OREGON ANTI-GAY BALLOT MEASURE 9 VOTED DOWN

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CLINTON WINS BIG

Vote 92

Bill Clinton
President

Al Gore
Vice President

It was a surprising evening, but to hear the analysts, everyone knew the outcome - exactly the way it turned out. At presstime, with 92% of the national votes counted, Bill Clinton was declared the winner of the presidential race.

Clinton garnered 43% of the popular vote with George Bush receiving 38%. Independent Ross Perot received 19%. But it was in the Electoral College that Clinton was the big winner. Out of the 270 needed, Clinton received 350; Bush 157 and Perot none.

On the state level, John McCain was re-elected to the U.S. Senate, defeating Claire Sargent handily. In Congressional District 2, Incumbent Ed Pastor easily won, but in District 5, openly Gay Jim Toevs lost to incumbent Jim Kolbe. Toevs garnered over 50,000 votes but could not overtake Kolbe who, at presstime received 67% of the votes cast.

Republican Ultra-Conservative Keith Bee defeated incumbent state Senator John Dougherty 53 to 47 percent. Another disappointment was the loss of Eleanor Schorr, by a very narrow margin, to Patti Noland. 49% for Noland to Schorr's 48%.

Observer endorsed Southern Arizona State Senate candidates who won were Victor Soltero, Peter Goudinoff, Ann Day and Cindy Resnick. Southern Arizona House of Representative candidates who won include Marion Pickins, Phil Hubbard, Carmen Cajero, Elaine Richardson, George Cunningham, Andy Nichols, Herschella Horton and Ruth Solomon.

On the national scene one of the more important votes that affected the Gay and Lesbian community everywhere was the vote in Oregon which would have outlawed any recognition of homosexuality in the infamous Ballot Measure 9. The measure was defeated, but it is not known at presstime the size of the vote against the measure. That nightmare is over, at least.

Two important propositions on the Arizona Ballot were being watched nationally. Proposition 110 was voted down. That measure would have restricted abortions to those necessary to save the life of the mother and would have required legislative action to legalize abortion for reported rape or incest. Prop. 110 was defeated handily 60% to 40%.

The other controversial proposition was the establishment of a Martin Luther King holiday. By a vote of 62 to 38 percent the electorate said yes, making Arizona the only state in the union to have had the holiday go to a vote of the people and pass. Arizona will combine Washington and Lincoln's birthday holidays into one and establish a separate paid Martin Luther King Holiday.

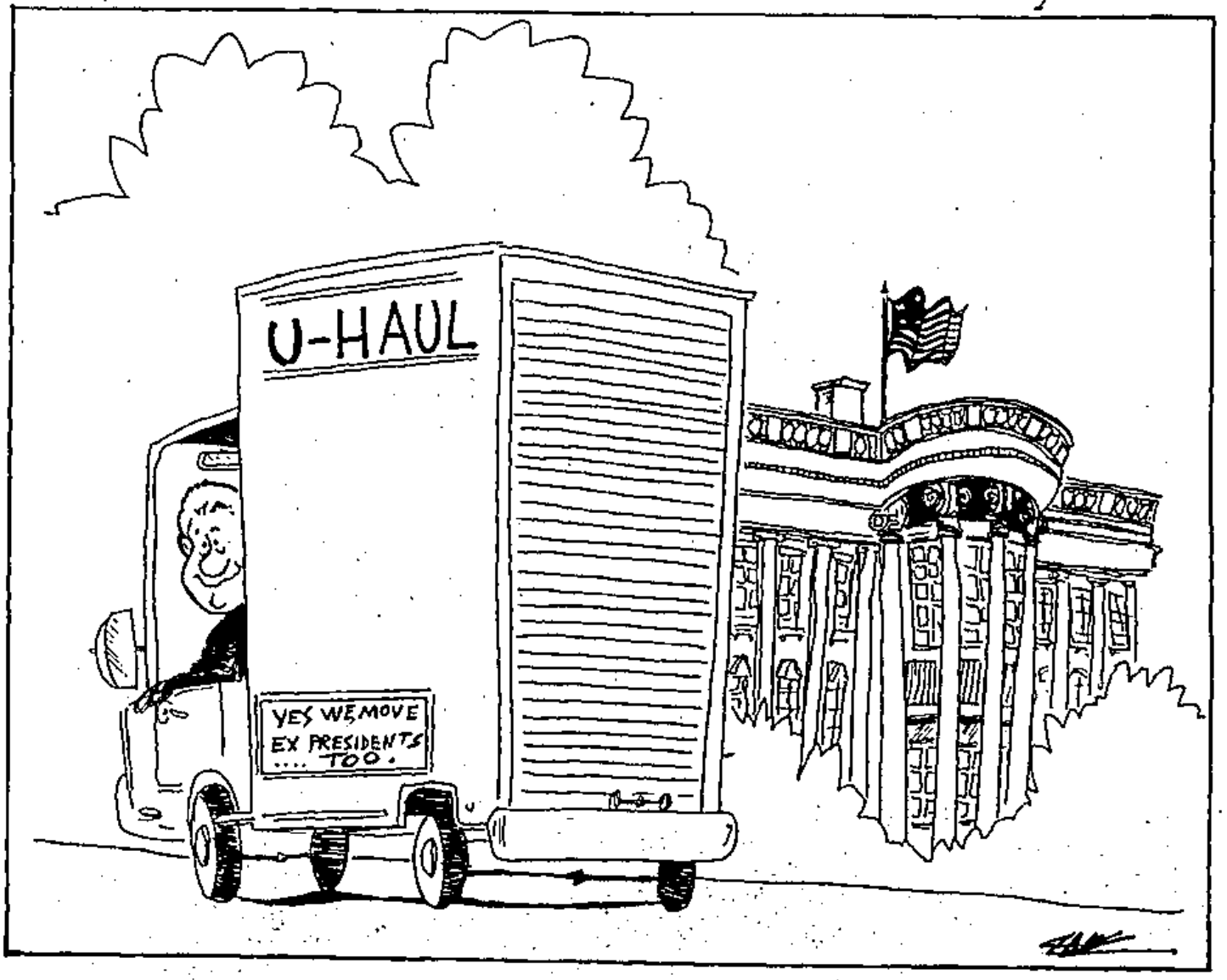
One of the more controversial propositions was Prop. 200. After a very expensive campaign financed by the National Rifle Association (NRA) and much misleading information, the proposition which would have banned the trapping of animals on public land was defeated by a 60 to 40 percent vote.

Again on the national scene, in California, Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein both were elected to the U.S. Senate.

A complete election breakdown by Observer Political Correspondent Mark Kerr will appear in next week's paper.

President Elect Bill Clinton

As I See It..... *by Clark*



UPDATE

Studds Heralds Canadian Reversal of Gay Military Ban

WASHING, D.C. – Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), who has led the charge to end discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the military, praised a Canadian court ruling that struck down Canada's ban on Gay and Lesbian military service.

"This is a powerful example for the United States," Studds said. "Our closest cultural neighbor and ally can find no reason to restrict military service because of sexual orientation--and the United States should follow suit. We don't have a person to waste."

Canada joins the vast majority of other NATO countries in permitting military service by Lesbians and Gay men. A General Accounting Office report, released by Congressman Studds in June, reported that the Canadian Forces have had their policy on homosexuality under continuous review since early 1987.

In the past, the Pentagon has defended the U.S. policy barring Lesbians and Gays by claiming their military service would prove "incompatible with discipline, good order and morale." Studds contended the Canadian decision removes the last argument against service by American Gays and Lesbians as well.

"Gay men and Lesbians have always served in the military. There have been no security breaches related to sexual orientation and their good job performance in every branch of the service has been proven," Studds said. "Now Canada, with a culture and society very similar to our own, confirms that bigotry and prejudice should not prevent the full integration of Lesbians and Gay men into the military service."

The new Canadian government policy comes as the result of a decision by the Federal Court of Canada that awarded legal fees and $100,000 in damages to a Lesbian forced out of the Canadian Air Force in 1989. The Canadian military has agreed to fully comply with the court ruling.

Congressman Studds, who has battled the Pentagon's discriminatory policy for several years, called on the U.S. Defense Department to follow the Canadian example and reverse the current ban on homosexual personnel. "It is time for the American military to catch up with the vast majority of the American people who support the right of Lesbians and Gay men to serve with dignity and free from prejudice."

Three Days In October To Be Held In November

TUCSON - The M.C.C.-Tucson annual revival and spiritual renewal known as "Three Days in October" will be held this year on the week-end of November 6, 7, and 8th.

Guest speaker will b the Rev. L. Robert Arthur. Rev. Arthur holds a Master of Arts degree in Bible from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. He has done further graduate work in Greek, Hebrew, Ugaritic, Akkadian and Aramaic. He served as Assistant Dean of Men at Bob Jones for a number of years.

Rev. Arthur was a Baptist pastor before his first pastorate in the U.F.M.C.C. in Omaha, NE.

Rev. Arthur will be preaching during the "Three Days in October" on Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Also, during the "Three Days in October", the Heartsong group, formally of Seattle, WA. will be singing on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

During the Friday evening service, the M.C.C.-Tucson Choir and different soloist will be performing in a very special musical program.

There will be workshops held on Saturday afternoon and there will be potluck meals served during the week-end. This promises to be an unusually rewarding experience for all members and friends of M.C.C.-Tucson. Plan now to attend all services and be a part of this event that will be long remembered.

Sharing Weekend News

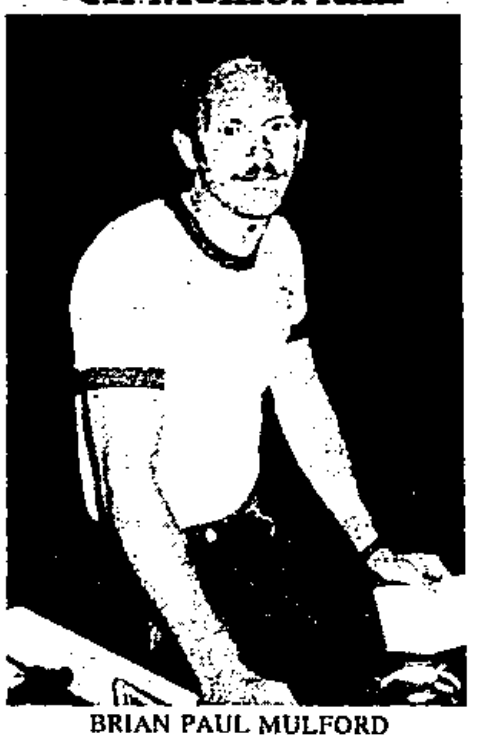
By Jim Baran

TUCSON - On behalf of the Share Bears I would like to thank everyone in the community for your continued generous support during each Sharing Weekend. As you know, all proceeds donated continue to help our clients at each of the Aids Support Associations in Tucson.

This month Sharing Weekend will be this Saturday, November 7, 1992. For each $1.00 donation dropped into the jars, a ticket for a chance for a $50.00 prize will be given. The name of the winner will be drawn by Bob Ellis, and published in next weeks's Observer.

So remember, bring an extra dollar and donate it at your favorite drinking establishment. Thanks.

In Memoriam



BRIAN PAUL MULFORD

Brian passed away October 28, 1992 of cancer. He was 40 years old. Brian was the father of four and grandfather of two. He was the son of Ernest and Dorothy Mulford.

Brian was a 15-year employee of the Tucson Fire Department, and he was very active in the recall campaign of Evan Mecham. He will be remembered as a wonderfully kind and personable man who will be missed by his many, many friends as well as his family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 30. Donations may be made to the Tucson Medical Center Foundation Fund, 5031 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712.

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MARK BROWN

Mark passed into the light at 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3. There will be a viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Adair Funeral Home Dodge Chapel, 1050 N. Dodge Boulevard.

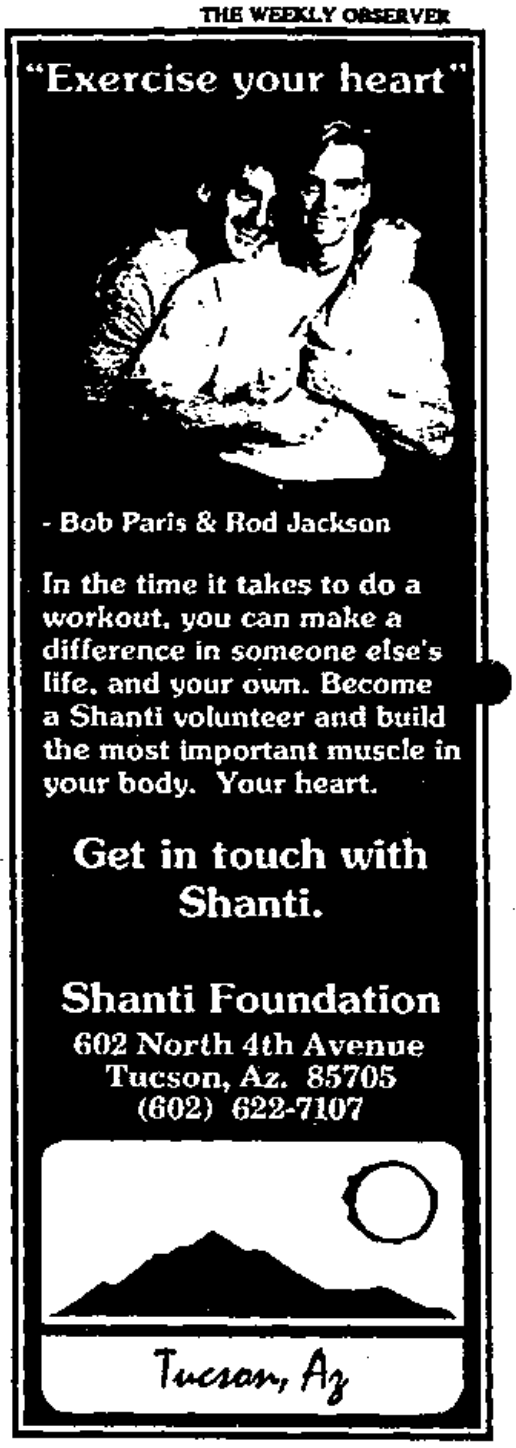
A memorial service will be held Friday, Nov. 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 North Geronimo.

DL To Honor Bartenders

TUCSON - Desert Leathermen have announced that they would like to honor the untold heros of the bar scene, "THE BARTENDER".

Once a month D.L. will pick one of our bartenders here in Tucson or elsewhere and present him or her with a small token of their appreciation. D.L. feels that all bartenders have done much to make our stays at the local watering holes so enjoyable.

The favorites are always there when we are dry, to tell us a joke or two, and to give a smile or an ear when needed. D.L. wants to say thanks in the special D.L. way, so don't be surprised if one day or night D.L. descends on a favorite bartender requesting a drink and presenting a small gift.



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Kentucky Atty. General Asks Court To Reconsider Sodomy Ruling

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's attorney general has sent a petition to the state Supreme court asking it to reconsider its ruling that struck down the sates's sodomy law.

In the 14-page document Wednesday, Attorney General Chris Gorman asked the court to rehear its 4-3 ruling that held that homosexuals deserve equal protection under the law.

The Sept. 24 ruling said that the 1974 sodomy law violated the right to privacy under the Kentucky Constitution. The decision unleashed protests from some conservative leaders and a death threat against the four justices in the majority.

"On what basis will the courts of this commonwealth...override the collective judgement of the elective representatives of the people....the traditions of western civilization, the history of the U.S. and the history of the commonwealth of Kentucky?" Gorman's petition asked.

Martin Cothran, public-policy analyst for The Family Foundation, which opposed the decision, applauded the petition for rehearing.

"We hope that the court uses this new opportunity to hand the issue back to the people," he said.

But David Friedman, who filed a friend-of-the-court brief for a coalition of religious groups who opposed the sodomy law, called the attorney general's petition a rehash of issues that already have been argued, and predicted it was unlikely to sway any votes on the court.

"Given the length and depth of opinions on both sides of the case, it was clear the court had thought the issue through quite thoroughly," he said.

Gorman's lawyers said the court usurped the role of the General Assembly in determining what is harmful to public health and morals.

Gorman's office also noted that even if sex between consenting homosexual adults is protected by a right to privacy, that right should be restricted to protect the public.

Although the losing side frequently asks the state's high court to reconsider its rulings, such motions are infrequently granted and even less frequently result in the court changing its position. However, in the sodomy case, Gorman's office would have to prompt only one justice to switch his vote.

The case cannot be appealed to the federal courts because it is based on the state constitution.

In the decision, the court reversed the conviction of Jeffrey Wasson of Lexington, who was arrested in 1985 and charged with soliciting sodomy after he talked to an undercover officer for 20 to 25 minutes and then invited him home for sex. No money was offered or requested, and there was no suggestion that the sex would take place in public.

Duke Scientists Stop AIDS Virus In Laboratory Research

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Duke University Medical Center researchers say they have created a protein fragment that stops the AIDS virus from infecting human cells in laboratory tests.

The finding could open the door to a new class of drugs against HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome. But researchers warned there's no guarantee and said a new drug wouldn't be developed quickly.

"There is some interest in developing this idea into an anti-viral drug," said Dr. Dani Bolognesi, director of Duke's Center of AIDS Research and one of the scientists involved in the research. "We're making plans for that right now."

John Moore, a research scientist at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City, said the advance is "an extremely good piece of science."

However, he noted that what works in the laboratory might not work in people.

Although there are several drugs for the treatment of AIDS, none cures the disease.

Most anti-HIV drugs, including the best known, AZT, work inside already infected cells by interfering with the enzyme the virus uses to reproduce itself.

The Duke researchers are looking for a way to disarm the virus before it gets into the cells.

The team, which included Dr. Thomas Matthews and Dr. Carl Wild, created a peptide - short piece of protein - that mimics a key part of the HIV infection machinery, found on the outside of the virus particle.

In laboratory experiments, scientists mixed the peptide, called DP-107, with HIV and human immune cells. The peptide blocked the virus from entering the cells and also stopped infected cells from killing healthy cells.

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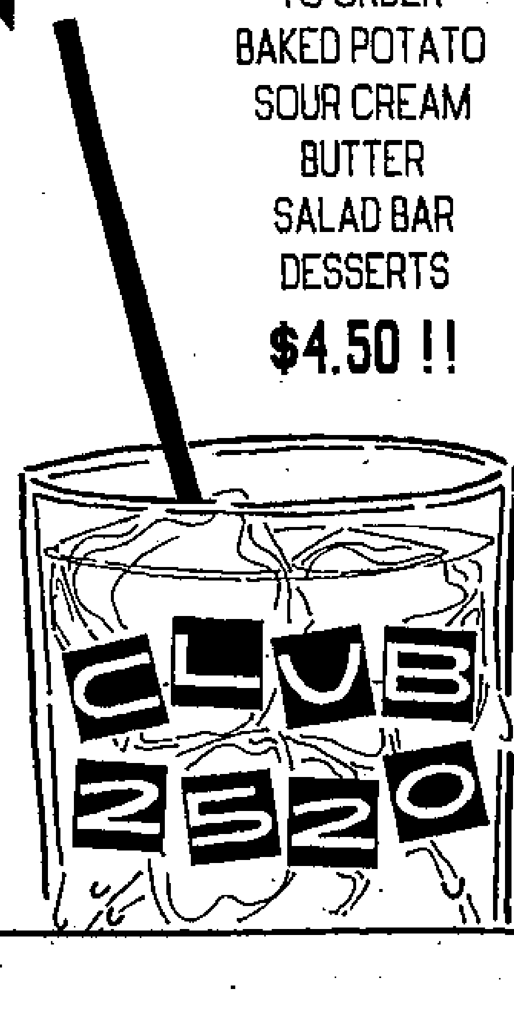

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LETTERS

EDITOR:

Mr. Carl Jenkins, Tucson executor of the Boy Scouts of America, follows membership guidelines established in 1910. These guidelines prohibit homosexuals from being members of the Boy Scouts. When Mr. Jenkins was asked what he would do if a 14-year-old scout admitted his homosexuality, he said the boy would loose his membership in the Boy Scouts.

Approximately 9% of the funding for the local Boy Scouts of America chapter comes from the United Way. To express you concern about the discriminatory membership practices of the Boy Scouts, call the United Way office at 323-7625 and ask for Mr. White.

However, since most of the funding is private, another way must be found to convince the Boy Scouts to change its attitude and its guidelines. We are suggesting that a wall be built around the Boy Scouts so that it need not come into contact with anyone it finds objectionable. To that end, we suggest helping in this process by contributing BRICKS FOR THE BSA. This wall will not only deep objectionable American citizens out, but it will also keep the scouts in so they may look at themselves and examine the way they discriminate against other human beings.

If you wish to help in this effort, get yourself a brick and attach a note to it explaining your position. You may sign or not sign the note, as you wish. A sample not is printed below for people who wish to use it rather than writing their own. Bricks may be taken or mailed to: the Boy Scouts of America, 5049 East Broadway, Suite 200, Tucson, AZ 85711. Their telephone number is 750-0385.

Thank you,
Chuck Gould, Tucson

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TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

I oppose the attitude of the Boy Scouts of America toward homosexuals. Since the Boy Scouts wished to exclude so many American citizens from membership, I am contributing this brick to help you build a wall around yourselves. In this way, you need not see or associate with any human beings you find objectionable. Perehaps the wall will also allow you the privacy to examine your own outmoded bigotry and prejudice against others.

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Gay Couple Pledge To Open Resort Despite Town's Condemnation

RUSSELLVILLE, KY - Jimmy Cates, and the man he loves, have become the scandal of his hometown.

For three years, residents were content to gossip about Cates and Jim Turner. But that all changed when they learned of plans to turn Cates's hilltop chateau into a men-only ben-and-breakfast.

The gay couple have become the subject of sermons, harassment and death threats.

Now, Cates says he can never go back - to his church, to friends he grew up with or even to him family.

"They're part of the persecution against me now, everybody but my real mother," the 39-year-old Cates said of is estrangement from his devout Methodist father, his four brothers, and two sisters. Cates's parents were separated years ago, and the mother lives in nearby Lewisburg.

Gay-bashing graffiti has been spray-painted on the asphalt ribbon snaking a quarter mile uphill toward Cates's house. Effigies have been hanged from the oaks and maples along the private roadside. Violent expletives are left on the answering machine. Queries about Stone Mountain Estate are met with sullenness by many in this town of tidy, brick store-fronts and Victorian houses.

"They've had their suspicions all along about me," said Cates, a cabinet-maker who was married four times and has two daughters, ages 11 and 18. He said he reconciled himself to his homosexuality in 1989.

"It would have been okay if we'd kept everything quiet, up here in the trees and out of sight and not brought in any more of 'our kind,' said Turner, 34, who met Cates at a gay bar in Nashville, Tenn., and moved in with him in 1989.

Despite threats left on their phone-answering machine that men armed with deer rifles and grenades would attack the 10-acre resort, the couple say they plan to open the bed-and-breakfast as soon as they obtain a state license and health permit.

State police are investigating the threats and the American Civil Liberties Union has offered legal aid.

A security guard questions all who approach Stone Mountain. Earlier this month, a teenager was arrested and accused of trying to run down a guard on the property. Now, at least one other guard prowls the woods just out of sight.

Cates's father says his son was a good-hearted child who grew up in the church.

"We still love him, but...", J.G. Cates said, his voice trailing off. "He goes his way and I go mine. He was a part of this family until he chose this lifestyle."

Family members and friends pray Cates will renounce his homosexuality and reconcile with them. "In something like this, God will take care of everything," his father said.

Radio talks shows have produced a stream of people angry that gay lifestyles are being practiced in Russellville. Some callers say children will be at risk; other say they worry the town of 8,500 residents will become a vacation spot for homosexuals.

"They're overcome with homophobia," Turner said. "It's like they think we're going to overcome this town with sin and God will destroy it. It's the same thing they did with black people, with Jews."

Caught in the middle are city and county officials who say they cannot block the inn's opening and a largely silent majority who say what consenting adults do in private is no one else's business.

The resort is outside the city limits and Logan County has rejected rural zoning.

"I'd say the biggest majority of people are not wanting it but there's only probably two or three people who violently oppose it," said Mayor Ken Smith. "My personal view is this is immoral, but they have their rights."

Russellville Church of Christ youth minister Steve Tyree said that for all their condemnations of homosexuality, local clergymen try not to condemn homosexuals.

"If they came to our church, I think we would let them in, but we would hope and pray they would seek and find God's truth," he said. "I won't pretend there wouldn't be some people who would express some shock."

THINK Positive PROJECT

by Wayne Stevenson

Some of you may have wondered what was going on a couple of weeks ago at IBT's and Venture-N. What was that roulette wheel on the wall and who was that Vanna White character?

It was The Think Positive Project's rendition of the Wheel of Fortune game as seen on TV. Our game (we call it 'Spin & Win') has the exact same rules at 'The Wheel', but usually has phrases of sexual activities that can lead to safer sex practices and Candas added a sparkle as Vanna White turning letters to phrases created by Perry and the crew. Everyone who played had a wonderful time and I invite you to join us this month at the Graduate and Rumorz for more Spin & Win.

This is only one of many educational games and events put on by the Project. Come and play our version of 'Win, Lose or Draw' or slide into one of our singles mixers hosted in the homes of some of our friends in the community. Our Man to Man Workshops are there for you as an alternative social, yet educational environment. It's a nice place to meet men who have the same interests as you.

We're constantly coming up with new ideas and projects to reach the populations of men who have sex with men with the news that safer sex is a very important, creative and positive alternative for everyone.

Our Good News About Man To Man' pamphlets have become more and more popular nationwide and the message is spreading fast to slip on those condoms and have good and safer sex.

Just watch out for our ads in the Observer and come on out and have a good time with us, Floyd (of PCHD), Nena (El Proyecto), Perry (TAP), Rick (Shanti) and Wayne (PACT) – The Think Positive Project.

Also, I'd like to remind you to keep on the look out for the Early Intervention Center offering information on HIV testing at local bars in the weeks to come. Anonymous testing will be available upon request.

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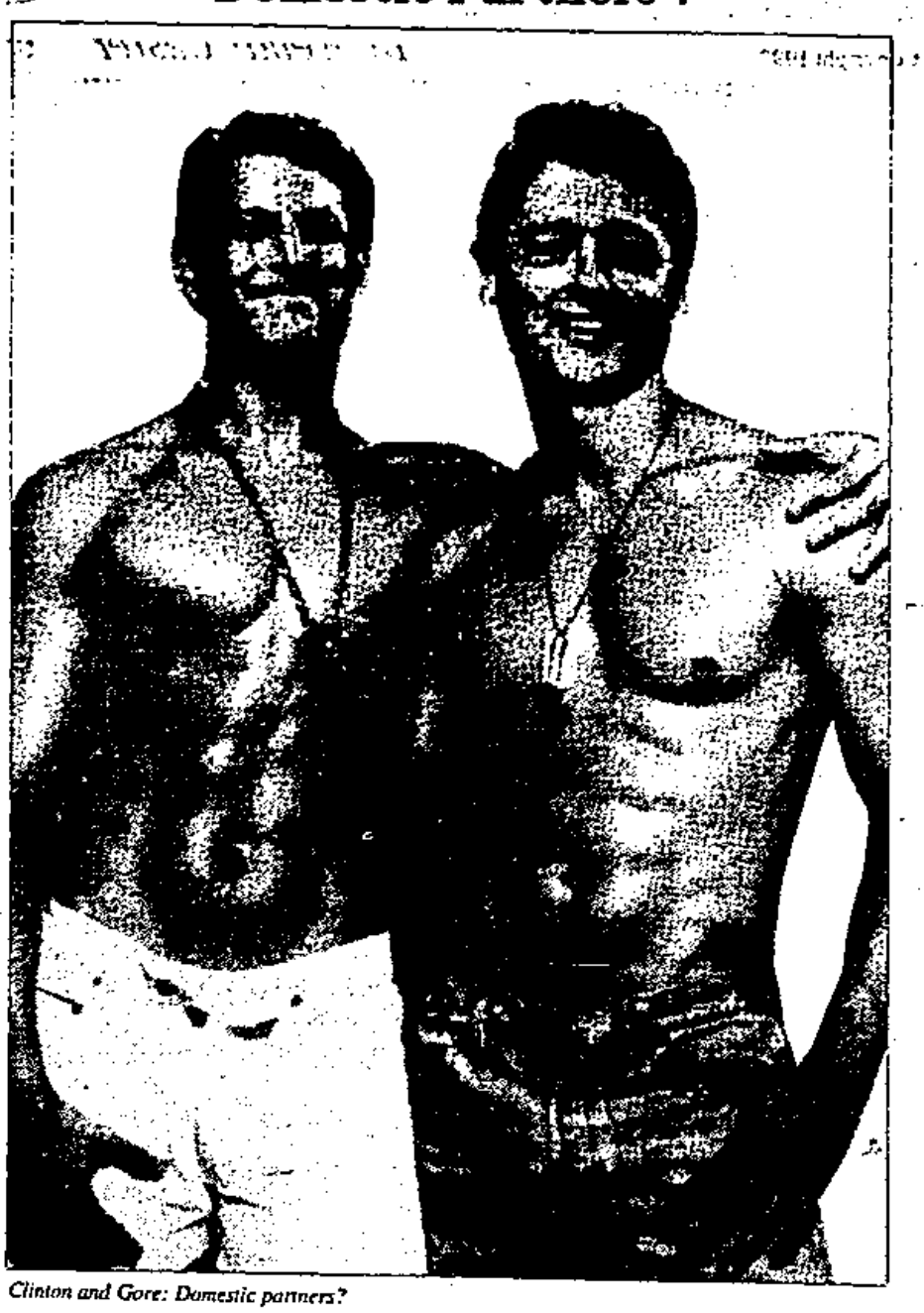

Clinton and Gore: Domestic partners?

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Time To Panic ?

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." When Charles Dickens wrote those lines, he was referring to pre-revolutionary France, but they are still true. They've always been true. All times are the best and worst of times.

Or perhaps it depends on who you are: it is always the best of times for some people and the worst of times for others.

Since 1900, technology has improved standards of living—unless you're starving to death in Africa or dying of cholera in South America. Children and women are no longer treated as property, unless you're in much of the Middle East. Bigotry has lessened, unless you're being turned away from the United States for being Haitian or stoned to death in Iran for being gay.

Lesbians and Gay men in the United States are on the edge of both the best and worst of times. We have dozens of openly Gay elected officials but the military still discriminates. We have a flourishing publishing industry, but our books are still kept out of some libraries. We are so powerful that the democrats have included our equal rights in their platform—and the republicans have focused on us as the enemy. Nearly 80% of people polled believe Gays have the right to work—but not as teachers or social workers. (Do these people understand that social work agencies would practically disappear if you removed the Lesbians and Gay men?)

We are clearly at a turning point, but what direction will that turn take? Will Clinton win and appoint liberal judges plus put an end to antigay discrimination in the military? Or will Bush win and bring with him a renaissance of sexism, racism, and homohatred? (Or will Clinton win, oversee the collapse of the U.S. economy—which seems inevitable—and then be replaced in 1996 by a David Duke-Pat Buchanan type?)

This is the current situation in the United States: Unemployment is incredibly high. The worth of the dollar is incredibly low. Many people are expressing their fear by scapegoating African-Americans and women and Jews and Lesbians and Gay men. The country's combined ego has taken a beating. People want a reason to stand tall and forget their problems.

This is exactly the situation that existed in Germany before Hitler was elected. Yes, remember that: Hitler was elected.

Some people say, "It can't happen here; this is not Germany; we're more civilized." Yet Germany was considered a very civilized country, with a long history of writers and composers. And there was a fairly strong Gay rights movement in Germany.

It can happen here. But it may not. How do we fight? What should we do?

A simple first step is to vote. Yet many people say that since there is no difference between Bush and Clinton, why bother? BECAUSE WE MUST NOT GIVE UP THE FUTURE!

I agree that Clinton is no knight in shining armor. He's dishonest and opportunistic, and his record in Arkansas certainly does not show a liberal man fighting for human rights. But there are these two old guys on the Supreme Court, you know? They've been hanging on for years, waiting for a democratic president so that they could retire and be replaced by reasonably liberal judges. They won't make it another four years: if Bush get in, we're looking at more Kennedys and Thomases on the Supreme Court. Also, if Bush gets in, we've served notice to the world, and to all the oppressed people in this country, that the majority of people in the United States are bigoted assholes.

Then it's time to get our passports ready! But what country is going to accept millions of Lesbians, Gays, blacks, and Jews?

Is it time for us to buy guns and stock up on canned goods? Can we save ourselves when many people don't even vote? What support can we expect from our peers when many oppressed people don't get along with each other? When there are black, Jewish, Gay, and female republicans? When most Gay people are closeted?

Or am I being paranoid? Has one news magazine too many set me over the edge?

No. I'm not being paranoid. I saw those people at the republican convention. I saw their hatred and their anger. I felt their fear.

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A friend asked me to write a column against Gay republicans. "I don't like to attack Gays," I said. "They're not our enemy." But then I realized: Lesbians and Gay men who consort with the enemy are certainly not our friends.

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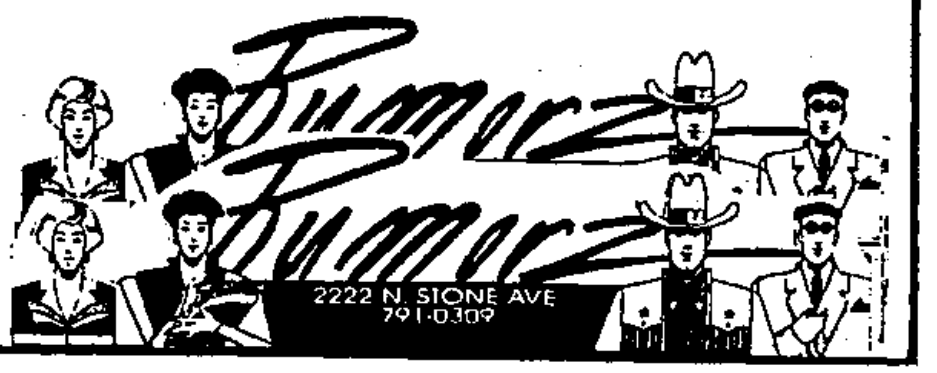

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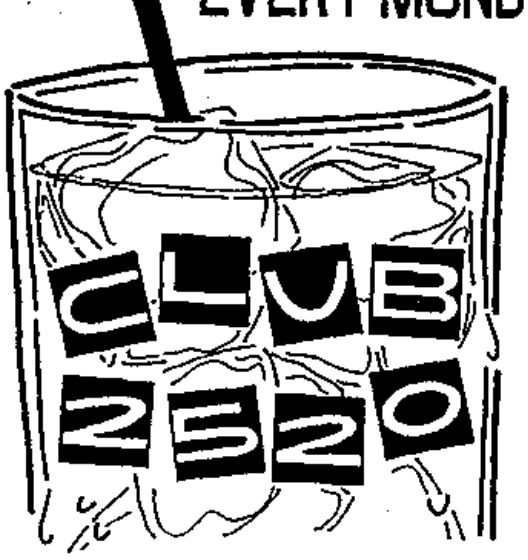

HOROSCOPES by DSW

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
All of a sudden you are Daddy Warbucks in the eyes of those around you. Be frugal in your gifts and fair in distribution. An instant attraction keeps you coming back for more. Do it right the first time.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 20
Your mate or close friend feels that the work-a-holic in you has made you neglectful. Your career demands are mounting but essential to your success. Sweet words and a tender touch go a long way. Try not to lose sight of your contentment.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 20
You will need to stick to your exercise and nutritional regimen this week. All the activity and lack of attention might drain you during this period. Contemplate your options and pamper yourself with a long awaited present. Freedom is essential.

CANCER
JUNE 21 - JULY 22
Frivolous activity needs to be clarified in all areas. Keep a clear mind when spending money. Understand the root of the issue and its value. Positive assertiveness will be a partner in all your endeavors.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
This week it might be "Love On The Rocks". If you blame yourself for troubled romance, past or present, you are in error. Life is just taking another one of its many turns! You know what you want to make sure you go out and get it!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
Busy, busy, busy!!! Hold on to your hats. This week is going to be a twister. You need to be able to accomplish things on your own to expedite matters. Take time to relax - you will need it.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22
Keep a closer eye on those close to you and who are financially involved. Your money picture may need a change in the near future. Do not look to others for assistance with funds. You are quite capable of independent financial success.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCORPIO!!! Your magnetism and versatility is in major demand at this time. Don't become sandpapered into exhaustion by needs that are placed upon you. You are quite capable of manipulating your own schedule to moderate and govern things to a good end. Remember, YOU!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
You feel the future holds a very busy schedule. Keep to your usual responsibilities and obligations, they will be enough due to personal time needed. Your faculties are equipped to handle the oncoming duties so do not fret until it happens.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19
You could be your own worst enemy by entertaining envy this week. Your ideas in your career are on target and pick up speed. You will be surprised by the important contacts you make and how they will benefit you.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18
All through this week "woe is you!" Your workload will seem to overcome you. Forge forward relying on all your resources. You will find your inner-strength and have grace under pressure.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
Get ready for a friendship blast from the past. Your pensiveness will keep you home-bound this week. You will need to focus on all those gray areas left alone too long. Clean up the slate with close ones.

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What's Up Doc ?????

What the hell! It seems I've drifted with this column so far that it is not as I originally started it out. It seems I've forgotten why I'm writing this column. To be honest with you, sometimes I'm even not sure why I will take the time weekly to bring some of this BS to you, but I do.

Yes, it was to bring you some club information, that is when ever I was gifted enough to receive it. Now days, and this is only due to the fact I'm getting the information first hand, the only weekly info I could pass on concerns TKO. This is not saying that over the years I haven't [illegible], for the most part - nothing.

Well, I've overlooked a lot more than the clubs and the bars in this community. I've overlooked some of the humor that I use to write about. It is very seldom you see my TBBS's appearing. There is a hell of a lot more in Tucson than just club activities and bar scenes.

This past week I was sitting in the Graduate, yes again, and in a friendly way had my beads read about the way I'm have been writing this column. It seems there was a Older Mother Hen, I'll not at this time give her name but say she use to drink Coors and tap danced, felt I should either get back to the way I use to write or give it up.

Then I have this other individual that loves using either a red or blue pen to correct my grammar. Hell, I've never had correct grammar in any of my columns and if they think weekly corrections is going to change my style after 433 issues of the Observer, good luck. If it wasn't for the Spell Check on both my computer and Bob's, he would have a field day.

Yes, I sometimes do ramble on, just check this column, but at least I've made an attempt to get some kind of information across to you. (Yes TJ - I'm rambling again a little and you can probably find plenty of areas for either your red pen or blue. Have fun!) Who ever said that a good line of BS did not work. If you don't believe that, the next time your in the bar, just listen.

I've sat in the bar listening to conversations and I'm sure you also have heard some good versions. And sometimes, no matter what is mentioned, there is always that one person that knows more about it than you do. You will also be able to get directions for anything you want to do at those sessions. I call these types, 'Sideline Coaches'. Hell, I guess we have to have these types also or each of us would not be able to get along as well as we do. (HA!) Who needs schools or the public library?

Enough of that for now, now let me say just a tad-bit on the biggie that went on last weekend. The event saw group of people, approximately 200, all standing around waiting their turn to walk off 5 or 6 steps and then roll their ball down this long runway of boards, trying to knock over those milk bottle looking things at the end. Yes, I'm talking about this years version of the H.I.T.T. tournament that went on over at the Golden Pins Bowling alley.

I'll not even try to give you a full report on this one but will opt to give this responsibility to a fellow colleague. Since he was there, has worked all year putting this tournament together, with help also, and since he also is a more gifted writer when it comes to putting strings of words together that doesn't ramble and does makes sense, he should be the one.

I will just say that I hope every out of towner had a great time in this Old Pueblo. I also send out my congratulations to all the winners.

In some ways, a bowling tournament is similar to a club run. You plan for months to go on it, you have to put out money just to be there, both getting to it and entering, then you have to have some extra $$$$ in your own pocket for later. Each of you out there that has gone on out of town runs, or you bowlers that goes to these different tournaments, sit down some day and try to add up the total money you have spent for just one year. Is it worth it? Hell yes it is or we wouldn't do it.

TBBS: Don, over at Rumorz, I hope you realize that bigamy is against the law. And of course it is also very stupid especially having two husbands, 1 tall and 1 short, both living in the same town. Really - Michael Y., when you were out last Saturday evening trick or treating, did you enjoy Candas' treat, both inside the bar and on the patio? And you also Candas, sitting around the bar, topless while others took turns, closely inspecting.

When it comes to brunches, if you are into scrambled eggs, well Hank over at Rumorz is the best. Please do not ask him for any other type of cooked egg, unless hard boiled. I understand Lifesavers has a new version of their lifesavers out now, GUMMY LIFESAVERS. Boy, they could not of been placed on the market at a better time for one individual I've already mentioned earlier in this column. Now all he needs is a food blender. At least when I lost my toupee years ago I could put a hat on.

And - for that person that told me I was talking to loud at the bar the other day, what about all the times everyone had to listen to you?

Next Saturday, Nov. 14, will be the final meeting of this years Arizona Fellowship Committee. If they do not have everything together after this one, opps!

Well, maybe now I've put this column back into order a little bit, for those of you that have mentioned it to me a time or two. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy constructive criticism, it lets me know you are reading the column and also just what you want to read in it.

I guess the only thing to say now is, BY!

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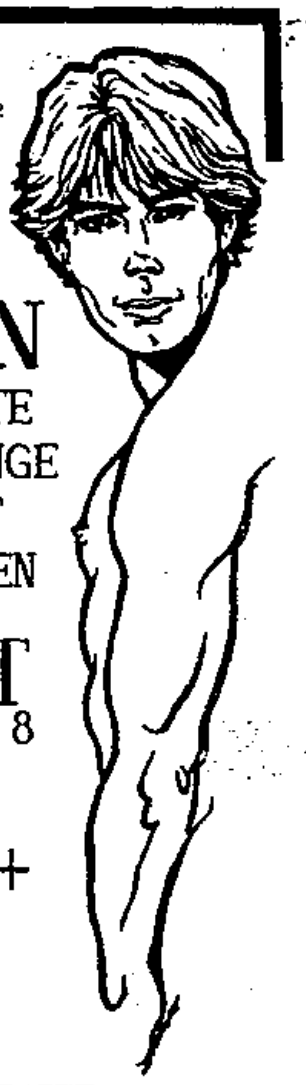

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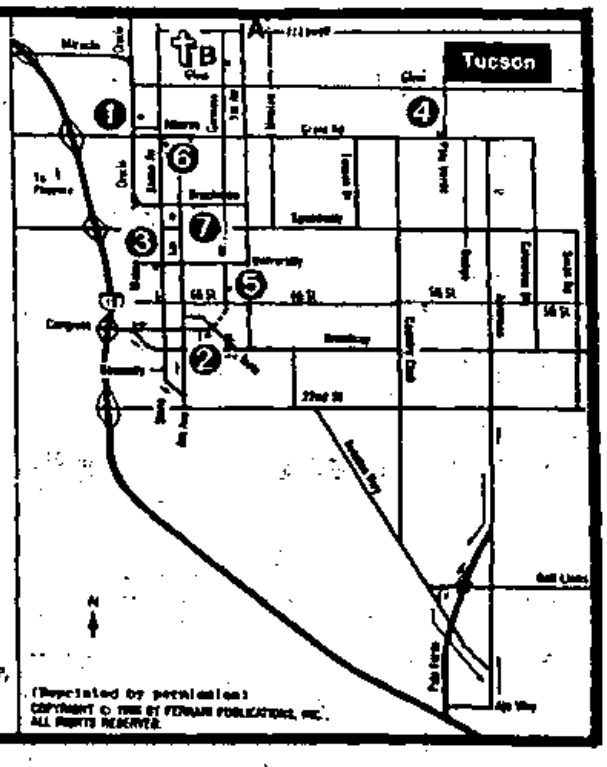

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VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust on the patio here from 3 to 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

RUMORZ - It's Bucky's Omelette Bar from noon to 3 p.m. (He's back from vacation and hornier than ever). $3.99 and is it ever good. For an old queen she knows how to cook her eggs.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

RUMORZ - It's Drag Madness here agaain from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Christina de Alexis and special guests. It's wild.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CLUB 2520 - The Early Intervention Center is offering "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About HIV Testing" here from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anonymous testing will be available upon request.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

RUMORZ - A special benefit for Shanti - Mexican style. watch for details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The November meeting of the Old Pueblo Business and Profeasional Association begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature their Business Expo '92. Members will man tables and answer your questions about their business gooda and/or services. Find out what businesses support you and the benefits of supporting them. It all takes place at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 South Alvernon Way. This meeting is free to everyone! Don't miss it!

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dance lessons 6-7:30 from Paul, dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8-1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8. Cook Out on patio 2-6 pm. Rock 'n Roll DJ 2-4; Dance with Jon Brown 4-7?? Big John (courtesy of Venture-N) spins rock and country 2-6. Miller Lite and Genuine Draft $1.50 from 9 to close.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm $3.99. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Larray, $1. 9 pm to 1

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno 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¢ mug 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. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust 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. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. $1.50 Bud/Bud Light 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Bud & Bud 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 Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. or Tacos @ $1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons from Paul 7-9, dancing and Progressive dance music at 8

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9

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 Tom Main. 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¢ Schnapps. VI/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 bare chest, boxer or Jockey shorts or swimsuit 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Margaritas and Kamakazis $1.50 from 8 to close. Jon Brown plays music for dancing 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" Hamberger 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. Jon Brown plays dancing music from 8 pm.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VI/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¢ Schnapps 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

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 extended noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Jon Brown plays dance music from 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VI/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming week-end will be our "Three Days in October" spiritual renewal and revival. On Friday, November 6th, starting at 7:00 p.m., we will have Rev. L. Robert "Bob" Arthur delivering the message. This will be an "Old Time" revival with lots of singing. The MCC/Tucson Choir will be singing, there will be solos and duets with a lot of congregational singing led by our own Dennis Bell. On Saturday, November 7th, starting at 9:30 a.m. with a "Donation" breakfast, the day will be spent in workshops. The evening worship service will start at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Arthur bringing the message. The Heart Song group will be singing during this service. There will be a Pot-Luck Dinner served immediately after the worship service. On Sunday, November 8th, starting at 10:45 a.m., the revival will conclude with Rev. Arthur again bringing the message and the Heart Song group singing.

Rev. Arthur is a recognized speaker and is currently with the Samaritan College in Los Angeles. Hearing him speak will be an uplifting experience that will be long remembered. We feel very fortunate in having him with us for this week-end.

The Heart Song group is composed of six men who are currently touring the United Stats giving performances at the many different Metropolitan Community Churches. To hear this group sing is a sensational adventure that can only be realized by listening to them.

The Memorial Rose Garden is ready to be established at 3269 North Mountain Ave. The dead line for ordering rose bushes for this year's planting will be November 15th. The rose bushes must be ordered to have the bushes delivered in time for the planting in January 1993. Any orders placed after November 15th will be placed on order for planting in January 1994. Rose bushes must be planted in January and February of the year to ensure the establishment of the root system for healthy well formed plants.

Though for the week: I once thought that having my seventieth birthday would be a great joy, now I look forward to my ninetieth.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Being myself a Christian, I was understandably stunned by a statement made by the renowned then-83-year-old Dr. Jung, ten days before his death. He said, "There is a strong empirical reason why we (humans) should cultivate thoughts that can never be proved. It is that they are known to be useful. Man positively needs general ideas and convictions that will give a meaning to his life and enable him to find a place for himself in the universe. He can stand the most incredible hardships when he is convinced that they made sense; he is crushed when, on top of all his misfortunes, he has to admit that he is taking part in a 'tale told by an idiot'.

The more I considered this statement, the more convinced I seemed to feel that many people turn to Christianity for a reason like Dr. Jung's. Sort of like choosing the better of a rock or a hard place. Ending up doing the "right thing" for the "wrong reasons."

If you are looking for a meaning for your existence, if something inside you says "What's going to happen to me when I die?", then that "something inside you" is reaching out for your Creator, Almighty God. I'll bet you think you know all about "love." Sorry...you can't even comprehend how deeply, unconditionally and everlastingly love can be, unaware of God's loving you! You, in particular, are so very special and unique to Him that He provided a written record, the Holy Bible, to make sure you knew what the Creator of the universe did for your benefit! "For God so loved the world that He have His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) It is you who is included in the "whosoever."

Maybe that doesn't seem like such a lot, until you realize what happened to the Son of God, Jesus Christ, to provide for payment of your sins so you would not have to die to pay for them; to pour out His blood for you, because that is the only way your sins could ever have been forgiven and forgotten forever, past-present-&-future sins, once for all, which they are, when you ask Jesus to be your own personal Lord and Savior. God sent His Own Son to be the atoning sacrifice for all the sins of the world. "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His Own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:7-8)

The fact that Christ was crucified may not really seem significant to you, unless you know just what anguish and misery that entails; and Jesus was beaten half to death before He ever stumbled up that hill to Calvary and slow death. He didn't have to, you know. He did it because He loves you; because "(God) wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

All those questions in your mind, more as each years ticks by; only one Person has all those answers. He is your God. The one and only true living God. God answers "The" question of humanity in John 5:24, about "What's going to happen to me when I die?" Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him (God the Father) Who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." Come and worship with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. You will receive all the help you need to find the answers you seek, that this world we live in will never be able to provide.

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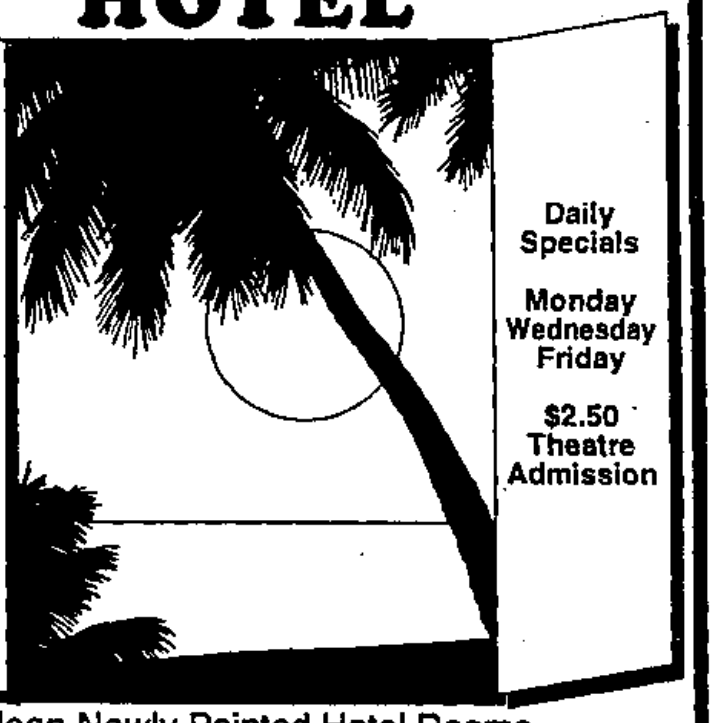
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Gay Man Kicked Out Of ROTC Voted Homecoming King

ORONO, ME - A University of Maine student who was dropped from the school's Air Force ROTC program after admitting he was Gay says he has been surprised by the support from the campus.

Fellow students rallied behind Neal Snow by electing him Homecoming King during the weekend's festivities.

Snow, who was one of five candidates, thought the recent publicity about his plight might work against his bid for king. Now, he believes it worked in his favor instead.

"I didn't think they would want me to be their king so I was very surprised," said Snow, 21, a psychology major and former ROTC cadet captain.

Snow, who remains enrolled in ROTC although he isn't allowed to participate, said the support from students demonstrates changing attitudes about Gays.

"This wouldn't have happened four years ago. People are so much more aware now and attitudes are improving," he said. "Gay rights is an issue this year in the presidential campaign."

Snow is being dismissed because of a Defense Department policy prohibiting homosexuals from serving in the U.S. military, and ROTC cadets are asked to sign letters indicating they are not homosexuals before enrollment.

The university is working with the National Association of Universities and Land Grant Colleges to change the policy, which conflicts with the university's own anti-discrimination policy adopted in 1987.

Snow revealed his sexual orientation to challenge the ROTC policy, and he asked fellow students to write letters to Congress protesting the anti-Gay policy.

Snow, who is considering appealing the dismissal, said he anticipates getting his official dismissal papers from the Air Force this week. He said several lawyers have contacted him about his case.

Sex Is Okay; Gay Sex Is Not

BOSTON, MA - The printer of Madonna's new book Sex has been accused of hypocrisy and homophobia by two publishers whose Gay-themed books it had refused to handle.

R.R. Donnelley, one of the country's largest book manufacturers, defended its involvement in the steamy Madonna book. "We can't reject work just because people might find it controversial," spokesperson Jim Ratcliffe told a reporter as the metal-jacketed book clanked off press.

"That's a smug, self-serving lie," retorted Sasha Alyson Publications, the country's largest Gay publisher. "In 1984, Donnelley refused to print a novel we sent, and flatly told me they would not print any new books from us that had Gay subject matter."

A year ago, when Alyson had trouble finding a printer for Gay Sex: A Manual for Men Who Love Men, they reapproached Donnelley, hoping the policy might have changed. "We were turned down again,"
said Alyson. "So naturally, when I learned they were printing Madonna's Sex, I was astounded. Even by election-year standards, this is a startling level of hypocrisy."

Donnelley also refused to print Gay Ideas: Outing and Other Controversies, by University of Illinois professor Richard Mohr. "It seems to me that R.R. Donnelley's morals are up for sale," commented Mohr. "The print run on my book was nowhere near as large as Madonna's. I'm sure that when Donnelley figured out how much money they would make, their concern about employees' sensibilities went right out the window."

White House AIDS Action Too Little

WASHINGTON (AP) - Government spending on AIDS research is almost adequate, but the Bush administration has devoted far too little effort to AIDS prevention and care for AIDS victims, the chairwoman of the National AIDS Commission says.

"People are literally dying in the streets," said Dr. June Osborn, chairwoman of the commission. The epidemic already has claimed more than 152,000 American lives.

"This is going to get very, very big," Osborn said. "It seems big now, but you ain't seen nothing yet."

A Democratic appointee to the commission, Osborn said she has tried to keep herself and the panel away from partisan politics. She recently declined a request that she make a campaign appearance with Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton.

But the commission, which is set to go out of business next fall, has kept itself in the public eye, often scolding the government for failing to do more or act faster. The centerpiece of its work was a 1991 report listing 30 recommendations for dealing with the epidemic.

Many of the recommendations involved making health care available and affordable, establishing a national plan for handling AIDS and promoting AIDS education.

In the nine months after they issued the recommendations, members of the commission met with President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan, urging them to take action. Finally, they issued a statement calling the administration's response "woefully inadequate."

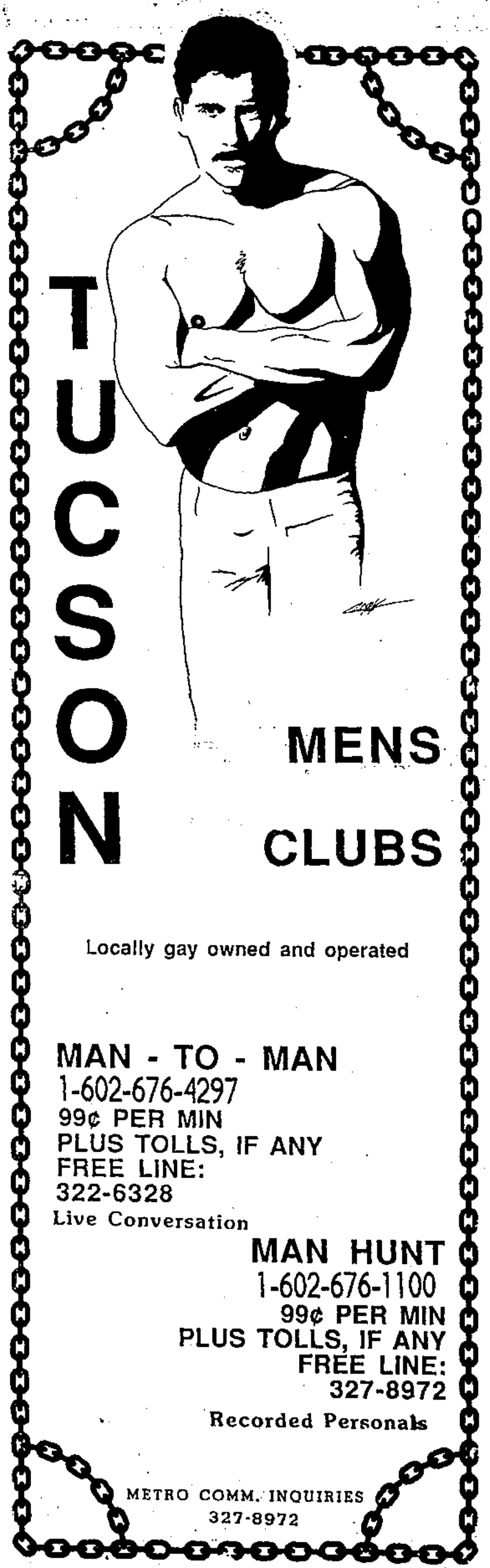
Osborn said government's role falls into three areas: prevention, care and research.

The only area in which she says the government's efforts are close to adequate is research, where the administration has asked for some $1.2 billion.

Repeatedly during the campaign, Bush has said the government is spending more than four times that much on AIDS.

"He's got that unpleasantly wrong," Osborn said. It may be inadvertent, but it's distorting."

What the president fails to point out is that much of the spending he mentions is beyond his control, including items like Medicaid and Social Security benefits, she said.



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ED NOTE: If anyone had a doubt about the wonderful folks in Washington who have been leading you for the past twelve years the following should alarm you. It is a syndicated column, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Mary McGrory which appeared in the October 26 issue of the Arizona Daily Star:

WITH CLINTON'S WIN LOOMING, WHITE HOUSE SHREDDERS ARE GOING OVERTIME

WASHINGTON, DC - It is October in Washington, and government shredders are being worked harder than at any time since the Iran-Contra scandal, about which President Bush said recently he knew a lot more than he ever let on.

In the first presidential debate, George Bush reproached Bill Clinton for saying that the country is deteriorating. "It is not coming apart at the seams," said the president. He cannot say the same about his administration.

We cannot see the shredding of the documents, but the shredding of reputations is going on in public. If you didn't know from the polls what is happening to Bush, you could surely divine it form the back-stabbing that is going on inside.

Records are being destroyed. Résumés are being revised. Blame for blunders is being assigned and reassigned. It is snakepit time at the White House.

One of the more striking examples of making sure that one does not take the rap for something one argued against unsuccessfully was the revealing series by Bob Woodward of the Washington Post on the subject of the violation of the "read my lips" pledge.

Bush, frantically seeking to make up with the outraged right, called his entirely sensible capitulation to reality "a mistake". Budget director Richard Darman let it be known that he considered the president's renunciation of the budget deal of 1990 "sheer idiocy" and indefensible "intellectually and morally". At moments like this, it's every man for himself.

In the same vein is James Baker's protest that he is not the Bush campaign chairman really, just the White House Chief of Staff. That he should flee from being tagged as responsible for the travesty that is occurring is understandable, but the distinction is without a difference: The entire government seems to be at the service of the campaign.

Extensive government resources were used to dig up dirt on Clinton as a young man abroad. Our embassy in London is diligently tracking Clinton's progress as a Rhodes scholar. But, says the State Department with a straight face, it just was "part of an overall department effort to be responsive to legitimate Freedom of Information Act requests from the news media.

Treasury Department officials, we learn from The New York Times, took Clinton's tax proposals and analyzed them, which is a perfectly legitimate thing to do. What wasn't was a subsequent department background briefing for selected reporters, followed by another press briefing at Bush-Quayle headquarters.

The inter-agency mayhem, unique in recent history, is more serious, as it involves criminal charges. Everyone is trying to do each other in before the Bush government falls and the new team comes in.

Thanks to a brave federal judge in Atlanta, we have learned that the Justice Department quashed evidence and lied to the courts and Congress about the smelly Italian Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) and its loans to Iraq. The FBI looked into activities that Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, has been telling us about for months, while the Justice Department sneered and tried to muzzle him.

The Justice Department, which has a number of things to keep quiet before the election, and maybe even after, was furious. In revenge, it launched an investigation of the FBI director for, yes, using the office phone for personal calls.

The CIA, which acquired considerable practice in suppressing criminal evidence during the Watergate era, has been at it again with BNL. As in Watergate I, it has been conniving with the Justice Department in covering up. Attorney General William Barr has ruled out the need for an independent prosecutor in the Iraq scandal, just as he did in the Inslaw case, where the Justice Department was caught red-handed stealing software from a private company and engaging in what a judge called "trickery, fraud and deceit". Barr has engaged his sown Justice Department investigator to look into it.

The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., who is as good a friend as the CIA ever had, has finally come to the fact that the president's old agency has been pulling the wool over his eyes.

It seems finally to have occurred to him that CIA director Robert Gates, for whom Boren went bail in confirmation hearings, has been keeping something from him about the CIA's relationship with BNL. Boren now wants a special prosecutor, too.

The gushing scandals, the plunging polls: What does George Bush have to look forward to? He has defeat staring him in the face,. He has something equally dismaying, the prospect that history may be even more unkind to him than the electorate.

The surest bet in this seasons of shredding and daggers is that the busiest man in the Clinton administration will be the attorney general.

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