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At the Torch Awards, Tucson Police Chief Elaine Hedtke presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Pam Young.

to the shyness of our Tucson Chief of Police, Elaine Hedtke, to the enthusiastic statements of Mr. Mike Boyd, Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Dozens of other beautiful people helped that evening in presenting this year's awards.

It is a nice accomplishment to sell all eight local AIDS organizations come together and assist in the production of this year's event. Even more PWA involvement in the TORCH committee is always welcomed. If you are interested or have any suggestions please call the TORCH Awards '94 committee at 770-1710.

The recipients of this year's Awards were: Volunteer Of The Year - Pam Young; Political Advocacy - Chuck Pyle; Health Provider of the Year - Jim Allender; Media Service Award - Jane Eriksen; Newton-John Skinner Self-Empowerment Award - Juan Farmer; Medical Advocacy Award - Christina Rossetti; Community Leader of the Year - Michael Bennett; Humanitarians of the Year - Susan Claassen, Janet Seidler, Laurie Allen, Bunny Jeffrey, English Gama, Rose Gomez, Peter Sittig, Jim Baran.

Each year, community support and involvement grows even greater. The importance of recognizing the wonderful people who do so much in the AIDS Community is very important. We are unable to recognize all every year, but we need your input every year as to nominees for these awards each year. So your help is very much needed. As a result of three successful years of the TORCH Awards, there are plans to create a state wide award modeled after our local TORCH Awards.

The special presentation of the Ron Templeton Memorial Award at this Year's Awards was a true delight and surprise. It was great to see such a high level of Gay representation at the awards (from church to leather). This only reflects the high level of commitment of the Gay community to this battle. You should be proud!

Thank you Tucson for making this all possible. See you in 1994, at the TORCH Awards.

by Sean Thomas

TUCSON - On Sunday October 24, the third Annual Torch Awards were held at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Over 350 people were in attendance to help celebrate both the nominees, recipients and life itself. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The food was great and so was the entertainment, thanks to the talents of Mary T. Murphy.

People came from various parts of the state this year to help us celebrate and to see what the community of Tucson created. The presenters were a lively bunch, from the wit of Mr. Herb Skinner

4th Annual H.I.T.T. Tournament Ready To Roll

by Mark Rosenbaum

TUCSON - The pumpkins are being carved, the lanes are being oiled, and grave stones are being shined as H.I.T.T., the Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson gets ready to launch it's fourth consecutive annual gay and lesbian bowling tournament. Over 250 bowlers and many additional non-bowling participants are expected for this three day event. Entries have been received from as far away as Minneapolis and Cincinnati, as well as Houston, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and all over Southern California and Arizona.

The tournament weekend will include both bowling and non-bowling events and will be tied to a Halloweenish theme. The kick-off event for H.I.T.T. '93 will take place Friday night at Golden Pin Lanes located at 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The evening will include a 'Welcome to Tucson' party, tournament registration, and a Moonlight No-Tap bowling fund raiser, the proceeds of which will be donated to local AIDS service organizations.

Due to the increasing size and popularity of this annual event, H.I.T.T. has made arrangements to take over the entire bowling facility and bar area. Members of Tucson's gay and lesbian community are cordially invited to the evening's festivities. The 'Welcome Party' commences around 9pm and will feature taped music by local DJs (in the bar area) and no admission charge.

Other highlights of the weekend include the 2nd Annual H.I.T.T./IBTs Black and White Costume Ball scheduled for Saturday Night at IBTs featuring costume judging in several categories plus jack o' lantern judging to benefit the Think Positive Project. The awards banquet and closing ceremonies will be held Sunday afternoon in the Savoy Opera House at Traildust Town and will feature the return of one of Tucson's favorite performers, Miss Nakoma Shaye. Later that evening, Nakoma will be performing at Club 2520 and will reign over the mirth and mayhem that Halloween night usually brings.

The Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson is affiliated with IGBO, the International Gay Bowling Organization. IGBO is the largest Gay and Lesbian sports organization in the world with over 18,000 members in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Over 45 tournaments and 120 Gay and Lesbian leagues make up the organization which was founded over fifteen years ago.

Congressmen's Remarks

Angers Gay Groups

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Gay groups are rebuking House Speaker Thomas Foley and Minority Whip Newt Gingrich as an uproar builds on Capitol Hill over three Oklahoma congressmen who said they would not hire open homosexuals.

Foley condemned "employment bias" based on sexual orientation or anything else. But he also told reporters that because lawmakers have a special need to hire whomever they want to sensitive staff jobs, rules forbidding such discrimination would be unenforceable and could create problems.

"Whether it's a person who does not hire someone because of gender, or religion, or race or sexual orientation, I do not approve in any way such a decision," said Foley, D-Wash. "But how you require individual members of Congress to hire specific individuals, other than those they say they have confidence in and wish to employ, is a difficult problem."

The speaker's remarks put him squarely in the middle of a delicate issue for Congress: the exemptions it has awarded itself to civil rights legislation and many other laws.

It also drew fire from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which lobbies for homosexuals in Washington.

"If a member of Congress stated he wouldn't hire a black person or a Jew in his office, there would be proceedings under way today to censure them," said Gregory King, spokesman for the group.

In the Washington Times, Gingrich, R-Ga., defended the Oklahoma lawmakers.

This prompted another Gay group to criticize Gingrich and the three Oklahoma congressmen: Republican Reps. Ernest Istook and Jim Inhofe and Democratic Rep. Bill Brewster.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 2 is Election Day. Check Page 3 for Election Info and Endorsements of Candidates

UPDATE

French Team Finds Route AIDS Virus Uses To Infect

PARIS (AP) - French researchers said they discovered the gateway through which the AIDS virus penetrates and infects blood cells, a discovery that could lead to development of a vaccine to lock the virus out.

The Pasteur Institute team said it has discovered a "co-receptor" molecule, named CD26, used by all strains of the AIDS virus to gain entry.

AIDS researchers have known for several years that the AIDS virus, called HIV, latches onto a receptor molecule called CD4 on the surface of some blood cells.

"But we didn't know how the virus got inside the cells to contaminate it," said Dr. Ara Hovanessian, who headed Pasteur's research team.

"Now we know that both the CD4 and the CD 26 are necessary for the virus to penetrate and infect the cell," Hovanessian said.

The CD26 structure was identified several years ago, but its function remained a mystery.

"The presence and functioning of the CD26 molecule are indispensable for the infection and spread of the virus in the CD4 cells," said a statement from the Pasteur Institute.

The group's findings were to be presented at an AIDS conference outside Paris.

Welcomes Ease Return To Active Duty Gay Marine Says

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) - A Marine placed on standby reserve after admitting his homosexuality said he was heartened by the welcome he received on his first day back on duty.

"People were like, 'Great to have you back and let's get the job done. That's what we Marines are here for,'" Marine Sgt. Justin Elzie said.

Elzie, took advantage of a recent ruling by a federal judge that banned discrimination against Gays in the military.

He announced his homosexuality January 29, the same day President Clin-

ton said he planned to lift the military's ban on Gays. At that time, Clinton implemented an interim policy that placed troops who have declared their homosexuality on reserve status.

Clinical Trials In Southern Arizona

by Sean Thomas

TUCSON - PACT for Life and Body Positive of Phoenix are in the midst of jointly applying for a substantial grant to start clinical trials for people living with HIV/AIDS. This would provide new and fresh options for the community in treatments.

An advisory board would be established to oversee the development and implementation of this program. This Advisory Board will reflect the various segments of the community. Such an undertaking can only be successful through the support and cooperation of our community and this reporter agrees. Public input is vital to the success of the program.

More information on what clinical trials and protocols will be forthcoming in future articles. For any questions please call PACT for Life at 770-1710.

Intolerance Turned Taylor Into Activist

BOSTON, Mass. - Elizabeth Taylor says fury propelled her into the forefront of the fight against AIDS.

The actress says she got involved because she had no tolerance for those afraid to join the fight.

"That infuriated me so much. I was in such a rage that I took it almost personally, because so many of my friends are Gay. The stigma is so terrible it just affronted my soul," Taylor said.

Taylor, who is spokeswoman for AIDS Project Los Angeles, also founded the American Foundation for AIDS Research and the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation.

About 1,200 people turned out to try to catch a glimpse of the violet-eyed actress who was in Boston to launch a new line of perfumes.



In Memoriam

JEAN I. STILLSON

May 5, 1956 - October 18, 1993

On October 18 Jean Stillson, lifelong Tucson resident and much loved member of the Gay Community, lost her short but vicious battle with cancer.

Jean made the most of her short life, she loved to laugh and party. Camping was one of her favorite things to do, with Rocky Point and the White Mountains her favorites places to go. Jean loved animals and children and women and everyone who knew Jean loved her.

Jean dedicated her life to working with physically and mentally challenged children and adults. She was always happiest working with her kids. She made a difference in their lives.

Jean's quiet acceptance of herself and her friends was an inspiration to all who knew her. It's going to be a little sadder here on earth without Jean. Tucson lost a treasure and Jean will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know her.

20th Anniversary Party For Antigone Books This Weekend

TUCSON - Antigone Books, Tucson's very own Lesbian and Gay bookstore, and one of the oldest in the country "wants your help" in celebrating its 20th birthday, with a Wild Block Party on October 30, 1993.

Kate Randall, Trudy Mills, and the staff of Antigone's want to show their deep appreciation for the wonderful customers and friends who have been so supportive of the store, keeping it going strong and growing since its first day in 1973.

Antigone's will be closing off 5th Street next to the store and will be having outdoor performances, readings and music, as well as a sale inside. To finish of the evening, we will have a street dance with music by our hot local women's band, Friendly Fire.

1-In-10 Benefit for PFLAG Dec. 22

TUCSON - One In Ten Theatre Company will present a benefit performance for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 8:00 p.m. at their theatre in the Historic "Y", 738 N. 5th Ave.

The performance will be "Hannah Free" and is a tender story of two aging Lesbians who spent a lifetime together. Now separated by failing health and family, the story of their lives is shared with us at the nursing home where they both reside. It is a beautiful tale of love and tenderness, with a lot of wit and humor, in the tradition of "Fried Green Tomatoes".

TLGA Set Meeting On AIDS Funding

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) has called for a meeting to brainstorm the present form of funding AIDS patients directly as well as other problems regarding the AIDS funding programs in Tucson. The meeting will be held at Cactus Gallery, Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3:00 p.m. All community-minded persons are encouraged to attend to air their views and ideas.

Please designate SHANTI to be the recipient of your United Way workplace deduction.

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Our next Grief Group begins on Wednesday, November 3rd

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

Observer Endorsements In 1993 City Elections Nov. 2

Next Tuesday, November 2, is the general election for the City of Tucson. On the ballot are four ballot propositions and three Council seats up for election this year. This election is crucial to the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson because if we do not vote, we could lose the ideological majority we have on the council, and lose the gains we have achieved over the past years of activity.

The four ballot propositions, three of which were placed on the ballot by the mayor and council, and one was through citizen initiative petition, cover subjects such as: salaries for mayor and council, redistricting, making city bureaucracy more responsive, and the way City Council members are elected.

Proposition 100 would create a citizens' commission to review mayor and council member salaries every two years. The commission's recommendations would go to the public for a vote at the next general election. A majority of voters would have to approve any changes before they could go into effect. The proposed commission would be appointed by the city manager. These people would be qualified city electors, who are not city officials or employees.

The old system consists of two ways: 1. The mayor and council (at their whim) setting up a committee to review

salaries and placing the proposal on the ballot for voter approval or 2. Initiative petition.

The choice on Proposition 100 is a clear one. The mayor and council, are full time jobs, but make a part time salary, \$24,000 and \$12,000 respectively, have not received a pay raise since 1983, and frankly deserve one for the amount of work their job now requires.

With the passage of Proposition 100, and better salaries (with voter approval), the City can have a government of elected officials who can devote their full energies to the issues of concern. We would not have officials who have to work other jobs to get by, or serve as a "hobby." A yes vote on Proposition 100 will be good for the City of Tucson.

Proposition 101 would remove civil service status from future city officers and department heads. The proposition would exclude some city officials, including the finance director, city attorney, water department superintendent from gaining civil service protection. Removing officers and department heads, could be done by the city manager, or by a two-thirds vote by the mayor and council.

The proposition, sponsored by Ward 5 City Council member Steve Leal, "would make city bureaucracy more re-

sponsive." He also has stated that department heads are too insulated and can block proposed change, and ignore policy they don't like and nothing can be done about it. Proponents of Proposition 101 also state that they should be accountable to the highest degree and not trying to protect themselves.

We agree with this and recommend a Yes vote on Proposition 101. This measure would make city government more responsive and responsible. The city manager or the mayor and council would be able to remove a city official for their actions or lack of actions. Their proverbial hands would be no longer "tied" and would have the power to act for the interests of the citizens of Tucson. It is long overdue and definitely needed as we go into the 21st century.

Proposition 102 would require the mayor and council to set up a redistricting committee to study city wards. Under the current system, this move is optional and up to the mayor and council.

The committee would not be able to divide wards for political benefit to any party, or to split any ethnic group. It would have to keep wards roughly equal in population. The districts would be drawn so they are all in one piece and do not sprawl across the city. When wards need to be altered, the committee would meet to decide where to draw the lines.

The choice is a simple on Proposition 102. This is a measure that would give an objective point of view to such a "political" process as redistricting. This proposal would seek outside advice on how to redraw the ward boundaries, and avoid charges of "self serving and gerrymandering." A Yes vote is recommended

on Proposition 102.

On the other hand, Proposition 200, backed by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, would change the city charter and have the city council members elected by ward only, and on a non-partisan ballot, where no parties would be listed on the ballot.

The election would have two phases, the "primary" election would be where all the candidates run on one ballot, and if no candidate receives a majority of votes (50% plus 1), the top two finishers will face each other in the November "general" election. Under the current system, candidates are nominated by party, in a primary, and by ward, and are elected city wide in the general election.

Proponents of Proposition 200 state that this would make council members accountable to their ward, and that the electorate would vote for the person not the party. Opponents state that it would "Balkanize" the City of Tucson by reducing incentive for council members to work together. Also, it would be an attempt to get Republicans elected in a Democratic city, (Democrats have a 41,000 voter registration edge). Also, that the current system provides the voters information about the candidate, party affiliation, and thus preparing the voter to go to the polls and cast their vote.

The current system has worked, and worked well, we have a mayor and council that considers issues for the city, and taking actions that affect all Tucsonians, which is the way to good government. Unfortunately, turnout in city elections has been low. But non-partisan elections have not increased turnout, as the

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MR. VENTURE N CONTEST



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FYI

by Big John

Well, here I am again! I hope to cut to the quick of the AIDS Walk '93 situation and state that it's not a matter of whether or not Jim Toevs, TAP's contracted AIDS Walk Coordinator, worked ten months or ten minutes. Nor does it matter whether he was actually here sincerely earning his salary, or in Santa Fe, "schmoozing" around New Mexico as a future "great gay hope" for that community. Nor does it matter if the City of Tucson ever finds him to legally serve process on him regarding whatever he may have done (or not done) regarding the Walk.

It is, however, a serious matter of unsatisfactory administration of Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) funds, and our community's AIDS dollars. One might even consider this to be a case of serious "mis-handling" of funds by its executive director, Craig Bradford Snow, and I'm sure his apology is duly noted and accepted by many (*Observer* 10/20/93). I believe his resignation from TAP should therefore follow, and be equally accepted and applauded, as soon as he can write it.

TAP should then initiate a national search for a replacement, and form a committee from the HIV+ and non-HIV community, to review applications for a new executive director; one who possesses exceptional fiscal management and fund raising skills and experience; and one who can demonstrate experience in a non-profit business organization; with accomplishments in multi-cultural/multi-ethnic settings; and above all, someone able to mentor and manage both paid and volunteer staff; who is well versed in coalition building; someone with political savvy. This important "search" should not be the task of the current Board of Directors at TAP, a group that couldn't even muster a quorum at their last meeting on October 5th. It should be a community undertaking!

My readers need to know that I have no hidden agendas except fair play, since I have a sincere interest in people getting what they pay for. And for the record, I am affiliated with no group or agency, and the social work I do is personal, and now, as a result of my writing, public. I am however, strongly opinionated, quite "gay," 45 years old, have AIDS, a male lover of the past 15 years, a 17

year old daughter who lives with us - and we are a "family" that is quite invested in our community.

It is my intention, through these series of writings, to focus and explore many different subjects that affect my life and loves, as humanly possible in whatever quantum of time I have left. My anger and rage are a matter of perspective, but I do possess humor - although not yet demonstrated, especially not in this article.

Back to the point at hand. Except for Mr. Toevs salary, which I added, the table listed below shows all the paid salaries at TAP as provided by Pamela Shack, assistant to Mr. Craig Bradford Snow. She states in an enclosed letter that their salaries are comparable to other agencies with a budget between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The use of the word budget here doesn't take into account community standards (i.e. cost of living, transportation, etc.) Why does comparing their budget to some agency in New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles mean that the top three positions here in Tucson must be funded at the same level? Anyone working in Arizona knows that this is not usually the case.

Most recently the Shanti Project in San Francisco, an AIDS service organization charged with fiscal mismanagement has, after an exhaustive search, selected Gloria Sandoval as executive director. The "comparable" here is that Shanti in San Francisco has a 45 member staff and 1,000 volunteers serving 1,000 clients annually with 1,200 on a waiting list. They have a \$3 million annual budget, and her salary is around \$60,000. By my estimate, TAP doesn't compare. Volunteers Steven Fogel of the Alexander Group and Eunice Azzani of Korn/Ferry International conducted the search for Shanti's new director, and I strongly recommend this be brought up at the proposed Town Meeting to be held on November 8th, at 5:30 pm, at a place to be determined.

Salary & Job Description:
(FT=Full-Time, PT=Part-Time)

\$42,500 - Executive Director FT
\$40,000 - AIDS Walk Coordinator PT
\$34,000 - Prevention Services Director FT

\$33,000 - Client Services Director FT (client)
\$33,000 - Clinical Supervisor FT
\$33,000 - Development Director FT
\$27,300 - ADHS IVDU Coordinator FT
\$25,300 - Financial Manager FT
\$24,150 - Assistant to Executive Director FT
\$24,000 - ADHS Latino Coordinator FT
\$23,625 - Senior Case Manager FT (client)
\$22,575 - Early Intervention Case Mgr FT
\$22,050 - Case Manager FT (client)
\$21,000 - Support Services Coordinator FT
\$18,900 - Data Manager FT
\$16,000 - Administrative Assistant FT
\$13,806 - ADHS IVDU Health Educator PT
\$13,000 - Receptionist FT
\$11,025 - Youth Outreach Coordinator PT
\$10,000 - Development Coordinator PT
\$ 6,760 - Development Clerk PT
\$ 4,602 - ADHS IVDU Health Educator PT
\$ 4,270 - PCHD Think Positive Coordinator PT
\$503,863 - Total Payroll (less benefits)

Please note that out of the twenty-three positions listed above, only three (client) are involved in direct client assistance. Also note that the new TAP budget for '93-94 is \$940,000, as revealed in the *Observer* by TAP's Director of Development Tim Janes, and the salaries listed above equal \$463,863, excluding the \$40,000 to Jim Toevs. This amount is about 49% of their budget. When Toevs' fees are included, this ratio is increased to 54% of budget. If we are to evaluate budgets, the national norm as stated last month (Sept. 30, 1993) on Cable Network News (CNN) indicates that the ratio should be 60/40, or 60% of budget should be used for the targeted cause, and only 40% should be used for cost of operation. Here we can see that TAP has between 49% and 54% of its budget spent on salaries alone.

Now after having reviewed the salaries listed above, do you as the reader feel satisfied with their cash management abilities? If so, write them a check! However, I cannot...

Bike Raffle Tickets Still Available

TUCSON - Tickets are still on sale for the Tucson Human Relations Committee (THRC) raffle of a rebuilt 1961 Schwinn Cruiser bicycle pictured above. So far the raffle has only raised \$187 so chances of winning are very good. The bicycle may be seen hanging above the bar at IBT's.

THRC is a newly-formed non-profit organization that was created to fight a Colorado-style initiative that will be appearing in Arizona very soon. The initiative is being started by a very organized religious Right organization called Arizona's for Traditional Values. THRC would like to stress that this Right Wing christian group is highly organized and this problem will not just go away by itself.

The raffle tickets are on sale at all local bars, Antigone Books and the 4th Avenue Social Club. The 1961 restored bike is a collector's item and is valued at over \$1,000!

The drawing for the winner will be held Sunday, Oct. 31 at IBT's Halloween night. This could be your last chance to win, so dig deep and remember that this is for everyone's rights.

Volunteers are still needed, and several other fund-raisers are planned between now and Christmas so all interested persons are urged to call 792-8640.



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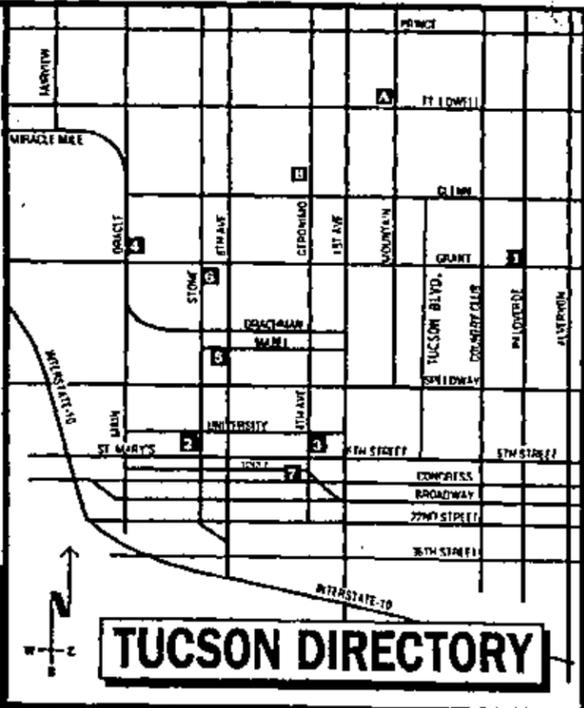
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Cronies Holiday Trip Deadline Oct. 29

TUCSON - Cronies-Prime Timers, Tucson's over-40 male organization is planning a two-day, December 11 and 12, one night trip by escorted private coach to Arizona's fabled red rock country. Included is a majestic Verde Canyon rail excursion.

The cost is \$150 per person (2 in a room); \$171 single. A \$25 deposit is due now with the balance of \$125 due by October 29, 1993.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, an early morning departure from Tucson will take you through Arizona's dramatic countryside to Clarkdale, Arizona to board the Verde Canyon train on which you will experience a part of the Southwest only accessible by rail. Relax in pullman seating for four exciting hours, enjoy lunch on board, and watch breathtaking scenery unfold before you. Bring a camera and lots of film! There is an open-air observation car for fabulous photo opportunities.

Upon returning to the depot, hour private coach will whisk you to your hotel in Sedona - the Railroad Inn. After check-in and a rest, a bountiful dinner awaits you at the hotel's own restaurant. After dinner, board your coach for sightseeing in Sedona and Tlaquepaque. Countless candied luminarias illuminate the mid-winter darkness.

Sunday, Dec. 12 enjoy a leisurely continental breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, you will board the coach and head into town for leisure free time.

The \$25.00 deposit is due immediately with the balance of \$125.00 due by Oct. 29th. A \$25 cancellation fee applies. You will get a full refund if not enough

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Wingspan Seeks Board Nominee

Wingspan moved into the future over the past year, establishing Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Center at 422 North 4th Avenue. Beginning with a totally raw space, the hard work of volunteers coupled with donations of money and furnishing have produced a vital new home for our community.

As part of Wingspan's renewal, bylaws were established last October through an open community process. The bylaws call for annual elections of Directors to oversee the operations and direction of Wingspan.

Wingspan is currently seeking individuals interested in serving on its board. Although the election is not until mid-January, a committee is now at work developing a slate of nominees which will be presented to Wingspan's Board at its next meeting on Sunday, November 14.

Election to the Board is for a one, two, or three year term of your choosing. Board membership requires attendance at one meeting per month. Also, as a Board member you will serve on a committee. Because of Wingspan's current goal to improve and expand its services, you may find that you are able to create a committee that suits your own interests and energy, or, you may want to work in areas of Volunteer Coordination, Fund Raising, Events Planning, or Information Services. Although Board membership is an unpaid position, the personal rewards of helping establish and maintain a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Center are many.

Wingspan invites all members of our community, both women and men, and especially persons of color, to consider how their talents and conviction can help create a better home for all of us here in Tucson. If you, or anyone you know is interested in contributing to the mission of Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community by serving on Wingspan's Board, please call Ken Godat at 624-1779. Leave your name, address, and phone numbers where you can be reached, and we will get back to you promptly. Call us soon as you can, but please, no later than November 5.

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Court Denies Appeal By Gay Ex-CIA Worker

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court turned away an appeal by a CIA employee who was fired after admitting that for years he hid his homosexuality from the agency.

The court, without comment, rejected his argument that lower court rulings in his case leave the CIA and other executive branch agencies free to discriminate against Gay employees.

The man, identified in court records only as John Does, has been on paid administrative leave for the past eight years.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - OCTOBER 1, 1993

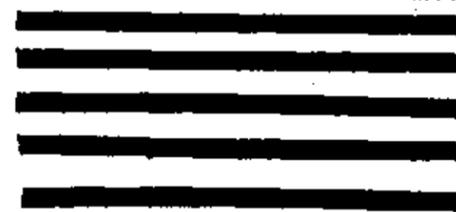
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GILA	40,216	8	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0
GRAHAM	26,554	6	6	5	4	1	0	1	0	4	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,008	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	7	1
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PINAL	116,379	32	31	30	20	5	4	5	0	33	31	31	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	8	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	34	34	33	22	4	4	4	0	30	30	32	2
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Rotten Fish Revisited

The first part of this column is a partial reprint of one that was first published in July. I present it again because the message still needs to be heard. The best part is at the end, where we look at the results of the Rotten Fish List since this column first ran.

On July 3 I was interviewed by KVOA's Joe Donlon as a spokesman for Guerrilla Grafix. A twenty-minute interview about oppression and the First Amendment was edited into about ten seconds on the air, but they captured my message. They also interviewed Adam Colwell, editor of the fundamentalist Christian tabloid Good News, who claims that Guerrilla Grafix is violating his right to freedom of the press.

Have you seen this paper? It is published every month and placed in the "free publications" bins in grocery stores and such places all over Tucson. There is no news per se in the Good News; every year they repeat the same twelve diatribes against all that is not fundamentalist, Christian, heterosexual, and so-called "traditional family." The masthead proclaims that the paper's publishers (who also own two Christian radio stations in Tucson) intend that "all of (their) business endeavors spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ." In the first place, Christ's message was to love, not judge, one another. However, I am not here to debate these latter-day Puritans on their theology. I am here to distinguish between boycott and censorship.

Guerrilla Grafix is not a queer group. It is made up of thoughtful people of varied demographics. These loosely allied folks undertake various progressive, activist projects in order to liberate themselves, urge other people to think for themselves, and defend the liberties of all. The most visible (and most successful) of these projects is the Rotten Fish List.

The Rotten Fish List is named for the symbol of the fish, which the early Christians used to identify one another when Christianity was against the law. I'm sure you've seen the fish signs on the backs of cars, which I suppose are meant to inform us that a particular automobile is saved. If you have looked at the Good News, you have seen that fish symbol used in advertisements for everything from carpet cleaning to used foreign auto parts. It is meant to reassure the God-fearing Christian readers of this questionable "news"-paper that the people selling them pool chemicals or life insurance are also Christian and therefore worthy of their business.

Guerrilla Grafix maintains a database of the advertisers in the Good News. Those displaying a fish symbol in their ad copy are assumed to be aware of the mission and political outlook of the paper and are not contacted. If there is no overtly Christian content in the ad copy, Guerrilla Grafix sends a postcard to the advertiser which asks, "Is this the image you want for your business?" Several advertisers have responded that they were unaware of the socio-political tenor of the Good News, whose ad salespeople may say only that the paper is "aimed at the family market." If, on the other hand, the advertisers know very well what their money is supporting, their names and addresses are published in the Rotten Fish List and Guerrilla Grafix urges that they be boycotted. If the ads are withdrawn for

whatever reason, the business is removed from the Rotten Fish List.

The Good News absolutely condemns homosexuality. They patronizingly argue that they "love the sinner but hate the sin," and that God loves us queers so much that we can be cured if we just admit we're defective and ask Jesus to fix us. They accuse the environmental movement of worshipping the Earth as a god, thereby pissing off (their) one true God. Not coincidentally, they subscribe to the "stewardship" view of the Earth, which asserts that everything in the world is here to be exploited and used up by human beings (to God's glory, of course). They extol the virtues of traditional sex roles and the right of a (married) woman to bear a child every year whether or not she wants or can feed it. Funny how the people who assert that society has a greater right to a woman's body than she does, and thus decry safe, legal abortion as murder, are the same ones who complain about their tax dollars supporting poor women's children.

In addition, they rail against pornography and other printed matter espousing viewpoints different from their own, but have been quick to wrap themselves in the Bill of Rights in the face of a boycott of their advertisers. The sickest irony of all is that the boycott as practiced by Guerrilla Grafix is a tactic right out of the Christian Coalition's grassroots organizing manual.

Adam Colwell continues to present himself as just another newspaperman upholding freedom of the press. He strives to seem reasonable, thereby making logical loudmouths like me look unreasonable. Yet I persist: the message of the Good News is one of oppression, restriction of civil rights, and unthinking conformity in the name of salvation. Any money spent in support of the Good News' advertisers is spent on the oppression of wimmin, queers, non-Christians, environmentalists, and the rest of us who dare to think for ourselves or are otherwise "untraditional." Colwell cries that Guerrilla Grafix is attempting to censor his viewpoint. I reply that he may print whatever drivel he likes; it is my right to publish the opposing view, to withhold my money from his advertisers, and to tell them why.

When you spend money that in turn is used to oppress you, you participate in your own oppression. Don't listen to reasonable-sounding arguments for the status quo. Don't spend money which will be used to support those who oppress you. Pick up a copy of the Rotten Fish List. Boycott those who are listed on it and tell them why. Stamp your money with a triangle or some queer slogan. Use the power of your queer dollars; that and the vote are the only weapons you have against those who would keep you in the closet forever.

Now for the update: Guerrilla Grafix has received a report from a recent Christian media convention in Tucson. Since the inception of the Rotten Fish List, the Good News has lost more than eighty of its advertisers. Adam Colwell has had to give away ad space in order to fill the pages of his hateful rag.

At the gathering of Christian
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October 1993:

For Health Care Workers, Technicians, Complementary Care Workers

October 20th - Self Empowerment and the Politics of AIDS
Presenters: Guillermina Contreras-Arriola (Research Specialist, Senior HIV Psychotherapist, University of Arizona), Jim Allender (Psychologist, Clinical Assistant, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona)

October 22nd - The Importance of Sensitivity to the Many Faces of HIV
Presenter: Jane Mohler (RN, AIDS Educator AIDS Education Project, University of Arizona)

October 25th - Nutrition / Supplements and Complementary Therapies
Presenters: Lyn Patrick (Lic. Naturopathic Physician) Lynne Wolf (Dietician/Nutritionist)

October 27th - People Living With HIV Panel
Personal perspectives on navigating through Health Care Systems, Entitlement Programs, AIDS Service Organizations, Service Delivery, and Basic Needs.

-Housing Issues

Presenter: Cicely D'Autremont (MSW, Housing Coordinator PACT for Life)

November 1993:

For People Living with HIV, Lay People, and the General Public

November 3rd - Self Empowerment and the Politics of AIDS
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November 5th - The Importance of Sensitivity to the Many Faces of HIV
Presenter: Jane Mohler (RN, AIDS Educator AIDS Education Project, University of Arizona)

November 8th - Nutrition / Supplements and Complementary Therapies
Presenters: Lyn Patrick (Lic. Naturopathic Physician)

November 10th - People Living With HIV Panel
Personal perspectives on navigating through Health Care Systems, Entitlement Programs, AIDS Service Organizations, Service Delivery, and Basic Needs.

-Housing Issues

Presenter: Cicely D'Autremont (MSW, Housing Coordinator PACT for Life)

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Natalie Perry of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance presenting the Ron Templeton Memorial Award to Torch Organizer Sean Thomas for service to his community



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Sincerely, Peter, Al, Georgia and the Staff of Club 2520

Next Tuesday, Nov. 2 is Election Day. Check Page 3 for Election Info and Endorsements

LOOKING BEYOND AIDS

CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

IBT'S - The Glamazons outrageous Halloween extravaganza starring Madame X, Gilda Fatale, Lucinda Holliday, Angelica West and Blaze. No cover.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

VENTURE-N - Mr. Venture-N contest begins at 9:00 p.m. There are still applications at the bar for those late contestants. The first place prize is a trip for two to San Diego. It's Leather weather!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

CLUB 2520 - Early Halloween here with costume contest for Best character costume with winner receiving \$75 and Most creative costume will receive \$50. At least four entrants in each category before the contest comes off please. Another contest on Sunday.

HOURS - Halloween party starts at 8 p.m. with costume contest and prizes plus drink special plus much more. Come on down and have a ball and watch the rest of the world go bye bye!

IBT's - 2nd Annual IBT's/HITT Black & White Ball and Halloween Party begins at 8:00 p.m. Plus Costume Contest with cash prizes of \$100-\$50-\$25 plus prizes from HITT. Pumpkin carving judging on the patio. Vote for your favorite punkin' head plus dancing with David Z.

VENTURE-N - Pumpkin Carving Contest here all afternoon with prizes to be best carver.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

CLUB 2520 - Big Halloween show here featuring Nakoma Shaye and hosted by Lucinda Holliday beginning at 9:30 p.m. Nakoma Shaye is a former Miss Gay Texas and is flying in here direct from Dallas to entertain the 2520 troops. There will be a Halloween costume contest with \$75 going to the best character costume and \$50 for the most creative, but there must be four entrants in each before the contest will be held. Lots of fun and hoopla too.

GRADUATE - Halloween Party starts here at 8:30 with a show featuring Miss Minnie, Lucinda Holliday, Candy Plastique and will be followed by the 7th Annual Graduate Miss Halloween Contest and then the big Costume Contest with prizes for the most tacky, most original and the most beautiful.

HOURS - Halloween party and costume contest here again tonight with prizes and fun, fun, fun!

IBT'S - Halloween Benefit B-B-Q on the patio from 3 to 6 p.m. with all proceeds to PACT. Male strippers do their Halloween routine beginning at 9:30. Come and party!

RUMORZ - Halloween begins at 5:00 p.m. with a pumpkin carving contest with a \$25 prize to the winner. Then a Special Halloween Show begins at 9:00 (sharp!) with a haunting revue by the Fabulous Falsies. Costume Contest at 11 p.m. with \$75 for the most outrageous costume, \$50 for the most original and \$25 for the best drag.

VENTURE-N - It's Halloween party time here tonight plus costume contest time here is celebration of Halloween with judging at midnight. Prizes to the winners.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

RUMORZ - Bucky's Fabulous Bar is the way to start out this Sunday. He cooks from noon until 3:00 p.m. and if you haven't tried this tasty brunch, you had better hunker on down and get fed right, and it only costs \$3.99 for the best darned omelette this side of Hamburg, Germany!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

CLUB 2520 - Direct from Las Vegas, the most "beautiful showgirl on the strip" and the most glamorous transsexual in show business, Jahna Steele, will make a delayed appearance here in a one hour show beginning at 9:30 p.m. No cover.

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One-In-Ten Theatre Company will be presenting "Members" by Edward Hirsch Taylor. Domination, betrayal, violation. What's the price for acceptance? This unflinching play pits man against man, friend against friend. How far would you go to be a member? 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, to Nov. 7. All performances at the Historic "Y", 738 N. Fifth Ave. \$9 general admission, \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets at the door and in advance at Antigone Books. For more info call the theatre 770-9279

"Demons of Death" haunted House open through 31 and Nov. 5&6. Sunday-Thursday 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 6 p.m. to midnight. Adults \$6, Children 6-11 \$4. Location, Old Shirley Ryanna, 5302 E. 22nd (22nd & Craycroft). Also at 5851 E. Speedway, next to Apollo Carpet (between Craycroft and Wilmot). Portion of proceeds to benefit Tucson AIDS Project.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Antigone Books is celebrating their 20th Anniversary and will host a Block Party from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. with music and readings by some very great local performers including Jaimie Anderson, Friendly Fire, Martie van der Voort, the Barba Williams Performing Dance Company and much, much more plus a 20% off everything in the store. In case of rain bring our umbrellas!

"Oasis Days" the program for Gays and Lesbians and their families and friends hosts a day of recollection with an emphasis on "Parenting Gay Children" at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Suggested donation \$15 including lunch. Call 744-3400 for info.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) calling a meeting today at 3:00 p.m. at Cactus Gallery 621 N. 4th Avenue. Discussed will be funding for AIDS patients and how to get it to them faster without going through all the red tape. All community members are urged to attend to give input and ideas of how to better the system.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson will conduct the Annual Fall Rummage Sale in Goddard Hall at the church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. A large selection of next-to-new and some not-so-new appliances, kitchen items, records, tools, and tapes will be offered at the sale. A bakery table will contain goodies to tempt the palate.

At the Downtown Performance Center, 530 N. Stone at 9 p.m. there will be a consciousness raising performance cabaret, benefiting the Tucson AIDS Project. "Bearing the Soul" produced in cooperation with #13 and MadDog productions, will feature dance, music, poetry and performances by Hassan Al Falak, George Arntz, Arusha Baker, Padrice Stewart, Cathy Bornstein, Jezebel, Chris Gillis and more. No advance tickets. Suggested \$5 donation at the door. Call Bill at 322-6226 for more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"Journey Through AIDS" a renewal day for people with AIDS, and caregivers, families and friends will be offered at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration 9 a.m. This renewal is supported by Tucson AIDS Project and led by F. Dick Mevissen, CSW the director of Picture Rocks Retreat.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Psychic Fair with Arts & Crafts at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$2 admission includes displays, books, crystals, herbs & vitamins, shiatsu demonstrations and metaphysical lectures all day. \$20 for half-hour readings - Tarot, astrology, numerology, palmistry, channeling, past life readings and more. Annual fund raiser for the Tucson Astrologers' Guild, a non-profit organization. For more info call 327-2954.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One-In-Ten Theatre Company will present "Hannah Free", a benefit performance for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) beginning at 8 p.m. at the troupes Historic "Y" Theatre. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

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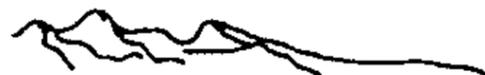
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CLUB 2520 - Open Noon, Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Best 5-8, all you can drink \$5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11 am - 2 pm; Tea Dance with Ros Rios 2:30 - 6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. (usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Beef'n B-B-Q and Beer Best for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 501 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Madras "Beckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 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 to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Nite" 25¢ can of Potters \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Schnappa 75¢ 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close. "Fabulous Falsies show at 9:30 p.m.

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

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Uptown" head thru dancing at 9 pm with resident and guest DJs from LA, SF and beyond. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Tigar 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Arrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.

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.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Maza. 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Piza" salsa.

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thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.

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

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Heinekens or Corona \$1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to close in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Hot Male Dancers 9:30. High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

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friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). 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 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Uovers. VJ/DJ Jeff Stricklen 9:00 to 1:00.

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

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. 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. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 6 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkale VJ/DJ 10-1.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Dear Michael Bennett:
Each time I've come to you, you roll your eyes with that special gleam and say, "Well? How much are you gonna cost me this time and what organization are you here for this time?"

Thank you for having such a generous heart. AGRA is proud of you and your sincere friendship. I'll always remember the great times we "full figure girls" had. Congratulations on your TORCH award. You earned it.

Mi muy buen amigo, hasta luego.

Congratulations to Michael Bennett, James Baran, Peter Sittig, Sean Thomas for your TORCH awards. Our community is better because of you.

New AGRA appointments: Treasurer - Art Lewis; Corresponding Secretary - Henty Warner; Public Relations - Michael Allison. Additional nominations for these offices may be made at our next

general membership meeting, Sunday, November 21, at Club 2520, during our annual "CHILI VERDE DAYS" fund raising benefit.

Telvi Roybal, Rodeo Events Chair, has arranged a horse ride to take place Saturday, November 27, at the El Conquistador Resort stables. Tickets are \$35.00 per person for the ride and a complete ribs or chicken dinner to follow. The ride begins at 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be at the Jackpot Ghost Town at 6:00 p.m. Price of dinner only is \$15.00. Tickets are available through all AGRA Board Members or call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805

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Coalition Update

by Max Vosskuhler

This is the first installment of a new weekly column for the Observer, from the Tucson Human Rights Coalition. The Tucson Human Rights Coalition is an organization that was formed several months ago to begin to fight the Arizonans of Traditional Values, led by Frank Meliti, whose soul reason for existence is to pass a law in our state to TAKE AWAY OUR RIGHTS!

To win the fight in Oregon in 1992, the Gay community raised nearly one million dollars and every cent counted. So, mindful of the need for fund raising we gladly welcome Rodney Shanks, a.k.a. Gilda Fatale, to our fund raising army, as he named THRC as his charity for the Miss AGRA contest.

As mentioned last week in the Observer, THRC is currently raffling off a beautiful 1961 Schwinn Cruiser for \$1.00 a chance. Tickets for this classic are available through IBT's until Sunday night! Hurry and get your tickets and be the proud new owner of a classic.

Last but not least, I would like to welcome the H.I.T.T. Bowlers to town and hope they have a great time!

Next week, an introduction to the board of THRC and an update on the fund raising and where the money goes.

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media people, the Rotten Fish List and the Guerrilla Grafix boycott were the major topic of conversation. The Christian media moguls were depressed. They actually brought in Christian counselors to deal with the depression brought on by the boycott. Poor babies.

Can't you imagine the content of a Christian counseling session?

(P=Patient, C=Counselor)

P: Why has God sent me this trial? Why are these Godless homosexuals able to harm our business?

C: It's a mystery.

P: If my pastor is right, and God hates queers, abortion, and tree-huggers, why is their censorship being allowed? Isn't this America?

C: It's a mystery.

P: I can't even give my ads away. Those Guerrilla Grafix people are doing Satan's work and God isn't striking them down.

C: Maybe your faith isn't strong enough.

P: People are taking whole stacks of the Good News and dropping them into Community Food Bank recycling dumpsters.

C: Well then, we're feeding the poor and doing God's work. Praise Jesus.

P: But my business is going down the toilet! What can I do?

C: Pray for stronger faith.

What can you do to support the boycott? Guerrilla Grafix needs bodies and money. Leave a message at 326-0725 telling them you will help.

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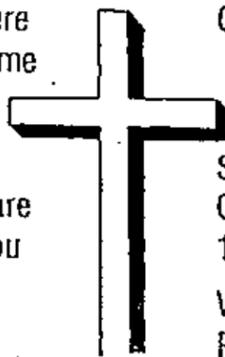
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past Saturday our sister churches from Phoenix, Oasis MCC and Gentle Shepherd MCC, visited with MCC-Tucson for a gathering to get to know one another better. It was estimated that 60 people were present for the day of Fellowship.

It is getting that time of the year again. It's time to start preparing our order for new rose bushes. Orders for rose bushes to be planted this coming year will have to be made by November 30, 1993. A standard rose bush, the color of donors choice, with a memorial plaque placed at the base of the bush is available for a \$20.00 donation. A Miniature rose bush, the color of the donors choice, worth a memorial plaque placed at the base of the bush is available for a \$10.00 donation. If anyone has a lost loved one that wants to have a living memorial placed in their memory, call the church at 292-9151 to place an order or for more information.

This coming Sunday will be celebrated by all as Halloween. Hallow-

een is a word derived from "All Hallows Eve". The evening of October 31st is the eve or the vigil of All Hallows, or festival of All Saints which falls on November 1st. It is associated in the popular imagination with the prevalence of supernatural influences and is clearly a relic of pagan times.

All Saints' Day is a festival instituted by Pope Boniface IV, early in the 7th century. It was on the occasion of his transforming the Roman heathen Pantheon into a Christian church and consecrating it to the Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. It was first made a feast of obligation by Gregory IV in 835 AD. All Saints' Day is designed, as its name implies, to honor all departed saints and was formerly called Allhallows. Many churches today have grown to making the Sunday nearest November 1st as the occasion of a service in memory of those who have died during the previous year.

Thought for the week: The trouble with getting into trouble is that it started out like fun.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

HALLOWEEN: GOOD OR EVIL?

For our community, Halloween is a wonderful opportunity to dress up and have a great time being anything we want to be. In fact, if the Gay and Lesbian community had a national holiday, it would probably be Halloween. This holiday seems to be even more popular among our ranks than Christmas or Mother's Day.

But is Halloween all it's cracked up to be? Many of us don't ever give any consideration to the dark side of this peculiar holiday. Do you realize that the origins of Halloween date back 4,000 years? It was originally begun by the ancient Druids and other pagan peoples of Europe. These cults worshipped gods of the dead and offered animal and human sacrifices to them every year. They believed that the spirits of the dead would come back on November 1 to haunt their former homes. Dressing up came about as a way of fooling the spirits into leaving the peasants alone, and treats were left out to give the ghosts something to snack on. If there were no treats, the ghosts would perform tricks on the peasants.

Halloween is also celebrated by witches as the most important day of the year, when their influence is its greatest, and when they have the best access to the powers of darkness. Satanists use Halloween to offer sacrifices to the prince of darkness, and every year we hear of accounts where mutilated animals and humans are found the morning after Halloween.

Halloween is hardly a child's holiday. Its traditions are seeped in the occult, witchcraft, and Satanism. We at Cornerstone Fellowship do not believe that this is some harmless observance, but an opportunity for the powers of evil to unleash their fury on the world in even greater capacity than usual. That is why, this Halloween, we will be holding a special prayer vigil at Cornerstone Fellowship.

During this prayer vigil, we will be asking God to intervene in the lives of those who are bound by Satan, to overcome the powers of darkness in our soci-

ety, and to shed his light on those who are captivated by the occult. We invite everyone who is dismayed by the increasing evil in the world to join us for an evening of prayer as we stand up against the enemy of God, Satan himself. The Bible tells us that "the one (God) who is in you is greater than the one (Satan) who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

This special service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo, 1 block north of Glenn, 2 blocks west of First Avenue. For more information, call 622-4626.

Party Animal's Death Rumor True

ST. LOUIS, Mo., (AP) - Rumors about the death of Spuds MacKenzie, Anheuser-Busch's famed party animal, have abounded for years, a limousine wreck, a plane crash, a hot tub accident.

But the real thing passed his fans by.

The ultra-cool Bud Light spokes-dog died last spring of kidney failure at his home in suburban Chicago.

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Spuds, whose real name was Honey Tree Evil Eye, Evie for short, first appeared on an ad for Bud Light during the 1987 Super Bowl. For two years, Spuds was a highly visible pitch dog who company officials say helped make Bud Light one of America's top selling brews.

"Spuds was the booster rocket to the brand's success," said Bob Lachky, Bud Light marketing director.

But Spuds was not without controversy. Some people argued the dog was too appealing to kids. The beautiful women that always surrounded "him" led to comments that Spuds was sexist.



WHAT'S UP DOC???

"LET YOUR BALLS ROLL."
Forget the obvious pun, I'm talking about man-made type, in this case, the bowling ball. Yes, it is that time again here in the Old Pueblo that bowlers from all over the Southwest converge at the Golden Pin Lanes for this year's H.I.T.T. tournament. This event, started a few years back has grown into one of the best and will prove so again this year. My good luck goes out to each and every bowler and may each of you either roll the perfect 300, or take a trophy or money home with you.

Speaking of ball rolling, it reminds me of the Wildcats. Yes, another gut churning game but we did win. Craig Hansen, in the Monday morning Star predicts, or thinks everyone here in Tucson should face the fact we (Wildcats) just do not have the team to go 11-0, his prediction was either 10-1 or 9-2.

Now we are going to the Rose Bowl, this time for just another game, another game? Hell, this one, and those remaining, is very important and will not be a cake walk. UCLA may have lost their first two games but they have come back strong, winning their last 5. It is going to be a long day for all of us sitting here in Tucson listening to the game if when the chartered airplane takes off from Tucson, with our 7-0 football team aboard, our offense remains here. My prediction UA 27 - UCLA 21.

This past Saturday at the Graduate, TALL (Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen) celebrated their 10th birthday. Also, there was a installation of the newly elected officers for the coming club year. My happy regards goes out to both the club and the newly elected, and repeated, officers. Your tenth year will be your spring board year, making TALL a more visible and known club throughout the Southwestern states. Good luck to each of you and I, along with all other fellow club members here in Tucson look forward to a prosperous and productive year, for both you and the overall club scene in Tucson.

Have you finished your sewing?
If not, you had better get busy because the

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

There are splashes of color all around the Old Pueblo in anticipation of my favorite holiday. The evening news showed the forest and the colors it is turning. Well worth the short drive to get there.

Many of our members have been busy this month doing some other activities. These include BBQing, hiking, going to S.C.A. events and ballooning. I am sure that some of these are worth repeating. For either November or December (or both, if we're able to), the Bears are going on a Fall Campout. Our calendar has at least one listed for November. It's always a good time when you can commune with nature.

This Thursday, October 28th, is



big event is upon us - Halloween night. Check elsewhere in this issue of the Observer for a complete schedule of all events going on around town. If you are planning on making as many as possible, trying to win so of those prize monies, have a designated driver. If you win a couple of the first prizes, what good has all your effort been if you just turn around and spend that money for a lawyer?

On Friday over at Venture-N, there will be the big Mr. Venture-N Contest beginning at 9:00. Applications are still available at the bar for you last minute contestants and the first prize is a trip for two to San Diego. Good luck. Another contest coming up at the Venture-N is going to be productive. Their pumpkin carving contest on Saturday. Next year will produce the first ever "Pumpkin Picking and Carving" contest. Boy am I glad I do not have to go in the bar Sunday morning to clean the mess up. On Sunday will be their regular Halloween Costume Contest.

OK, we have all heard about it, we've talked to people working there, now, when is the opening of the Stonewall/Eagle? It's going to bring Tucson back up to 7 Gay Owned and Operated bars, which equates to 100%, something no other community can boast. Watch someone prove me wrong on that one. They will point out some small town someplace with 1 or 2 gay bars, both owned and operated by Gays.

I guess I'll just have to hit someone to get the message across concerning this years Arizona Fellowship Run, Nov. 25/28. Where are the applications that should of been placed on different bulletin boards around Tucson for non-club individuals that possibly would like to join in on the run? I wonder if anyone will read that and produce?

With that, I'd better put this column in print, or whatever, for Bob. I'll leave everyone with a big HAPPY HALLOWEENIE!

a Business Meeting at the Venture-N. We will meet on the patio to discuss upcoming events. The General Meeting is on November 4th. This is the first Thursday of the month.

This General Meeting is very important and all are encouraged to attend. We will be taking nominations for the official offices. All nominations will be taken until the December meeting. At the General Meeting in December, the club will elect new officers for 1994. The new officers will take office in January 1994. At this upcoming November meeting you can see who is nominated and help decide the direction of our organization.

On a last note, the Venture-N, our sponsor, will be hosting a "Mr. Venture-N Contest". Come out and support everyone. I have heard that this contest will be as lively as The Hides of March. It will be a good Bear watching event and a chance to be seen in your costume. I will be there in a costume that will definitely be "noticeable" and everyone has wanted to see me in. No hints. Just come out and see for yourself. Hugz Rich.

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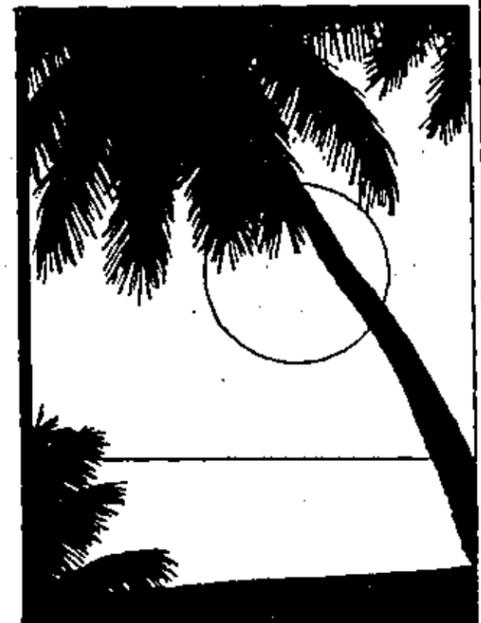
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Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

To Be, Or Not To Be

I was able to see the latest offering of *I in 10*, Tucson's very own Lesbian and Gay theatre. Tucson is very fortunate to have an institution like *I in 10*. Back in St. Louis, we had no such voice. Of course, most of St. Louis thought Gay theatre was a redundancy, but that's another story.

So I'm in the lobby with a friend, waiting, when a very handsome PYT (pretty, young thang) walks up and asks, "Is there a play here tonight?"

My friend made a total fool of himself trying to appear helpful when he interrupted me while I was already blurt-ing out something incomprehensible yet sincere. After a deft recovery my friend imparted the necessary information and I gawked. Maybe I'm a homosexist pig I just naturally assume that when Drakar Noir drenched, foot locker-fashioned, backwards hat wearing, tanned and toned, stud muffin walks into a Lesbian and Gay theatre and asks the nearest Bennetton Colors dabbled, rainbow clad, forward hat wearing, bar pallored, professional fag he sees if there's a play, that the PYT is queer. Oink. (more about the show later)

Sometimes I am a homosexist pig, but I'm definitely not a Gay masculinist separatist. I see the educational and political work of this community as steps toward a relative invisibility. A sense that sexual orientation won't be a wall anymore. But that's to be and not today. But sometimes you'll understand my next assumption. About a half-hour later a group of five walks in the lobby. Three attractive co-eds (who looked sorta' like the Brady Bunch sisters a la 1993), a Dan Cortese style jerky treat, and the second coming of little boy boom-boom. My PYT had returned! (and my rude friend was no where to be found) Well the two testosterone balloons were enthralled with each other while the ladies busied themselves with twisting their Mariah Carey hair into some sort of Guatemalan sandal design. They took seats in the theatre while I sat two rows behind the cast of Melrose Place wannabees.

Now the play, because the play's the thing, don't you know. Four brave young actors tackle the taboo subject of male rape and the problems of locating an identity and a sense of belonging in a world of fascists and cowards. They had nothing to work with, they were a circus act without a net. Don't get me wrong, the guys were almost magical as they pulled rabbit after rabbit from their thespian beanies. The director performed CPR on the dead style of the script for an hour and twenty minutes. This crew deserves purple hearts, the playwright went AWOL.

After a particular event, the characters are given half a chance to talk to each other rather than off each other. The discussions were frank and sexual in nature, but not particularly offensive, in my mind. Well audience studs 1 and 2 lost it, the kind of laughter and giggling that comes after a fart joke you might hear in the 6th grade. Oh by the way, it's great fun to be yourself and in the majority. I guess I'm saying it's fun to make the rules, once in a while.

When I was in D.C. for the March on Washington I had that close encounter of the majority kind. I got off

the Metro to walk the five blocks to my hotel when I realized how huge D.C. really is. My luggage weighed more than I did and a cold April breeze made short work of my Tucson togs. I felt like Mary Tyler Moore right before she doffs her macrame cap to the goddess of early feminism. Two kindly Lesbians from upstate Washington offered to help with my bags. That's when I realized we had taken over the city (and several of the burbs, too!). Queersville USA! Washington A.C./D.C. I liked it, I really, really liked it! On the Metro the next day I saw a heterosexual get on the train. "Poor man," I thought. "He must've misread the straights' newsletter, or maybe he missed the last evacuation helicopter to Baltimore."

A straight woman got on at the next stop. They spotted each other instantly. "They DO have radar," I realized. "Or maybe they can spot each other by their bad haircuts. I just hope they don't try any of that straight shit here." They didn't. "I guess they're not all bad."

Besides the preceding I saw only one other overt example of the heterosexual lifestyle. Two pigeons were mauling each other near the Capitol building during the ACT-Up rally. It seemed almost natural. That was then, this is now, back to the theatre.

So with that little tale as background, genteel reader, the kids didn't sit girl-boy-girl-boy, no way. It was girl-girl-girl-boy-boy. It appeared the girls were props (oops!)

The young ladies weren't as obvious with their inability to cope with the material. Until the subject of oral sex, or more to the point, servicing a young man came up. A character says something to the effect that isn't a girlfriend supposed to suck one's dick? I mean, that's obvious, right? The Brady ladies shot straight up in their seats. Their stunned posture would've made Florence Henderson proud. (and Alice a wee bit excited) During this entire episode almost all the young hets in the house managed to flush each other out by exchanging a nervous Beavis and Butt-head laugh. Upon receiving confirmation of an individuals' coolness it was then safe to exchange glances of shock, dismay, and whatever else stupid straight people think about when listening to guys who do other guys.

Finally a woman told young Fred and Barney (Rubble, that is) that their behavior was inappropriate, unappreciated, and maybe even that they were outnumbered. The crowd settled down, the play ended, and the "Our Gang" kids hi-tailed it out of there.

I don't know what effect this outburst of hormones had on the cast, but they handled it like pros. I do know what would happen if a pack of homos would behave the same way in a straight crowd. There are two sets of rules in our society based on sexual orientation. And there are those who follow no rules what-so-ever. I'm waiting for a Don't Panic t-shirt at the Cactus Gallery that says, "STRAIGHTS- YOU CAN'T KILL THEM BUT YOU CAN TRAIN THEM."

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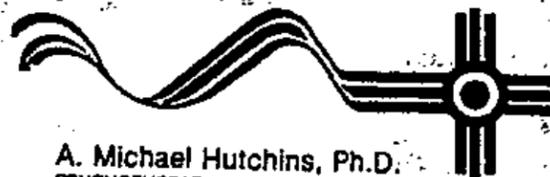


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record shows, (for example Phoenix, which has non-partisan elections, and their turn out has decreased since the change in the process). The electorate does consider the qualifications of candidates running for the city council. Also, Republicans supporting this proposal to get a leg up should reconsider, because, in Phoenix, a G.O.P. bastion, more Democrats have been elected than Republicans under the non-partisan system!

This proposal is not good for the City of Tucson, it is divisive and would have a negative impact on government and the electorate. We strongly recommend a No vote on Proposition 200.

There are three city council seats up for election this year, in Wards 3, 5 and 6. The Gay and Lesbian community have a major stake in these elections and we must turn out and vote to keep a progressive coalition on the council that will be supportive of us. The choices in three ward races are clear ones:

TOM SAGGAU FOR WARD 3

Saggau has been active in City government since he ran for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1991. He has served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the City of Tucson Budget. So he has the knowledge of the workings of the City of Tucson government. He has also served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Bonds. His knowledge of the Council/Manager form of government far exceeds his opponents.

Saggau is also a small businessman and knows the concerns of business owners in the City of Tucson. He will balance the concerns of business and the concerns of neighborhoods. Saggau has also shown his full support of Gay and Lesbian rights and issues concerning the community. Saggau was at the Pride Picnic talking to us, asking questions about other issues as well as our views on rights issues, he has shown he will have an open door to the Ward 3 office if he is elected.

Saggau, is an articulate man, who will speak his mind on the issues of concern. He will not be a puppet of big business and developers, as Ann Holden, the Republican, and her supporters show that she would be.

Saggau will work with all his constituents, and will have an "Open Door" policy. He wants our support, he campaigns openly for our support, and most importantly, he supports us. On Tuesday, cast your vote for Tom Saggau for the Ward 3 Council seat. A great candidate who we must support with our vote.

STEVE LEAL FOR WARD 5

Steve Leal has served the City of Tucson well in his first term as the Ward 5 Council member. Steve is one of the most accessible and hard working members on the City Council.

His accomplishments include Proposition 101, to make city government more responsive; an inner-city growth plan to limit urban sprawl; pressuring businesses to clean up the hazardous waste they produce.

Leal has wide range of endorsements that show that he can build coalitions needed to solve problems that effect the city.

Leal has been there for the Gay

and Lesbian community with his support of ending police harassment in the parks, his attendance at events and Pride Picnic, and his support of the Gay and Lesbian planks in the State Democratic Party platform.

Leal has the experience and dedication, that far outweighs his two weak challengers. He has done a good job and merits our vote.

MOLLY MCKASSON FOR WARD 6

Molly has served her constituents well, with over 100 town hall meetings within her Ward in the past four years.

Molly has served the Gay and Lesbian community well, with her support of the proposals to end harassment of Gays by the police, (her support of a hate crimes proposal, which lost by a four to three vote), her support of domestic partners, and with her presence at the Pride Picnics.

Molly has had an "open door policy" when it comes to her office. Constituents stated often that she does listen, helps them, and is really concerned about the problems they have. This shows her as one of the hardest working members of the council.

McKasson has been an asset to the community with her solid support of issues of concern to us. She has the dedication, enthusiasm and the on the job experience that we must retain. A vote for Molly McKasson is a vote for us, and a vote for a progressive coalition.

Until next time, vote November 2, our future depends on it.

PROPOSITION 100	YES
PROPOSITION 101	YES
PROPOSITION 102	YES
PROPOSITION 200	NO

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