone would be sure to misquote Romans 8:28: "Well, you know the Bible says 'All things work together for good'." While this part of the verse does in fact say exactly that, there is an important conclusion to this verse many people leave out, when trying to comfort someone who is going through troubles. The entire verse, quoting from the King James Bible, says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, them who are the called according to His purpose." As you can see, quoting the whole verse changes the meaning quite a bit!

Because I am a Christian; because I have accepted Christ's death on the cross as payment of the penalty for my sin, I can insert my name in the verse where it says "to them that love God", so that it reads, "And we know that all things work together for good to ME." Another place in Scripture says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15), and

by accepting Jesus as my Savior, I have kept on of His commandments. Therefore, "I can read Romans 8:28 and truly have comfort in the midst of my problems.

Even though there is nothing in Scripture which explains exactly how I am supposed to get through this particular period of my life, it does tell me that God IS working NOW, just as He does in the good times. This verse does not say I need to "like my problems" or "be comfortable with them." And it doesn't say that I will necessarily "like the outcome" of them! What it DOES say is that God is in control, causing even this low season to work for His good purpose in my life.

What about you? I began this piece by reminding us that no one escapes problems in this life; so even if you are care-free right now, it is certain that at some point in your life you are going to have some kind of distress. When it comes, will you have the assurance that God is working in it for you good? If you are a Christian, you can believe that what God say IS true! And if you are not yet a Christian, you can become one today! Then you, too, can have the true comfort found in Romans 8:28.

At Cornerstone Fellowship, we offer Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. If you have any doubt how you can possibly become a Christian "today," come and talk to us, worship with us, at 2902 North Geronimo Sunday. You really will be amazed! When you leave to return home, you'll be carrying something you didn't bring in...solid Christian assurance and joy. See you Sunday.



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To My Friends:

I'm just hours from returning home and feel the importance of sharing or attempting to share with all of you what I saw and felt during the past five days. In sharing this, my hope is to ignite a flame that may have died in some of you and for those whose flame is burning low, to add fuel, for I have a lot to give. We must give it to one another.

For the last five days, I've been in Washington, DC working on the Jim Toevs congressional campaign. But working on the Toevs campaign was only one reason we were there - the other was to celebrate the viewing of the Names Quilt and National Coming Out Day. It was certainly a weekend to be visible.

While I was there I saw and heard hundreds of thousands of people pleading for help, pleading for change, the urgency of change, we have no more time, no more lives to waste, we must fight for civil rights and human rights for all!

I felt the love and loss from many. Some faces and names I recognized - others I did not - but what I did was recognize the need to join together to stop bigotry, hatred and discrimination of all kind. I felt the tears and pain and heard and saw the hope and courage.

Our fight for equality and justice for all was emphasized in many ways throughout Washington this past weekend. We were visible. Red ribbons, pink triangles, etc. by the thousands! We Can Win and Clinton/Gore signs were everywhere - 200,000 chanting past the White house. "Get Out! Get Out!"

It was truly a wonderful experience. We must carry this enthusiasm back to Tucson and continue our fight for equality. November 3rd is the date we can make a change. We must all exercise our right to vote. Please cast your vote for Clinton and Gore and especially for Jim Toevs who wants to go to the U.S. Congress and help in making a change in our lives. Jim needs your volunteer help too. Call his office, 881-8107 to see how you can help make the difference.

Sincerely, Colette Barajas, Toevs for Congress Campaign - Gays for Toevs

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone who came by and helped with our BBQ on Sunday, October 11, at IBT's. Along with having a great time with everyone, we raised \$296 for PACT.

Special thanks to Kim and Lisa for the pasta salad, and Howard and David for the potato salad and all the help. Thanks to IBT's for donating the hamburgers and hot dogs, and a very special thank you to Rex Firkins of Rex Studio and all who gave generously.

Sincerely, Rodney Shanks & Steve Barreto

EDITOR:

Concerning the letter to the editor from Bisbee last week, I would like to respond.

If the writer were a regular reader of the OBSERVER they would know that each week's photo layout has a different title head and is not called 'Out and About' all the time.

As for the logo or Masthead, it is quite clear to me that you are a lay person and not skilled in the graphic arts. The reason I bring this up is because I designed the logo to be a clear representation of Southwestern culture (something that even escapes Jazmin, one of the OBSERVER's most discerning of readers).

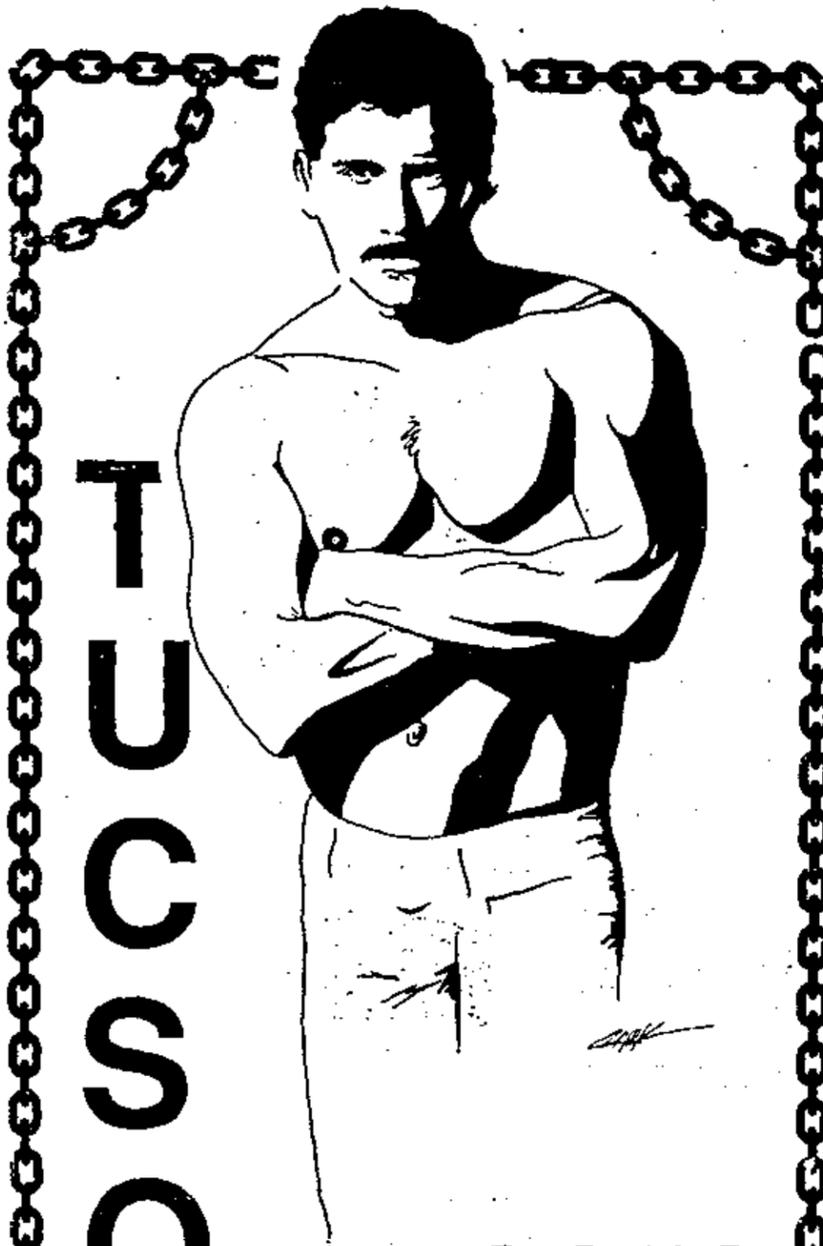
The accusation of men and women cavorting in dank and dingy bars - is true. Men and women do meet in clubs, but I was always under the impression that's why there are clubs; so friends could socialize, raise monies for favorite charities, come together on holidays, have a safe haven in which to discuss new and provocative political agendas - oh yes, and to let the biological instincts take over without fear of social repression.

As for not doing stories on Queer Nation, ACT-UP, PACT, College Lesbian and Gay groups, Wingspan, PFLAG, One In Ten, etc. etc. If you had contact any of these Organizations or agencies you would have found out that the OBSERVER has always given fair and equitable treatment to these and others such as El Proyecto, Shanti, MCC, AGRA, OPBP, Empty Closet, etc., etc. etc. OBSERVER has always taken a leading role in promoting community activities whether they are bar originated or out-of-the-bar events.

Now, you take Queer Bisbee. Yes, stories have been printed in the paper. Also Q.B. appears in the notices section of the paper at no charge as a public service. Is it the fault of the OBSERVER that more news items are not coming forth to the public, or the fault of Queen Bisbee?

I make my own observations to the writer of last week's letter: Get rid of your Birkinstocks, your save-the-rain-forest Ts; and your Echo Soy burgers because it is clear to me you already have too much fibre in your diet. Perhaps next time you're out in Bisbee or Tucson you might order yourself a martini, with a twist of fibre of course!

Sincerely, Clark



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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

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- for information.

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FREE COMPUTER INTRODUCTIONS! The Western Connection's Bulletin Board Service. Dial your modem to 602-881-8283 and ask for access to Lambda West - a round table reserved exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian community.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

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GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirees welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoors and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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QUEER BISBEE, Bisbee's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

FRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

HOME BIBLE STUDY "Homosexuality and the Bible" Call 797-9121. Do you know God knew you were Gay before you were born? Psalm 139:13-17

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. If it is difficult for you to start or maintain close relationships, this group will focus on enhancing your capacity for intimacy. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3190 or Lia Garigas, M.Ed. 293-7886.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 40021, Tucson AZ 85717; call 326-0655; or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Ventjura-N patio.

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Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 N. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

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

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

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadway). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV +; Community Education, Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 323-6226 (Administration).

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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

On the November general election ballot there will be propositions for you to consider. This week's column will try to explain each of the initiatives.

Proposition 100

Under current Arizona statutes, the statewide elected offices, (Governor through State Mine Inspector), require that they be elected by a majority vote, (50% plus 1 vote). Due to the problems caused by the 1990 Gubernatorial contest, when no candidate received a majority of votes and that no rules were set down for a runoff election, thus causing the election of a governor in February of 1991. Proposition 100 would repeal this statute, and require that state wide elected offices be elected by the most votes, plurality.

Proposition 101

The State Mine Inspector's term, set by the State Constitution, is 2 years. What Proposition 101 would do is to expand the term of the State Mine Inspector from 2 years to 4 years.

Proposition 102

Proposition 102 would amend the State Constitution to allow the stage government to exchange state trust lands for other public or private lands for certain purposes and after public notice is the exchange is in the best interest of the state land trust and the state receives land of equal or greater appraised value.

Proposition 103

This proposition deals with the death penalty. Proposition 103 would change how the state would execute a defendant, sentenced to death. The state statutes say that a defendant, sentenced to the death penalty, will be executed by lethal gas. This proposition would change this to a lethal injection.

Proposition 104

Spending limits are the topic of this ballot proposition. What proposition 104 would do is to allow a city, town or county of an adjustment of its base spend limits, through voter referendums every two years in regular general elections, or during non-partisan elections to nominate or elect city or town council members.

Proposition 105

Referred to as the "Home Rule" proposition. Proposition 105 would allow Pima and Maricopa County to choose a charter form of government(self). Upon approval of the voters. This would allow the County Governments to have home rule. Under the constitution, the state legislature can set down laws, regulations etc., for counties. This form of government has been in use since the state was a territory. Proposition 105 would repeal this.

Proposition 106

Proposition 106 would amend the Arizona Constitution to allow school districts to increase the amount they can become indebted with voter approval. The debt can be raised to a maximum of 20 percent from 15 percent of the district's property value.

Proposition 108

Tax hikes are the topic. Proposi-

tion 108 would amend the State Constitution, requiring a two third vote of the legislature for passage and a three fourths vote to override a governor's veto on legislation that would provide an increase in revenues through changes in taxes, tax rates, deductions, fees or assessments.

Proposition 109

Proposition 109 would change how the judges for the courts are selected. Proposition 109 would change the composition of the commission on court appointments and require a more public participation, require looking into population diversity of the justice district, and to set a judicial evaluation system.

Proposition 110

This proposition would create a state constitutional amendment banning abortions, except to save the mother's life, and in cases of rape or incest, as provided by the state legislature. It would prohibit use of public funds for abortion and provide for an attorney to act as guardian for the preborn.

Proposition 200

This controversial proposal. Proposition would ban the use of steel jaw traps, devices, poisons and other substances for taking wildlife on public lands with certain exceptions and declaring a policy of humane, non lethal wildlife management and property protection.

Proposition 300

This proposition would consolidate the Lincoln and Washington birthday paid state holiday's into one, and creating a state holiday, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. This proposal would not increase the number paid state holidays.

Proposition 301

This proposition would increase the salary of members of the State House of Representatives and the State Senate from \$15,000 to \$19,748.

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