

## THE COYOTE HOWLS

The daylight is breaking out here in Arizona with dim beams coloring the few cloudlets, outlining the shape of the mountains; soon the bright beams will awaken the beautiful Aloe plant whose bed is located so she is brightened by the sun as it dawns over the mountain, and a day of activity starts in this retired household, which has never been so busy.

The delivery of the morning paper about 5 A.M. indicated that the streets have been rolled out after having been carefully rolled up at ten last night. There is no official "lights out" here. There is no need for one. With the present cost of electricity why waste it after nine. The guy across the arroyo who retired from the military service and who apparently never really retired, lights his Arizona room at six every morning which sends a beam of light on the wall which I see when I first open my eyes, so I never need an alarm clock.

The rumble of the trucks on I 19, back from Nogalas loaded with Mexican produce for Eastern markets assures us the interstate has been open thru the night and the siren of the patrolmen stopping suspected narcotics and wet back runners adds interest.

It is almost light now, the south eastern sky is gorgeous, the weather calm, the Tucson radio promises above 75 degrees today, partly cloudy, occasionally windy, a good day. I can see the vineyard and peach orchard now, soon I will have to prune them, our five clocks just chimed seven.

Yesterday I picked radishes - the onions, spinach, beets, and carrots are up but the beans planted two weeks ago have not yet shown.

The two big crows that inspect the arroyo each dawn just came by, looking for breakfast; last night the desert coyotes put on a delightful symphony.

It is time to get the paper, read the market reports, breakfast, get ready to garden a little, get the mail, swim a little, eat a little lunch, siesta a little, ( a delightful custom), grind a rock at the lapidary, and pretty soon, bedtime again.

The beautiful Aloe Plant and the "Desert Coyote" send you greetings.

**\*Editor's Note - From "Mole to Coyote". Many of you will remember the Mole was the author of a column that appeared in each issue of the Bull Sheet several years ago.**

## "TRIPPING"

by

The Beautiful Aloe Plant

Traveling across the country in 1977 was easier going than our ancestors could envision.

We whizzed along so gaily in our warm and cozy car knowing restaurants and rest stops couldn't be so very far, no Indians on the warpath - or their scouts out looking 'round. Just crazy drivers on the highway in all directions bound.

We made it home in just a week and 2,000 miles or more with a prayer of thanks upon our lips as we drove up to our door.

R.W.B.

## FACING A CHALLENGE

The lives of many great men and women of history were filled with hardships and failures. But they met adversity with an unwavering belief that their lives were of greater moment than their difficulties. To them, hardship and discouragements were foes to overcome. They fought, and with each victory they gained power for life and accomplishment.

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## ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING - THE FLOWER SHOW

The annual Chicago Flower and Garden Show will be held at McCormick Place in Chicago from March 26 thru April 3, this year.

As usual the show will feature many interesting and educational exhibits, both commercial and non-commercial. Among these according to James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois Horticulturist in Cook County are the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.; Standard Flower Show; Outstanding Gardens by well known designers; Flower Arrangements by the Garden Club of America; Bonsai Exhibitor; Japanese Flower Arrangements by Ikebana International; Horticulture Exhibits; Landscape Plots; Individual Garden Plots; and many interesting commercial exhibits.

The University of Illinois Extension Service will feature a garden of fragrant herbs with plants identified both in English and in braille.

The Flower Show is truly one of Chicago's extraordinary events and one that is well worth attending.

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