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Women's leader lauds O'Connor

The nomination of a woman to the Supreme Court is a step in the right direction, but it will take more than Sandra O'Connor and the Fourteenth Amendment to guarantee equal rights for women, a female activist told the Democrats of Greater Tucson yesterday.

Allison Hughes, director of the Tucson Women's Commission, told the club she is optimistic about the impact Arizona Appeals Court Judge O'Connor will have on Supreme Court decisions affecting women's rights.

"I don't think anyone except the Great Spirit can be truly objective," Ms. Hughes said, adding that Mrs. O'Connor's experi-

ences with sexual discrimination may prompt her to uphold equal rights for women in the courts.

Such rights, Ms. Hughes said, are supposedly guaranteed in the Constitution by the 14th Amendment, but have so far not been enforced by the courts.

She added, however, that women will have no guarantee of equality unless the Equal Rights Amendment is passed, because Mrs. O'Connor is only one woman among the nine justices.

"It is possible that the opinions of Sandra O'Connor could influence the rest of the justices, but eight of them?" Ms. Hughes said.

She said the questioning of Mrs. O'Connor by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee angered her and made her wonder "how such a group of second-rate males can sit in judgment on such a first-rate woman?"

She also reminded the Democrats to protest new federal regulations that would modify the hiring guidelines of companies doing business with the federal government.

The new rules under the executive order, published recently in the Federal Register, would make back pay for unreceived jobs and promotions more difficult to get for workers who were

discriminated against. It also would forbid employers with government contracts to favor one race over another, even to make up for past discrimination.

It also would exempt small businesses from a requirement to draw up written affirmative action plans. Only businesses with at least 250 employees and government contracts worth \$1 million a year would have to establish such plans. The previous standard had been 50 employees and \$50,000 in contracts.

The rules take affect in three months unless modified during a 60-day period of public comment. They were published earlier this month.



ALLISON HUGHES

6 selected for Arizona Women's Hall of Fame

A former chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court was among the first six inductees to the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame announced Saturday by Gov. Bruce Babbitt.

The women, selected by a committee of historians, are:

- Lorna Lockwood, the first woman in the nation to serve as chief justice of a state supreme court. She was born in Douglas in 1903 and died in Phoenix in 1977.

- Anna Moore Shaw, a social worker and writer who recorded the history and wrote about Indian women. She was born on the Gila River Indian Reservation in 1898 and died in Phoenix in 1976.

- Sharlot Hall, historian, poet and writer, named in 1909 as the territorial historian by Gov. Richard Sloan.



Lorna Lockwood



Anna Moore Shaw



Isabella Greenway King

She was born in Lincoln County, Kan., in 1870 and died in Prescott in 1943.

- Mary Russell Ferrell Colton, artist, writer and founder of the Museum of Northern Arizona, where she served as curator of art and ethnology. She was born in Louis-

ville, Ky., in 1889 and died in Phoenix in 1971.

- Cordelia "Delia" Adams Crawford, a frontier woman who spent her life healing others. Her home was the only one not burned during raids by Apache Indians in the Tonto Basin area. She was born in Lampasas,

Texas, in 1865 and died in Globe in 1943.

- Isabella Greenway King, the only woman elected to the U.S. House from Arizona. She was a rancher, airline company operator and builder of the Arizona Inn in Tucson. She was born in Boone County, Ky., in 1886 and died in Tucson in 1953.

Babbitt announced the selections at a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency.

Alison M. Hughes, a member of the selection committee, said the names of the inductees would be displayed on a plaque in the old Capitol building.

The Arizona Women's Hall of Fame is a project of the Arizona Women's Commission and the Arizona Historical Society.

The women chosen to be the first inductees of the Hall of Fame were selected from 103 nominations.



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Alison Hughes and the directory of women's businesses: "It's been a constant search"

Directory lists women-owned businesses

By JONATHAN HICKS
The Arizona Daily Star

After two years of research, the Tucson Women's Commission has published the city's first directory of local businesses owned by women.

The 60-page book lists more than 400 businesses in 175 categories ranging from auto repair and insurance companies to publishing firms and computer services.

"It's been a constant search for businesses owned by women," said Alison Hughes, executive director of the commission. "We were constantly getting calls from women who would ask us if we knew of any women painters or women electricians. This book lets people know what businesses are owned by

women, and may help those businesswomen."

Hughes said she began the project with three other women who together knew of roughly 130 female-owned businesses in Tucson.

"Then, we went through the Yellow Pages and got every listing for a business that had the name of a woman manager or owner, or if it just seemed like a woman might own it. That was quite a job," Hughes said.

To be included in the directory, a business must be at least 50 percent female-owned. "Some women are in partnerships with their husbands," Hughes said. "That's OK, too."

She said the directory "will hope-

fully increase the visibility of businesses owned by women. We have put on workshops on how women could make their businesses succeed. But this is something else we hope will help."

Tucson is one of dozens of cities where such directories are being printed, Hughes said. Producing one here involved months of making calls and "passing the word by word of mouth that we were interested in finding all of Tucson's women-owned businesses."

Still, many potential listees were skeptical and some were unwilling to have their businesses included in the thin, gray directory.

"A lot of people we talked with were

wary of the project," Hughes explained. "Maybe they weren't sure what we were doing and had some doubts."

The directories are being distributed without charge, but the commission is asking for a donation of \$6 — or whatever the directory user can afford — to finance a second printing. The first printing cost roughly \$1,200, she said.

About 300 copies were published, Hughes said, and the demand for them has been strong since they were issued in May.

"The response has been really good," she said. "We have had a lot of calls about the directories. And every time I go to a meeting with a copy, I always leave without one."

O'Connor could turn court around, says local feminist

By Tom Beal
The Arizona Daily Star

Sandra Day O'Connor's appointment to the Supreme Court could signal a reversal of the way in which the court has interpreted women's rights, the executive director of the Tucson Women's Commission said yesterday.

"We are all human beings and are the sum total of our experiences," Alison Hughes told the Democrats of Greater Tucson.

She said O'Connor's past experiences with sexual discrimination will have to color her judicial appraisal of women's-rights issues on the court.

She said some of O'Connor's attitudes may even rub off on her male colleagues on the court, but probably will not reverse the majority sentiment. That will take the appointment of a few more women justices, she said.

Hughes said she was outraged at the questioning of O'Connor by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and wondered

"how such a group of second-rate males can sit in judgment on such a first-rate woman?"

Hughes said a turnaround in court thinking could have the same impact as the Equal Rights Amendment.

She said women should be guaranteed "equal protection" under the 14th Amendment that gave full rights to blacks. "However, the court doesn't apply the equal protection clause in a manner that would give equal rights to women," she said.

Hughes said feminists should not stop working for passage of the ERA in anticipation of a court turnaround, nor consider the ERA a lost cause if it is not ratified by the states next year.

She said the modern, seven-year battle for the ERA is a small span in the 52-year life of the ERA movement.

"If it isn't ratified next year, we'll just start all over again," she said. "Seven years is nothing. Have vision, look beyond, and sooner or later, we will have equal rights."

Women back bill to help fight abuse

By Edmund Lawler
The Arizona Daily Star

Members of the Tucson Women's Commission made an 11th-hour pitch yesterday for legislation that would generate funds to fight child abuse and aid shelters for victims of domestic violence.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Debbie McCune, D-Phoenix, would add \$10 to the current \$8 fee for marriage licenses.

The bill passed the House and is scheduled to be heard today by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Alison Hughes, director of the commission, said she is confident the bill will pass, but continued to urge residents to contact their senators to ensure the bill becomes law.

Eight dollars of the surcharge would help defray the costs of operating domestic-violence centers, and \$2 of the fee would help establish a child-abuse and treatment fund.

The child-abuse and treatment fund would be administered by the Department of Economic Security, and the domestic-violence fund would be handled by the Department of Health Services.

The surcharge is expected to raise about \$170,000 a year for domestic-violence centers.

Virginia Zeeb, a member of the women's commission, said funds for the Tucson Center for Women and Children are needed more than ever since the home lost its Comprehensive Employment and Training Act employees. Zeeb said the center provided shelter for 380 women last year. About 51 percent of the women were abused, she said.

Zeeb estimated that half the women in Arizona are the victims of some form of domestic violence. Zeeb said the abuse ranges from a slap to assault.

In 1981, Zeeb said, Casa de los Niños Crisis Nursery provided services for more than 1,500 children.

She said that figure indicates that "our community continues to have a problem among our families." She added that "often violence increases when economic conditions worsen."

YWCA honors nine women civic activists

By Bob Womack
The Arizona Daily Star

Women civic activists in a variety of fields were honored by the YWCA of Tucson last night at a banquet at the Doubletree Hotel.

They were recognized as "Women on the Move," which organizers say they hope will become an annual awards program to recognize the voluntary and professional contributions of local women.

More than 160 women were nominated for the awards in nine different categories. One award recipient was chosen in each category. Each nominee received a certificate of recognition.

"It's a way to say, 'We appreciate what you've done,'" said Cecilia Northcutt, chairman of the event.

The purpose of the program, she said, was to "provide a vehicle for the recognition of women; to say that in spite of the wage disparity between men and women, look at the contributions that are being made."

The nine award recipients are:

- Cecilia A. Vindiola, who was honored in the volunteer leadership category. A member of the Tucson Women's Commission for about three years, she served as a member of the executive committee; was the chief organizer of the Hispanic Women's Conference; and organized workshops on résumé writing, on employment-discrimination law and other topics.

- Patricia Pearson Smith, religion. Founder of Women and Religion, a group designed to allow women to share feminist

philosophy in a religious context, she is a part-time chaplain for the Arizona Health Sciences Center; an education specialist for Presbytery de Cristo; and assistant to the pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church. She also is active in the Tucson Ecumenical Council and the League of Women Voters.

- Susan Claassen, arts. Executive director of the Invisible Theatre, she has encouraged women to work as directors and technicians, and taught in prison projects designed to have young offenders use theater as a way of communicating and dealing with their conflicts.

- Laura J. Pendleton, business. An account executive with E.F. Hutton, she has volunteered for the YWCA, New Directions for Young Women, Arizona Tradeswomen, the Black Women's Awareness Task Force and other groups, and has given financial advice at no charge to dozens of women.

- Janet K. Leshner, communications. She is director of the Office of Cable Administration for the city, one of the youngest persons hired as a director by the city and the youngest cable administrator in the United States; and has been involved in a number of media, community and women's organizations.

- Anna M. Jolivet, education. Director of Planning Services for the Tucson Unified School District, her community service has included work with the United Way, the Camp Fire Girls, the Tucson Bicentennial Committee, Altrusa, and the YWCA.

- Sandra Wallace, labor. An apprentice carpenter, she is a founder and vice president of the Pima County Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She is a



The winners — Recipients of the YWCA "Women on the Move" awards display them. Front row, from left: Patty Smith, Susan Claassen, Jean

Wilkins and Janet Leshner. Back row, from left: Cecilia A. Vindiola, Anna Jolivet, Sandra Wallace, Laura Pendleton, Alison Hughes.

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founder of Arizona Tradeswomen, and has done community volunteer work for the Southern Arizona Central Labor Council.

- Jean Wilkins, professions. Assistant director of the Department of Budget and Research, she supervises the city's management research and evaluation programs, and she has been involved in a variety of professional and service activities, including the Executive Women's Council of Southern Arizona, of which she is a charter member and president.

- Alison Hughes, social services. She was the executive director of the Tucson Women's Commission for six years, has been a member of the Arizona State Women's Commission and was instrumental in putting together the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. The community groups she has been involved with include Goals for Tucson, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Planned Parenthood and the National Organization for Women.

Northcutt said the criteria for selecting the nine recipients included "contributions in her field, her work on behalf of women, and contributions to the community."

All of the nominees, however, "have been recognized just by being nominated," she said.

About 500 persons were expected to attend last night's banquet. The featured speaker was to be Sheila Tobias, co-founder of NOW, author of "Overcoming Math Anxiety," and co-author of a new book, "What Kind of Guns Are They Buying for Your Butter?"



ARIZONA'S 29 DUKAKIS DELEGATES



Martin Bacal
Age: 55
Home: Tucson
Work: President, paint manufacturing company; Democratic national committeeman.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "Being a participant in a national convention is the most exciting thing for anybody involved in the political process."



Mattie "Bea" Brannan
Age: 58
Home: Show Low
Work: Housewife, retired secretary.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I guess I'm selfish, I wanted to be a part of the national convention, hoping to get things into the platform that help rural areas."



Fawn Bryce
Age: 57
Home: Pima
Work: Homemaker, substitute teacher.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I've been active in politics all my life and I always wanted to go to a national convention, especially when I thought that the person being nominated would be the next president."



Carol Carney
Age: 34
Home: Casa Grande
Work: High school English teacher.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "The thrill. Until now, my participation in politics has been limited to writing letters to the editor and carrying a candidate's petitions."



Jennie Cox
Age: 48
Home: Phoenix
Work: Maricopa County Democratic chairwoman.
Conventions attended: Third convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I wanted to have a say on the platform so we can come out with a truly Democratic platform."



Dennis DeConcini
Age: 51
Home: Tucson
Work: U.S. senator.
Conventions attended: Fifth convention, second as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I thought it might be more important if we had a tight race for the nomination. Now, I'd like to demonstrate my support for Dukakis. I'm comfortable with him."



Lorraine Frank
Age: 65
Home: Phoenix
Work: Executive director, Arizona Humanities Council.
Conventions attended: Fourth convention, second as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "Because the party system is important to me, and I want to be a part of it."



Terry Goddard
Age: 41
Home: Phoenix
Work: Phoenix mayor.
Conventions attended: Third convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because of my interest in urban issues, this is the best way to have an influence on the platform."



Sam Gaddard
Age: 68
Home: Phoenix
Work: Lawyer; chairman, Arizona Democratic Party.
Conventions attended: Sixth convention as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I had no choice. There was no way I could get out of it."



Alison Hughes
Age: Declined to say.
Home: Tucson
Work: Assistant director, rural health office, University of Arizona College of Medicine.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "The truly believe this is the year to get a Democrat back in the White House. After the last eight years, people are ready for a change."



Renz Jennings
Age: 46
Home: Phoenix
Work: Arizona Corporation commissioner.
Conventions attended: Third convention, second as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "It's a watershed election. The country has been badly addressed by Reagan as a napper. He's a good guy but he turns over policy-making to rogue operations."



Lawrence W. Katz
Age: 46
Home: Prescott
Work: Lawyer, chairman, Yavapai Democratic Party.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I've never done it before. With the process being as democratic as it is, I figured it was worth a shot."



Sherryn "Vicki" Marshall-Navarro
Age: Declined to say.
Home: Tucson
Work: Pima County Community Service Department worker.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because the Steelworkers (union) felt it was important to have a labor person there."



Barbara Matteson
Age: 56
Home: Tucson
Work: Elementary school teacher.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I always wanted to, but especially this time because I want a change."



Debbie McCune
Age: 36
Home: Phoenix
Work: State Representative.
Conventions attended: Second convention as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I save spent time working as part of the Democratic Policy Commission, making sure that Democrats have access to the party at the local level. I've worked with Dukakis. I like his style."



Rose Mofford
Age: 66
Home: Phoenix
Work: Governor.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "This is special for me because it's my first convention. I'll never forget it."



Keith Nicholls
Age: 36
Home: Tempe
Work: Political science professor, Arizona State University.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I felt my chances for success were real good. I'm interested in playing a role in the political process, and I anticipate getting a Democrat elected to the White House."



Jeanne Perpich
Age: 66
Home: Flagstaff
Work: Community activist; vice chairman, Arizona Democratic Party.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I've been really active in the Democratic Party for 12 years, working on local races. I felt this was the ultimate conclusion."



James G. Schmitz
Age: 31
Home: Phoenix
Work: Area director, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "To make sure working people's issues are addressed at the convention."



Kate Searle
Age: 24
Home: Scottsdale
Work: Administrative assistant, Roots Development.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I love the Democratic Party, and going to a convention has been a dream of mine since I was a little girl."



Billy Shields
Age: 30
Home: Phoenix
Work: Fire captain.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "It's the premier political activity that an activist might take part in. It's a reward for party work."



Alan Stephens
Age: 38
Home: Phoenix
Work: State Senate minority leader.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "This year the Democrats have an excellent chance to regain he presidency."



Dotty Stevenson
Age: 36
Home: Phoenix
Work: Vice president, Communications Workers of America Local 7019.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I've been behind the scenes in politics for a long time. I enjoyed being a delegate to the state convention in 1984."



Anna Ochao Thorne
Age: 30
Home: Phoenix
Work: Attorney.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "This is the ultimate for somebody involved in the party organization. It is one of the most democratic exercises of our country."



Morris Udall
Age: 66
Home: Tucson
Work: U.S. Representative.
Conventions attended: Ninth convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I chose to accept the role of superdelegate because I believe that the most rewarding way to serve the Democratic Party is to be present when the next president of the United States."



James B. Visger Sr.
Age: 43
Home: Higley
Work: President, Phoenix Building and Construction Trades Council.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I ran as a Mondale delegate in '84 and got a taste of it. I want to represent the labor constituency."



Peterson Zah
Age: 50
Home: Window Rock
Work: Former chairman, Navajo Tribe.
Conventions attended: Second convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I always wanted to see something with the same kind of principles, dreams and aspirations that we have in Governor Dukakis."

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Alonzo Morado
Age: 31
Home: Tucson
Work: Administrative assistant to Tucson Mayor Tom Volny.
Conventions attended: Third convention, second as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "When you go to a convention you're at the focal point. You're where the whole world is looking at you."

Joe D. Rios
Age: 41
Home: Kearny
Work: Copper worker, restaurant/bar owner.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I'm sick of Reaganomics. I wanted to see if I could help get a Democrat elected president."

ARIZONA'S 14 JACKSON DELEGATES



Tim Carpenter
Age: 29
Home: Phoenix
Work: Jackson campaign organizer.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I believe in peace and justice issues and I believe Jesse Jackson articulated those issues better than any of the other candidates."



Mitch Etter
Age: 41
Home: Tempe
Work: Campaign coordinator for Jaime Hunsinger's campaign for the state House from Tempe's District 27.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I supported the agenda that Jesse Jackson was putting forth and I want to represent the people in Arizona who believe in that agenda."



Charles R. Fannell
Age: 45
Home: Phoenix
Work: President, Suburban's Local Union 1297.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I enjoy being involved in the process and have considered myself an activist for a number of years."



T. Ellsworth Gantt II
Age: 36
Home: Tucson
Work: Baptist minister.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I wanted to get Jesse Jackson elected. ... I'm going to represent the people of southern Arizona. ... I'm going as a privilege to represent our people."



Benjamin Hamlin
Age: 47
Home: Window Rock
Work: State representative, tribal lawyer.
Conventions attended: Second convention as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I believe that Jesse Jackson had a message in providing an opportunity for people to participate in government. ... and I'll help him in any way I can from the convention floor."



Mel J. Hannah
Age: 50
Home: Flagstaff
Work: Coconino County supervisor.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I've been a political and personal admirer of Jesse Jackson for a number of years, and when the opportunity to run as a delegate for him ... arose, I decided to do it."



Betty Liggins
Age: 57
Home: Tucson
Work: Registered nurse practitioner.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I want to be involved in the electoral process and because I think Jesse has a good plan."

Voting video: High tech may yield to tradition

The New York Times

ATLANTA — An electronic-voting system that is said to be the fastest and most sophisticated ever installed at a presidential nominating convention will be available this week to delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The only problem is that the new equipment is unlikely to be used much, if at all.

The Democrats will revert to the traditional voice roll call of the states in alphabetical order to nominate Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts for president and his choice for vice president. And, the way things look now, these may be the only votes that the delegates cast in the four-day convention.

Party Chairman Paul Kirk said last week that no minority reports from the rules or credentials committees would reach the floor, and "I don't expect any floor fights on the platform, although there may be some differences of opinion or some agreements to disagree."

The voting system, developed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., involves installing small electronic terminals, each with a 6-inch touch-responsive screen, in front of each state delegation chairman.

When the convention secretary announces a roll call, the chairman will poll his delegation and then register the number of "yeses," "noes" and abstentions by touching numbers on the screen. The system could handle a nomination roll call, but not if more than two candidates were involved.

Each terminal is programmed to reject a tally that contains more votes than a state is entitled to have.

Kirk estimated that the system could save 40 to 45 minutes per roll call, as against the old method of calling for each state to report its numbers orally.

Even if there are some roll calls on the party's platform, the television audience will not get to watch the electronic system at work because Kirk plans to schedule such votes before the networks begin television coverage at 6 p.m., Arizona time.



Alice Montoya
Age: 40
Home: Flagstaff
Work: Store manager.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I wanted to see Jesse Jackson get ahead."



Debbie Neufeldt
Age: 33
Home: Tucson
Work: Registered nurse.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because I like Jesse Jackson a lot. I voted for him four years ago in the primaries and I like what he stands for and I feel we need big-time change in this country."



Erma J. Revels
Age: 49
Home: Glendale
Work: Self-employed.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I support the issues that Jesse Jackson stands for, or Jackson supports the issues I've been working for a long time. ... and I wanted to be a part of that."



Caryl Wade Terrell
Age: Declined to say.
Home: Tempe
Work: State chairman of the Jackson campaign; retired Phoenix College professor.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I thought it was important to support the person I think is best for president ... and I thought me running as a Jackson delegate would help bring out more people for him."



Carolyn Walker
Age: 42
Home: Phoenix
Work: State senator, public relations representative.
Conventions attended: Second convention, first as a delegate.
Why be a delegate?: "I thought it was important to support the person I think is best for president ... and I thought me running as a Jackson delegate would help bring out more people for him."



Danny L. White
Age: 31
Home: Tucson
Work: Consultant with Tucson Urban League, reporter for Arizona Informant.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "I felt that I had something to offer in terms of helping to get the vote out. ... I could encourage other individuals to get involved in the process."

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Elinor G. Maki
Age: 78
Home: Phoenix
Work: Part-time bookkeeper.
Conventions attended: First convention.
Why be a delegate?: "Because when I saw Jesse Jackson's platform taking shape, it had everything in it I've been working for for 52 years, and I wanted to see as much of it take place as possible."

MONEYNETWORKING

Women executives' group focuses on support

It's all about involvement in community

By Patty Sundberg Brest
The Arizona Daily Star

"We are drilling a hole in the glass ceiling," says Alison Hughes.

Hughes is president of the Executive Women's Council of Southern Arizona. The group, she says, is all about promoting women's involvement in the community and helping them move toward their goals.

Hughes knows all about drilling holes in glass ceilings. Her involvement in a myriad of organizations promoting women's equality has given her plenty of opportunities to help make the hole bigger and bigger.

She was the first executive director of the Tucson Women's Commission in 1976, then entered a graduate program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Public Administration.

She is currently associate director of the University of Arizona's Rural Health Office. Her journey into rural health came about in 1985, in part, because of a professor she had while at Harvard.

Professor Richard Neustad "always said to play to your weakness. I was offered two jobs after graduation." One, she said, was a position she knew she could handle very well and the other was the position at the UA.

"I knew nothing about rural health, so I decided to go for it," she said.



President Alison Hughes says Executive Women's Council members "like to think we have helped each other get where we are"

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throughout Tucson.

"We offer a support structure to assist members in reaching

each other get where we are," she said.

years and not really know each other because they never get the

ent location each month.

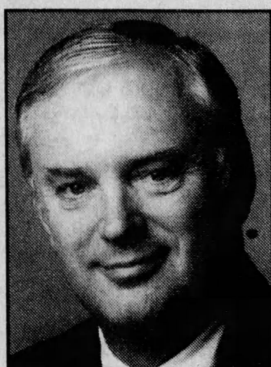
SOUTHERN ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES

Ten of Arizona's 52 delegates to the Democratic National Convention are from Southern Arizona – nine Tucson residents and one from Bisbee. For most, this is their first time as national convention delegates.

**Martin Bacal****Age:** 63.**Occupation:** Retired paint manufacturer.**Home:** Tucson.

Bacal, a Democratic national committeeman, said President Clinton won't try to distance himself from his party's platform, unlike GOP candidate Bob Dole.

"The platform is the soul of a party," he said. "It's difficult to understand how a party's platform can say one thing, and it's candidates are saying another."

**George Cunningham****Age:** 51.**Occupation:** Property investor and state House member.**Home:** Tucson.

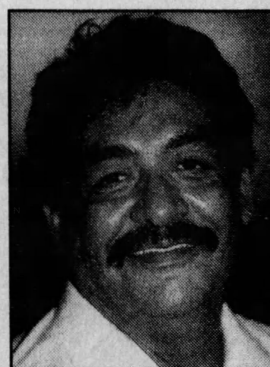
Cunningham, who is running for a state Senate seat, said voters don't seem as angry at government as they were when they handed Republicans control of Congress two years ago.

"When I've gone door to door, I don't get the same sense of cynicism," he said. "I think that bodes well for President Clinton as well as other elected officials."

**Paula Dauphin****Age:** 76.**Occupation:** Retired federal employee.**Home:** Tucson.

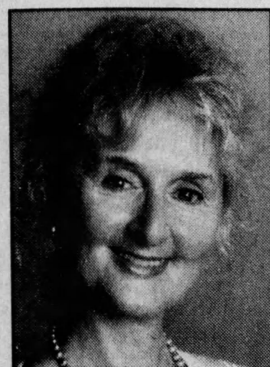
Dauphin said she has little doubt that Clinton will become the first Democratic presidential candidate to win Arizona since 1948.

"I just feel that Arizonans are really waking up to him, that we'll have a lot of crossover votes in our favor from Republicans," she said.

**Ray Figueroa****Age:** 50.**Occupation:** Local leader of union representing government employees.**Home:** Tucson.

Figueroa said labor leaders generally are pleased with Clinton's first term.

"We don't always agree on everything – we disagree on NAFTA, for example," he said, referring to Clinton's support for the North American Free Trade Agreement. "But we know this can't be a one-issue party."

**Allison Hughes****Age:** 55.**Occupation:** Clinical lecturer at the University of Arizona.**Home:** Tucson.

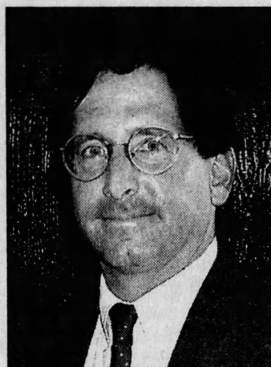
While Hughes said she expects this year's convention will be a peaceful show of unity by Democrats, she didn't mind the dissension that marked previous events.

"That's what America's about – bringing different opinions, values and agendas to the table and trying to persuade and influence others," she said. "That's the democratic process."

Carmen Villa Prezelski**Age:** 51.**Occupation:** Executive assistant at the University of Arizona.**Home:** Tucson.

Prezelski, chairwoman of the Pima County Democratic Party, said some liberal delegates might be unhappy with Clinton's position on welfare reform.

"There might be a little dissension," she said. "But I think those delegates will realize that getting three-quarters of a loaf of bread is better than none at all."

**Paul Newman****Age:** 42.**Occupation:** State representative, attorney.**Home:** Bisbee.

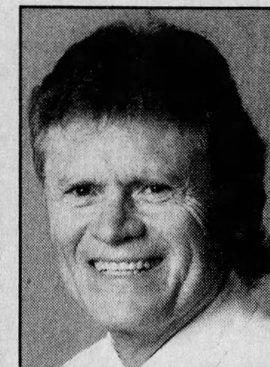
Newman said many Democratic delegates are troubled by Clinton's decision to sign legislation limiting federal welfare.

"I think 50 percent of Democrats in Southern Arizona have some misgivings about his position on that bill," he said. "But he did pledge to work with Congress on the issue, and a lot of what you can do depends on what you can get out of the legislature."

**Darcy Renfro****Age:** 29.**Occupation:** Public relations specialist.**Home:** Tucson.

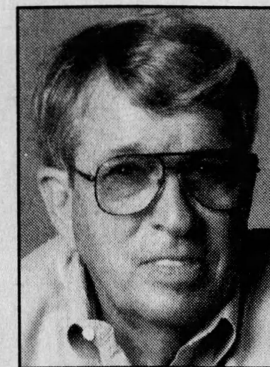
While Democrats disagree over many issues, Renfro said the party is not plagued by deep divisions over polarizing issues like abortion and immigration control.

"In terms of the big, black-and-white issues, we're all pretty much on the same page," she said. "That's not true in the Republican Party."

**William Risner****Age:** 52.**Occupation:** Attorney.**Home:** Tucson.

Risner defended Clinton against criticism that he has tried to sway moderate voters by focusing recently on such conservative issues as "family values."


"To say that family values are limited to Republicans is absolutely wrong," he said. "In truth, family values mean good government services and a lot of things Republicans are against."

**Ash Silverburg****Age:** 64.**Occupation:** Retired English teacher.**Home:** Tucson.

Silverburg praised planners of the Republican National Convention for putting on a "masterful" show two weeks ago.

"We'll never be able to go back to the marvelous, sublime confusion of conventions in the '50s, '60s and '70s," he said. "Now, it's spin-meister control that makes a difference for a campaign."

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Democrats push theme of healing

Non-politicians occupy stage

By Richard L. Berke
New York Times

CHICAGO — Venturing back to the city that three decades ago was the backdrop for the party's most tumultuous convention, the Democrats met Monday to nominate President Clinton for a second term with a program that featured not politicians, but a series of speakers telling personal parables of tragedy and triumph.

The Democrats reserved the most-watched hour Monday night for stories of healing, going further even than the Republicans did two weeks ago in their drive to transform what once was a political gathering into a made-for-television festival of self-exploration and self-congratulation.

The star attraction was, indeed, a movie star, Christopher Reeve, who played Superman on the big screen and is now in a wheelchair because of a horse-riding accident that left him paralyzed. He was selected after Democratic pollsters found he would be the most popular among a list of celebrity speakers.

Reeve's talk so strayed from partisanship that he never mentioned Clinton in his prepared remarks. The only president he cited was Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"President Roosevelt showed us that a man who could barely lift himself out of a wheelchair could still lift a nation out of despair," he said. "And I believe — and so does this administration

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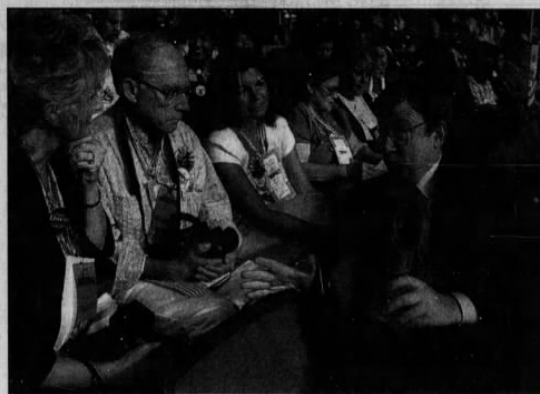
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Actor Christopher Reeve (above) talks with Democratic convention producer Gary Smith Monday night. During the proceedings, ABC *Nightline* correspondent Jeff Greenfield (right) spends time with Arizona delegates Alison Hughes (left), Frank Sacco and Andrea Nicoletti.



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Cheerful crimefighters

Let the wind blow,
and let the rain rain.
Helen Bayly, left, Alison
Hughes and Heather
Chalon weren't about to
let a bit of bad weather
ruin last night's National
Night Out against crime.
And their neighbors in
the 2100 block of East
Eighth Street felt like-
wise. Story, Page 8A.

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Alison Hughes, the winner in the Ward 6 primary, celebrates with friend Kathleen Muir, left.

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Alison Hughes in Ward 6

Seldom do we endorse a candidate with whom we starkly disagree on three of the most dramatic issues of the day.

Still, here we go.

Democrat Alison Hughes, an earnest liberal with a long record of community service in Tucson, merits election to the Ward 6 City Council seat being vacated by the retiring Molly McKasson.

Hughes, who is running against 34-year-old Republican Fred Ronstadt, is an attentive advocate of the city's neighborhoods. Her commitment to the smaller Tucson of neighborhood and block is exemplary.

However, the 57-year-old UA Rural Health Service administrator holds troubling positions on some key matters.

On water, Hughes' activist hostility to the water establishment yokes her to a too-rigid recharge agenda. In turn, that causes her to oppose Proposition 201, with its realistic acknowledgement of the need to ultimately deliver Central Arizona Project water to city homes.

On transportation, the candidate's sympathy with anti-growth sentiments leads her to oppose Pima County's much-needed and overdue \$350 million road bond package. And on the economy, she favors the anti-business gesture of Proposition 202 with its self-destructive bid to mandate a \$7 minimum wage in the city of Tucson. Such positions raise real questions about whether Hughes' neighborhood-oriented populism leads her to oversimplify some of Tucson's larger challenges.

So why do we urge Hughes' election? Because her intelligence and outstanding record of public service make her a better bet than the personable but inexperienced Ronstadt to provide Tucsonans the responsive, idealistic and sensitive government they need.

Consider the virtues of Hughes' life experience. Service as an aide to Rep. James McNulty in the 1980s gives her a feel for the

political game. A degree in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government equips her with policy smarts and a view of what other cities are doing. And finally, the extraordinary number of Hughes' involvements in political, civic, neighborhood and environmental affairs gives her a broad familiarity with the desires and needs of all kinds of Tucson citizens.

Accordingly, Hughes speaks articulately of the need for a dedicated funding source — say a gas tax — for transportation projects. Likewise, she sketches a balanced program for such investment by calling for a variety of undertakings: traffic light synchronization, slower speeds within neighborhoods, electric cars for city vehicles, alternative fuel buses. And on the homeless problem Hughes makes a good case for replacing downtown's Toole Avenue feeding center with smaller decentralized centers. In short, Alison Hughes combines plausible thinking about the city's needs with abundant familiarity with the city's people.

By contrast, the pleasant Ronstadt — despite his well-known family's standing in the community — simply lacks Hughes' textured feel for the city's groups and politics. Ronstadt — a financial analyst with an HMO and the son of Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ronstadt — takes the wiser side of the water, roads and wage questions Hughes mis-plays. However, his discussion of those issues remains sketchy, as does his appropriate but rather vague and boosterish applause for the city's embrace of "GEO-based" policing. Such sketchiness — while understandable in a political neophyte — nevertheless precludes the election of this Republican as the spoiler of Tucson's all-Democratic council. And that's too bad: The City Council needs a Republican counter to some of its muzzier moments.

At any rate, Fred Ronstadt does not make the grade, and Alison Hughes does. The Star endorses Alison Hughes for Ward 6 City Council seat.

All should celebrate women's suffrage

By Sheila Tobias and Alison Hughes
SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

This month the mayor and City Council, the Pima County Board of Supervisors, and the governor herself set aside their political differences to jointly proclaim Aug. 26 "Women's Equality Day" in honor of the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 giving American women the right to vote in national elections.

But Aug. 26 wasn't called "Women's Equality Day" until 1977, when the Equal Rights Amendment was making its way through states' ratification. Pressed by Bella Abzug and Midge Costanza, his chief advisers on women's issues, President Jimmy Carter declared it so.

All through our growing up years, Aug. 26 was a celebration of women's suffrage. After 72 years of organizing, petitioning, sitting in and even enduring hunger strikes when they were arrested and put in jail, American women got the almost all-male U.S. Congress and 36 almost all-male state legislatures (3/4 of the total number of states at the time) to adopt the 19th Amendment to



Sheila Tobias



Alison Hughes

the Constitution — it had to be an amendment because the framers of the Constitution had restricted federal voting to men!

So where does "women's equality" fit in? The suffragists never argued that men and women were exactly alike. It wasn't "sameness" or "interchangeability" or "unisex" that motivated the founders of the women's rights movement. "Equality for women" resided in just that moral space where the founders judged — a most radical statement for its time — that "all men are created equal."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," the women's rights movement declared at its first organizing meeting in 1848, "that all men and women are created equal and endowed by their Cre-

ator with certain inalienable rights."

High on their list of "rights" was full participation in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, which begins with the right to vote and eventually extends to the right to be voted for as fully qualified candidates for public office.

Our foremothers wanted to be members of juries, so that women accused of a crime would be judged by their peers, and to argue as lawyers before the bench; to be journalists and doctors even if they were barred from men's only medical education; to be ministers, even if they were barred from certain churches.

But most of all they wanted to be able to march and organize and write and speak in the public arena for and against issues that mattered not just to their families but to their country.

That's why in our view and that of our elected officials, all Americans should celebrate women's suffrage.

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