

U.S. Supremes Give Nod To Bush

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, December 12, that the Florida Supreme Court erred in its order for a manual recount of thousands of ballots in the state contested presidential election.

In an extraordinary late-night decision, the justices said the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court violated equal rights and there was not enough time to conduct a new recount that would meet constitutional muster.

"Because it is evident that any recount seeking to meet the Dec. 12 date will be unconstitutional ... we reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida ordering the recount to proceed," the court said.

The court's unsigned opinion said seven justices agreed that there were constitutional problems with the recount ordered by the Florida court, but that they disagreed on the remedy.

"It is obvious that the recount cannot be conducted in compliance with the requirements of equal protection and due process without substantial additional work," the court said.

But the court said that because Florida lawmakers intended in effect to complete the choosing of electors by Dec. 12 an order requiring a new recount "could not be part of an appropriate" remedy.

The court issued its ruling in an unsigned opinion. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas went further in a separate opinion, saying the Florida Supreme Court also violated the Constitution and federal law in ordering the recount.

The dissents from this view were pointed and in some cases angry. In his dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens said, "Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the law."

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and

Anthony M. Kennedy did not sign any separate opinion, but their votes were counted in the main unsigned opinion.

Dissenting were Justices Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Gore's Democratic running mate, Joseph Lieberman, had said on Monday that if the Supreme Court "basically overrules the Florida Supreme Court ... that's probably the end of it."

Without a recount, the certification of Bush as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes - and thus the presidency - would stand.

Bush was in Texas and Gore in Washington as the justices considered the vice president's appeal to restart the manual recounts that had been ordered last Friday by the Florida Supreme Court. In a split decision, the nation's high court had stopped the counting Saturday pending arguments and a ruling this week.

Both presidents-in-waiting tinkered with contingency plans, not knowing whether best- or worst-case scenarios would be needed.

Affirming the state Supreme Court would jeopardize Bush's razor-thin lead in Florida. Without recounts, Gore's presidential campaign will end, advisers said.

Democratic operatives were in Florida or ready to return to the Sunshine State if recounts were ordered. His work before the high court finished, top Gore lawyer David Boies caught a train home to New York.

Other Gore lawyers prepared legal briefs in case of a partial victory from the high court that would send the case back to Florida courts for more vote recounting but under a single standard for all 67 counties. Spokesman Doug Hattaway said the papers would offer guidance from the Gore team about how such a recount should be conducted.

A decision from Vice President Gore on the future of his legal challenge was to come after press time.

City of Tucson GLBT Commission Celebrates This Past Year's Success

TUCSON (ON) - More than 100 Tucsonans gathered at the International Arts Center Monday, December 11, for a holiday celebration hosted by the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission.

In addition to marking the holidays, the Commission marked their success for the past year, a historic one for the citizens advisory committee.

The Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues ("GLBT Commission") was established in late 1999 upon the recommendation of former Mayor George Miller's Task Force on GLBT Issues.

Tucson's GLBT Commission has a membership that is diverse in terms of race (African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian and Anglo), gender and sex (male, female and Trans), gender identity (Transgender and not), religion (Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Agnostic and Atheist), age (young adults, middle-aged adults, senior adults), ability (disabled and not), and sexual orientation (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Queer and heterosexual).

The GLBT Commission and each of its subcommittees has achieved major accomplishments, during this first year and have plans for the upcoming new year. Listed below are the Commission successes and their future plans, obtained from their report to the Tucson Mayor and Council:

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

The GLBT Commission's Subcommittee on Social Services reviewed the results of a survey conducted by the Mayor's Task Force that asked GLBT community members, GLBT organizations and social service providers throughout the greater Tucson area questions concerning the health care, mental health and human services provided to area residents. Based upon the results of that survey, the Social Services Subcommittee developed Standards of Practice for the Provision of Quality Health Care and Social Services which have been approved by the full Commission and by the Mayor and Council.

The Subcommittee on Social Services, on behalf of the full Commission, obtained a grant of \$1,500 from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona to facilitate the printing and distribution of those Standards and its education of social service providers in connection with those Social Service Standards, and The Mayor & Council has approved the distribution of the Social Service Standards using that funding.

Printing and distribution of the Standards of Practice is scheduled to begin in early 2001. The Social Services Subcommittee's plans for the upcoming year are: to conduct a follow-up survey, to sponsor public forums on access, outreach and support for GLBT people in health care and social service organizations targeted to both the GLBT community and professionals; to create a volunteer advocate program to assist GLBT people in negotiating safe and respectful passage through the health care and social service provider system; and to research the feasibility of establishing a weekly or bimonthly open basic health screening clinic for GLBT people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or ability to pay.

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The GLBT Commission's Subcommittee on Education has provided information about GLBT issues to all school principals in Pima County. It has provided training to the Marana School District, the Sunnyside School District, Pima County Juvenile Court staff, and the Best Western Inn at the Airport staff. It has provided resource information to all middle and high school librarians in Southern Arizona. And it has communicated to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lisa Graham Keegan, about GLBT issues in public schools.

The Subcommittee on Education also has developed Standards of Practice for Educators involved in diversity training, as well as a bibliography and resource list, all of which have been approved by the full commission.

The Subcommittee on Education plans in the coming year to continue to host educational forums directed toward the objective of making public schools in Tucson safe places for GLBT youth to learn.

LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The GLBT Commission's Subcommittee on Legal Issues has followed up on the work of the Mayor's Task Force Legal Committee which successfully lobbied for amendments to the City's Human Relations Ordinance to better protect against discrimination based upon sexual orientation, gender identity and familial status.

The Subcommittee on Legal Issues recommended and obtained unanimous support from the Commission for the legislative agenda of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, including: (1) archaic law repeal; (2) employment non-discrimination act; (3) protections for same-sex victims of domestic violence; and (4) HIV/AIDS prevention education in the public schools permitting

'Dr.' Laura Show Quietly Fading Away

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Laura Schlessinger's much maligned move to television has been reduced, in a remarkably short span of time, to little more than a broadcasting footnote.

The Dr. Laura Show debuted in September. After taping no more than a half-dozen episodes, production was stopped for what producers called "retooling."

Since its resumption, however, more than 35 television markets in the United States have relocated the show to post-midnight timeslots or dropped it from their schedules entirely.

Protests by Gay civil rights groups had a devastating impact on the caliber of advertising support given Schlessinger's

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TKO Carnival Dec. 16

TUCSON - On Saturday, December 16, Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will hold its "Touched by the Owls" Christmas Carnival on the Venture-N patio.

According to the organizers, the purpose of this event is to raise money for the HIV infected/affected children of Casa Glorioso and to underwrite food boxes for TIHAN.

This all day affair will include something for everyone. The food, fun and games will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a pancake and egg breakfast for \$2.50. At 3:00 p.m., the Bears of the Old Pueblo will host their beer bust offering pitchers of beer for \$1.50 and 50 cents per glass. They will also be serving chili. Between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., TKO members will offer games of skill and chance for \$1 each. Prizes will be awarded on a "points" system and a silent auction will offer donors the chance to purchase a variety of goods and services. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., a beer and chicken barbecue dinner will round out the day, with price being \$3.

This event will offer the opportunity for holiday sharing and will be a lot of fun. See you there!

AGRA Gears Up For RRRR 2001

PHOENIX - The AGRA Phx chapter 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo will be here soon. While rodeo competition events takes place on January 13 and 14, Royalty competition begins on Thursday, Jan 11 and contestant registration is on Friday, Jan 12.

Rodeo always depends on the strength of hardworking volunteers, who donate their time over these days to make sure the Phoenix chapter rodeo is a success.

Volunteers are needed in all areas, ranging from contestant registration on Friday to chute and arena work on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers receive free admission to the rodeo along with other gifts. It is a great way to experience Gay rodeo and to benefit our community at the same time. Proceeds from the Road Runner Regional Rodeo always benefit non-profit charitable organizations.

There are also several sponsorship available. Information is available by contacting the rodeo hot-line at (602) 265-0618. So why not come out and enjoy the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo by actually participating in this fun and exciting event. Volunteer forms can be obtained by contacting the rodeo hot line at (602) 265-0618 or visit the website: www.agra-phx.com.

TLGA Elections Dec. 10

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be holding elections for their 2001 Board, Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m., inside the Wingspan Lobby, 300 East Sixth Street.

The elections are open to the community, everyone is welcome to attend or run for an election office. TLGA produces/coordinates Tucson's Gay Pride Week including Gay West and Tucson's Pride festival, OUToberFEST.

For more information, call the TLGA OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

SAAF Receives Grant For Food Programs

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) was recently awarded \$18,000 for its Food for Life, home delivered meal program from Positive Helpings, a national initiative of Philip Morris Companies Inc., in partnership with AIDS Nutrition Services Alliance.

SAAF's food programs provide healthy, home delivered meals (one or two per day) to people who are living with AIDS and too ill to cook for themselves, food pantry boxes of staple food and household necessities for low income people living with HIV/AIDS, and meals for clients attending support groups. In addition, SAAF provides case management and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and prevention programs to groups at increased risk for HIV.

For more information, call SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

2nd Annual POZ Cafe Holiday Dinner Dec. 16

TUCSON - TIHAN sponsors its Second Annual evening holiday dinner and social event for people living with HIV on Saturday, December 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, (corner of Swan and River Roads).

A delicious buffet featuring oven-roasted turkey, honey baked ham, and vegetarian dishes will be served, along with a variety of fresh side dishes, vegetables, salads, desserts, and beverages. All this is served up by some of the most fabulous, caring volunteers around. Following the casual buffet will be a selection of activities to choose from.

Like all TIHAN programs, Poz Cafe is Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted, the purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS. Reservations are required so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one

guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest—partner, spouse, friend, volunteer—will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

For more information about Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations (which are required) or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 no later than Thursday, December 14.

SAAF Positions Available

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

QueerVoice Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) youth in Tucson. Must be familiar with GLBT youth culture and possess excellent communication skills. Salary up to \$22,000; excellent benefits.

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: energetic individual to provide outreach, recruitment, and health ed. for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Must be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communication skills. Bilingual/bicultural pref. Salary up to \$22,000, excellent benefits.

Case Manager: experienced social worker to provide comprehensive case management to people with HIV/AIDS. Requires experience in provision of direct case management services and substance abuse programs. MSW pref. plus 2-4 yrs. exp. in human services. Salary up to \$24,500, excellent benefits.

Housing Developer: experienced, motivated self-starter to develop housing for people with HIV. Exp. in low-income housing preferred. Familiar with HUD, HOME, and other funding programs desirable. Communication, grant-writing skills essential. Salary up to \$35,000, excellent benefits.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520) 628-7223, or see www.saaaf.org. Open until filled. AA/EOE

Teddy Bear Raffle 2000 Announced

TUCSON - On Sunday, December 17, the Gay community of Tucson again will host the annual "Uncle Rudi's Teddy Bear Raffle and Show 2000." Located TBA.

This year's main grand prize "Kahuna" is a plush collectors item #26 of 490 in a limited edition by Gund. The stuffed animal was donated by Mostly Bears, 2629 N. Campbell in Tucson, and valued at \$350. One dollar raffle tickets are available at Mostly Bears, Woody's, Robb & Co., and Hyde's Leathers on the patio of Venture-N. In addition, volunteers will make tickets available at many various locations throughout the city until the drawing, December 17.

Spokesbear "Kahuna" reminds us that winners need not be present to win. Many other prizes like toys, collectibles and gift certificates will also be awarded. Donations of prizes or cash should be directed to David Zinke, (520) 884-9175. All proceeds from this event benefit the Arizona Children's Foundation in Tucson, protecting children, preserving families.

The show is directed by Dani Bordello and will feature Christina de Alexis, Lucinda Holliday, Misti Malone, Faith Michaels, Janee Starr, Billy D., and a special guest.

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Congratulations To The Venture-N



TUCSON - Last Wednesday, December 6th, Venture-N celebrated its 9th Anniversary. Congratulations to owner Jim Dondson, pictured above, and his staff who have truly made the V-N Tucson's only Men's Bar. In conjunction with the anniversary celebration, Mr. Venture-N was chosen. There are more photos on Page eight of this issue. Congratulations again to everyone at 1239 N. 6th Avenue, and here's to many, many more years.

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'Sleeping Lawyer' Ruling Reviewed

HOUSTON, TX (NP) - The Gay Texas man whose defense attorney dozed during his murder trial will get another chance to prove his death sentence should be overturned.

murder in 1983 at the age of 30 in the stabbing death of his former partner W.T. Wise, 50. Although Burdine admits he went to steal from Wise on the night in question, he has always denied that he participated in the killing. There is some evidence to support the contention that his then-17-year-old accomplice Dennis McCreight did the stabbing, but McCreight was able to plea-bargain and was released after eight years in prison.

Many people were stunned by the 2 - 1 ruling October 27 by a panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal that reinstated Texas Gay Calvin Burdine's death sentence despite the uncontested fact that his attorney slept through much of his trial. The majority found they could not tell whether the portions of the trial the lawyer slept through were crucial ones or not, while the dissenter declared that, "It shocks the conscience that a defendant could be sentenced to death under the circumstances surrounding counsel's representation of Burdine." This remarkable ruling will be reconsidered by all fourteen justices of the 5th Circuit, who announced December 6 they will give it the "en banc" review they grant to only about one percent of the cases in which it's requested. They'll be hearing oral arguments on January 22.

The prosecutor's questions and language were clearly designed to stir homophobia in the jury, most blatantly when he argued for the death penalty on the grounds that "sending a homosexual to the penitentiary certainly isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual." Burdine's attorney, the late James Cannon, who sent nine other clients to death row, not only failed to object but used anti-Gay slurs of his own in a post-trial hearing. Cannon also handled Burdine's first appeal, something for which the majority of the federal appeals panel chided Burdine in October. Eventually the case reached U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who late last year ruled that the state must either release or retry Burdine because "a sleeping counsel is equivalent to no counsel at all." The Texas Attorney General intervened to appeal to the 5th Circuit and won, but that ruling is now set aside in favor of whatever the full bench determines.

Burdine's case has gained national notoriety as Texas Governor George W. Bush's Presidential campaign spotlighted the state's remarkably frequent use of the death penalty, which has resulted in 237 executions since 1982.

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It's More Than You Think.....

[The following is a copy of a letter to President Clinton from 29 openly Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual elected officials. The letter was delivered to the White House on Nov. 28.]

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At a meeting of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered officials, those in attendance expressed their sorrow at your decision to continue to serve as Honorary President of the Boy Scouts despite their organization's blatant and deeply hurtful discrimination against us and others like us.

By refusing to step down as Honorary President of an organization that perpetuates homophobia, you lend your personal prestige and that of your office to this hateful prejudice. Indeed, it is particularly disappointing to us that you are unwilling to separate yourself from the Boy Scouts because the bigotry embodied in this position flagrantly contradicts the support you have expressed for respecting the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people to be treated fairly.

We therefore write to urge you as strongly as we can to acknowledge the glaring inconsistency between your opposition to homophobic prejudice and your position as Honorary President of one of the most explicitly homophobic groups in our country, and to resign the post. Please do not let one of your last opportunities as President to strike a blow against prejudice go unfulfilled.

Sincerely,
Tammy Baldwin, Barney Frank,

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EDITOR:

An art gallery recently opened in Bisbee Arizona that is suppose to be for the Gay and Lesbian community. It is called the Pride Gallery. But there is little Pride to be found there.

Oh you might find a calendar for sale in the back showing steroid gym queens hugging each other. But there are no displays of gender or sexual orientation in the artwork, no legends that tell of the artist's connections to issues of gender and sexual orientation. In fact, except for a few t shirts and calendars and the rainbow flag, one would never know one was in a queer gallery. (I was told there is one Lesbian picture in there behind the door, but I did not see it.)

When I asked why this was so, I was told by Conrad Cambron that they are not going to pander to the Gay and Lesbian community. He also said that Gay and Lesbian issues have no place in a mainstream gallery focused on profit. And he said that Gay and Lesbian art is political,

angry and sexual and therefore distasteful for a small community.

First of all, I have seen political, angry and sexual art shown in Bisbee many times in the ten years I have been going there.

Occasionally some prude from the some church will raise a fuss over it, but for the most part it is accepted and enjoyed.

That's what makes Bisbee such a great place. People tend to be intelligent and open-minded.

But, most of all, I object to this because it defines art which shows gender and sexual orientation themes as non-commercial and shocking.

It says that Gays and Lesbians are incapable of creating artwork that expresses our lives honestly without sacrificing social standards and commercial success. What's more, it says that Gays and Lesbians have no right to create artwork that may upset someone.

Art galleries have yet to get over homophobia. This is a fact of life for most of us artists. They all think that if you allow some queer to show art, you're going to have crotch and cum shots. This is insulting and narrow-minded. (And this very concern was made by Conrad Cambron about the Pride Gallery.)

For a gallery that received money from a Gay and Lesbian foundation to pull this stunt is the worst kind of insult to Gay and Lesbian artists. Just like in film, music

and theatre, the diverse expressions of gender and sexual orientation go far beyond humping one another. But at the same time, our sexual lives are just as important as the heterosexual. And you don't see the galleries in Scottsdale removing all the soft-porn heteros nudes for fear of losing sales or the community falling into moral despair. Just like our hetero artists, we need to show our lives as they are without worrying about who's going to get upset. And let's not forget, Gays and Lesbians and their friends and families buy art too.

Furthermore, there comes a time when even art galleries have to come out of the closet. If we can have a Gay and Lesbian film festival, we can have a Gay and Lesbian art gallery. In fact, just open up the Observer of the Echo. We have Gay plumbers, Lesbian lawyers, Transgendered real estate agents and you name it. Oh but heaven forefend we show Gay and Lesbian art in a Gay and Lesbian gallery. To those fearful people I say, if people think it's "too Gay," and if some people get upset, then so what? Some people get upset over any expression of Gay and Lesbian life. That is why we need visibility. Remaining in the closet just gives these people more power to keep us silent.

At this time, we are asking people to contact the gallery and express your concern and anger at this situation. Contact pridefamily@hotmail.com, or write to Pride Gallery, P O Box 54, Bisbee AZ, 85603, or call (520) 432-6727.

Thank You,
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COMMENTARY

What Can We Learn From Prop. 202?

By Paul S. Lotsof

On the Sunday before Election Day, I found a printed notice attached to my front door. It said that if Proposition 202 passed my neighborhood would be at risk; I could lose much of my police and fire protection. A couple weeks earlier I received a similar notice, in the mail. It said that if 202 passes we'd all be trapped like rats and that filthy industrial and strip mall developments might happen in my neighborhood. TV ads proclaimed that little children would be forced to use outhouses and our entire state would be beset with frivolous lawsuits. Plus it was claimed that huge numbers of Arizonans would lose their jobs. I know of a lady who received a form letter from her insurance company that warned that if 202 passes she would lose her coverage. Surely 202 must have been the brainchild of the devil himself.

You'll recall that Proposition 202 was the Citizens' Growth Initiative and it would have required municipalities and counties throughout Arizona to enact growth boundaries. In actuality, 202's main backer was the Sierra Club, a conservation group founded in 1892. The proposal was lengthy and complicated. For some strange reason, the text even contained a page about regulating strip dancing and what parts of the anatomy had to be covered. 202 was endorsed by two members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and it also was backed by the Observer. Just three months prior to the election, a poll indicated that 68 percent of Arizona voters favored the initiative.

As Election Day approached, 202's popularity began to rapidly fade and by November 7th, the voters were prepared to turn it down by a margin of nearly three to one. What caused the voters to change their minds? Big bucks. Real estate developers had no use for 202 and neither did construction companies nor purveyors of building materials. They dug deep into their bottomless pockets and raised well over \$4 million to defeat 202. Thus, the scare campaign that I described above. The lion's share of that cash probably went to TV stations in Phoenix and Tucson. The

post office also took in some of those big bucks in the form of direct mail to registered voters.

Four million dollars spend in only a few months is a large advertising campaign for a state the size of Arizona. The blitz was placed in the hands of skilled professionals who decided to use the scare campaign tactic. A well financed scare campaign rarely fails. That's doubly true when there is no requirement that the campaign stick to the truth. The highly emotional TV ad about the kid who was forced to use the outhouse was crap in more ways than one. Ditto the lady losing her insurance coverage.

What's all this got to do with the Gay movement. Except for some profound lessons, 202's defeat is totally irrelevant to us. What 202 teaches us is the power of the media to change the public's perception and change images in a hurry. Without skillful use of the media, the public's image of 202 could never have been changed so dramatically over such a short period of time.

If a carefully constructed media campaign can change the public's perception of a ballot proposition, why couldn't the same technology be used to change the public's perception of a group of people? We've been waiting for decades for politicians to make us equal to straight folks. Is it possible that all we need is a massive media campaign to make the public like us? Granted, we aren't as rich as real estate developers but we do exist in substantial numbers. Maybe we can do a little fund raising and get rid of homophobia ourselves without having to wait forever for government to do the job. It's something to think about.



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Dine In/Take Out/A review for the road

Kiss My Knish & The European Fry Company, 806 E. University Blvd., isn't the Jewish deli you might expect. It's a mix of a vegetarian's dream menu and a healthy version of raiding the deli case — but yes, they do have knishes.

A knish is usually defined as a light, flaky pastry filled with kasha, mashed potatoes, chopped liver, cheese or cream cheese with fruit. It is the kind of comfort food that one wakes up crying for in the night.

KMK puts a vegan (food not made with animal products) spin on the exquisite knish and offers huge ones filled with kasha, plain potato, potato mixed with various vegetables such as spinach, broccoli, mushrooms (all \$2.75 each), and dessert knishes (\$2.95), which are cheese versions mixed with blueberry or cherry (plain cheese is also available).

They fill you up. Indeed. Put one of these dense suckers in your pocket and you'd drown if you jumped in the pool. We loved the cherry cheese.

The sandwiches (both vegan- and carnivore-style) were equally filling and were also takes on urban and Jewish deli delights. The

Fat Cat Phil (\$3.75 for a half) was a juicy Philly with thin beef steak, provolone, grilled peppers and onions with greenleaf lettuce and tomato on flatbread.

The Fat Cat Tree Hugger, a remarkably moist double veggie burger with sautéed pepper and onions, greenleaf lettuce and tomato, was great on spicy chickpea flatbread.

Fries (served Belgian-style with mayonnaise or a variety of other toppings) would be better eaten on site rather than suffering from the chill caused by travel.

We liked that they had Dr. Brown's soda, including the eccentric Cel-Ray, and there is an abundance of other beverages, including juices.

You will find a variety of other items on the menu, such as soups, salads, snacks, curries, the Fat Cat Yenta (smoked salmon, cream cheese, tomato, red onion and capers, which they suggest be paired with warm onion flatbread, \$5.95) and daily specials.

Hours for dining in or taking out are Tuesdays-Saturdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free parking in available all day Saturdays at the Second and Euclid and the Fourth and Euclid parking garages. For more information, call 529-7277.

• By Charlotte Lowe-Bailey, Arizona Daily Star

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A sharply divided Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, Tuesday, December 12, dealt an apparent death blow to Al Gore's presidential hopes, ruling that the Florida Supreme Court erred in its order for a manual recount of thousands of ballots in the state contested presidential election.

In an extraordinary late-night decision that unfolded on national television, the justices said the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court violated equal rights and there was not enough time to conduct a new recount that would meet constitutional muster.

George W. Bush and his Republican cabal have run out the clock on recounting the votes to see who really won the presidential contest in Florida. The Miami Herald, and several other media outlets will be obtaining all the ballots cast and tabulating them but it will be too late, just what the Republicans wanted but not the people who went to the polls in Florida, who wanted their votes counted.

The U.S. Supreme Court has done a grave disservice to the country by instead of acting as a guardian of liberty by preserving the fundamental principles on which the country was founded, chose to act as an arm of the Republican Party.

The five justices, Rehnquist, Kennedy, O'Connor, Thomas and Scalia, can dress up their ruling, allegedly in the U.S. Constitution, but it is a morally bankrupt decision that thankfully will forever cast doubt on the legitimacy of Bush as president and for the impartiality of the highest court in this country. With this ruling, the five justices are nothing more than political hacks and that's the way they should be remembered.

POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

'Time Expired'

George W. Bush, with his "mandate," will be remembered just like, Benjamin Harrison, Rutherford B. Hayes, and John Quincy Adams, who won the Electoral College but lost the popular vote, one term presidents. ...

As the presidential election ended, not concluded or decided, but ended, in Arizona, legislative activity, is starting up, preparing for the first session of the 45th Arizona Legislature, commencing January 8, 2001.

Recently, the Arizona House and Senate named the chairs of the respective committee's for both chambers, resulting in the state's first, openly Gay committee chair, and two strong supporters holding key posts.

State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, was named the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, one of the most important committees of the Arizona Legislature.

May said Ways and Means deals with tax and fiscal legislation. A historical note regarding the House Ways and Means Committee, the last two chairs of this committee went on to be the Speaker of the Arizona House.

Over in the Arizona Senate, two Tucson Democratic Senators, Elaine Richardson and Ruth Solomon, were named as

chairs of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee respectively. The Judiciary Committee deals with state statutes, such as the archaic laws, while the Appropriations Committee deals with fiscal legislation and the state's budget.

As to note for the upcoming session, openly Gay state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, was elected to be House Minority Leader. Chevront will head up the Democratic caucus. ...

With the 45th Arizona Legislature starting in less than a month, the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the state's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights organization will be sponsoring anti discrimination legislation in the upcoming session.

AHRF's legislation will be entitled the "Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act" (ENDA), which would prohibit employers with more than 15 employees from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

With the change in the legislative leadership, AHRF believes that the proposed Arizona ENDA legislation will actually be heard before a state committee, for the first time. Even with this possible, positive scenario, AHRF is appealing for the community to write letters in support of Arizona ENDA.

The letters would need to open with "Dear Senators and Representatives," and express your support of ENDA, mentioning that ENDA provides appropriate exemptions for religious institutions and for small businesses with fewer than 15 employees, and that polls indicate that three quarters of all Arizonans support ENDA.

AHRF will need these letters by the second week in January. Send the letters to AHRF, P.O. Box 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5044.

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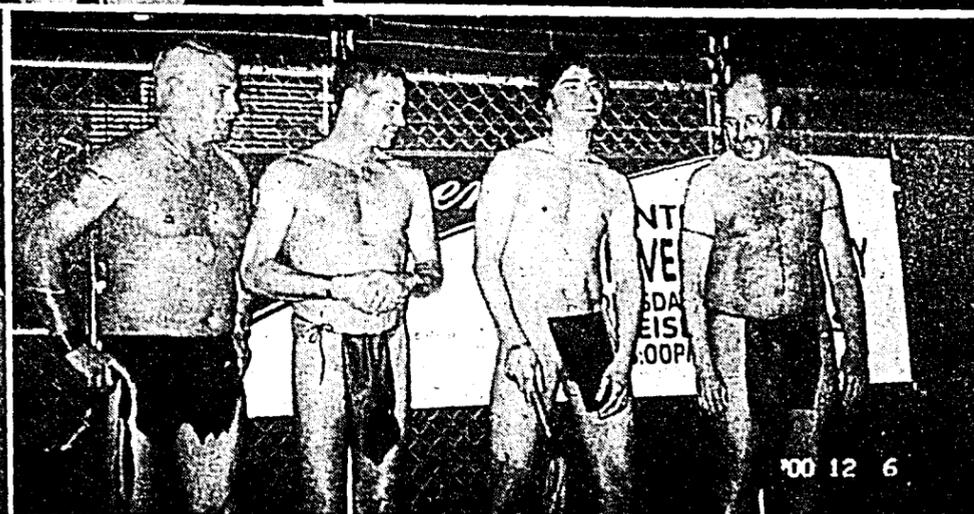
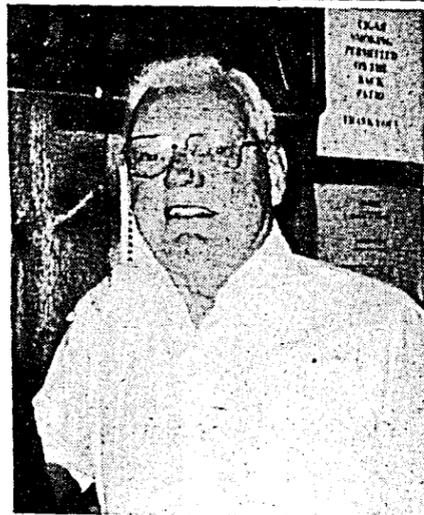
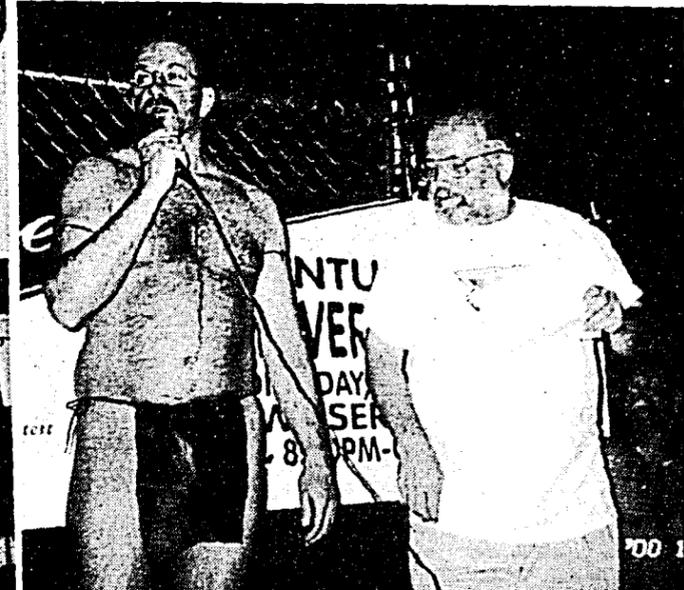
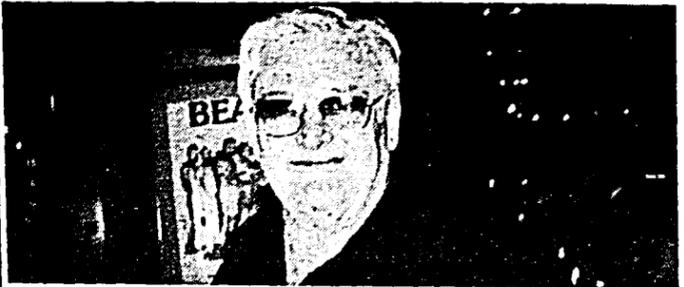
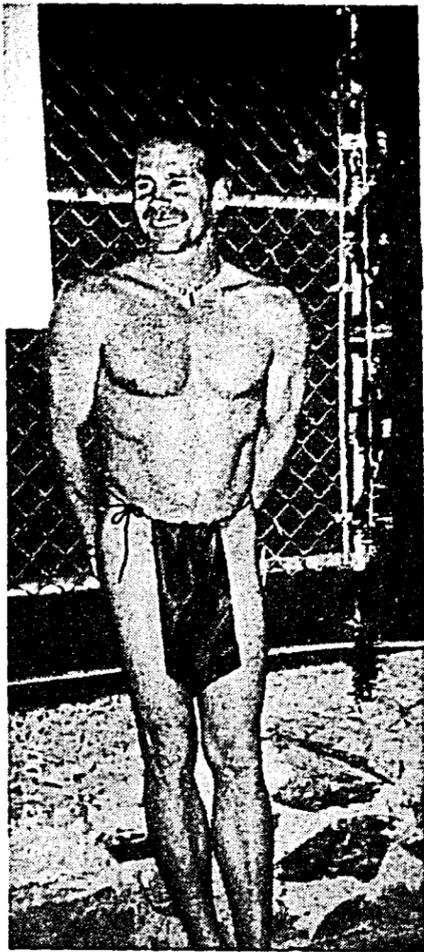
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'Male Pattern Boldness'

Okay, I admit it - I've gained some weight. After thirty eight years of being slim ("skinny", some have said), I am now tipping the scales at a lifetime record. And, while I can still see my toes if I look down, I have had a moment of embarrassment when a button from a pair of khaki's dislodged from my waistline in a movie theatre, with the force of a small gauge hand-gun. Middle age has not only set in, it has surrounded and expanded me.

All of this has caused a resurgence of going to the gym and-for the first time in memory- counting calories. I realized one day earlier this summer that walking from my office to a nearby mall during lunch really didn't help the cause if my goal was to get the Dairy Queen at the food court. My rationalization that the daily walk would help lasted only until I saw my weight edge up another pound or two.

The hardest part of gaining weight isn't losing it - it's the cost of expanding a wardrobe of pants and jackets to accommodate a growing mid-section. Do we jump from a 30 waist to a 31 waist and leave it at that - or do we struggle to keep in the clothes we have and work our way back to a comfort level? After several frustrating accounts of having to lie flat on my back to zip up my jeans, I begrudgingly accepted that the emperor does, indeed, need new clothes.

The act of moving from a small size to a medium is heart-wrenching in this community, especially if it is due to a weight gain that is not from muscle mass. In line at the Gap, there always seems to be somebody waiting in front of you that you recognize from the nightclubs as somebody who is always dancing without a shirt on. As he nods to me, the grip on my new purchases moves to cover the size tag in hopes that he won't notice. But he narrows his eyes and looks at me, as if to say, "I know why you are suddenly wearing your shirts without tucking them in."

The process of weight loss infects your entire life like a computer virus, landing on everyday functions without you realizing it. At the grocery store, you suddenly become aware of fat content and caloric consumption. A trip to buy a few groceries suddenly expands to a hour or more, almost like a trip to the library. Your vision blurs when you realize that you've never really consumed anything that was good for you. You pass the soda and ice-cream in favor of bottled water and rice cakes.

Eating at restaurants become an ordeal - you scan the menu with little hope of finding anything that encourages both diet and taste. You scowl when you ask for

Egg Beaters when you do brunch. You mentally cross off any red meat. Deserts become a distant memory; and the crème brulce that just passed your table is such a beautiful thing that your stomach growls despite the plate of salad that you just ate.

At work you try to smile when you pass the elevators - telling your staff that no, you'll be taking the stairs. By the third flight, your body is sheathed in a glimmer of sweat and your breath is coming in short, angry spurts. And now you cannot even reward yourself when you get to your office with a cup of coffee. -the caffeine, you know.

Your morning ritual now not only includes brushing your teeth and showering, but taking a wide variety of pills to suppress your appetite, vitamins to ensure your general health and protein shakes to promote the accumulation of muscle. Add to this prescription medications that are suddenly necessary to counter the advent of middle age: allergies, blood pressure, cholesterol. It is a daily pharmaceutical nightmare - and you've just woken up.

Your friends try to be nice. Some will take the high road, non-committing comments like, "it looks good on you. You were always too slim." Others will tell you like it is: "Wow. Talk about Santa Claus." Others say nothing at all, but their actions speak loudly - offering to pick up the newspaper you just dropped so you don't have to bend over, or slowing down their own pace when you are walking together, so that they don't get to the top of the stairs too much before you.

Even the gym offers little help. Modern cardio and aerobic machines have become too smart for their own good. After an invigorating ten mile stint on the stationary bike, a digital display tells you that you have performed Below Average. If not for the exhaustion that wracks your body, you would kick the equipment rather than simply limp off the mount and pray the cramps spreading from your legs upward will be mercifully short lived. I have now searched for that mythical "plateau" when working out becomes enjoyable for so long, I might as well be on a quest for a lost Incan civilization. I think I have the same chance of discovering either.

Middle age is a bitch all right. Simple things become a happy memory of your youth - like sleeping through the night. Suddenly, I am waking up routinely with a need to use the bathroom; the pressure on my bladder so great that I have a revelatory vision in which I visualize my bladder like a condom filled with water, ready to be tossed off a balcony at me. Or - you cannot recall the last time you were carded for a drink. Or - this is a killer - your nieces and nephews are suddenly graduating from college and asking if you want to meet them for a drink. A drink? They're eight years old!

At this writing - I have made some progress. Five pounds have gone, and I've started an additional ritual of face cremes, lotions and after-shaves designed to improve skin tone. Interestingly, I discover that facing middle age is not really about maturing, it's about making one part of your body taut while hoping that another will subside from expansion. Or, as my doctor told me when I had my last physical, "you're at that age, Thomas. I'd like you to lose ten pounds." After the moment in which I wanted to reach out and strangle him passed, I agreed. So would I.



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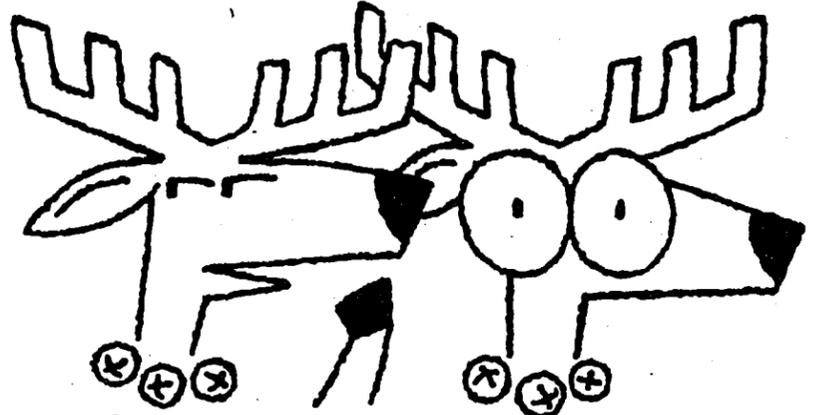
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OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

The GLBT Commission's Outreach Subcommittee was formed six months ago to inform the greater Tucson community about the existence and work of the GLBT Commission and to solicit greater involvement with the Commission. The Outreach Subcommittee developed informational flyers with general information about the commission, including information about when it meets and how community members can become involved. Those flyers were distributed at local GLBT events, including Gay West (with estimated attendance of 2,000) and OUToberfest (with estimated attendance of 8,000). Through these outreach efforts, more than 150 individuals have signed up to receive information or get involved in the Commission's work.

The Outreach Subcommittee worked with OUTrage and the Lesbian Avengers to coordinate a GLBT presence at the sentencing hearing of Richard Bell who brutally murdered a local Gay man.

The Outreach Subcommittee has designed a brochure and a website for the Commission which have been approved by the full Commission. The Commission now seeks Mayor & Council approval for its brochure and website, copies of which are attached.

In addition, the Outreach Subcommittee has designed an event to involve the GLBT Community and its supporters in fundraising for needed services to be provided by a local social services agency, Wingspan. The event is called "Common Treads." It is a 5K run/walk and cultural festival scheduled for January 14, 2001. Mayor Walkup is one of the honorary sponsors.

COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

The GLBT Commission as a whole held a retreat six months ago during which it developed a strategic plan for the remainder of the calendar year. This plan called for a focus upon outreach and education. It also called for obtaining staff support.

The GLBT Commission applied
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a discussion of homosexuality. The State Legislature has since amended the domestic violence law to include same-sex victims. The Commission therefore asks the Mayor & Council to approve its legislative lobbying agenda, which is to promote items 1, 2 and 4.

The Subcommittee on Legal Issues supported and provided a speaker for Tucson's first Freedom to Marry Day in support of same-sex marriage held around Valentine's Day last February and plans to support the second annual Freedom to Marry Day next year.

The Subcommittee on Legal Issues coordinated with the State Bar Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, which had surveyed the Tucson Police Department, to provide survey results to the Police Chief and Legal Counsel to the Police Department. The Subcommittee on Legal Issues invited the Police Chief and Legal Counsel to the Police Department to report to the full Commission on the results of the survey and on issues within the Police Department pertaining to the GLBT community. Together, the Police Chief and the Commission determined that the GLBT community needs to be educated about the means for filing complaints and encouraged to bring complaints where warranted.

The Subcommittee on Legal Issues recommended, the full GLBT Commission agreed, and the Mayor & Council voted for the City of Tucson to sign onto an amicus (friend of the court) brief in the United States Supreme Court in support of New Jersey's anti-discrimination law which prohibited discrimination in public accommodations, including discrimination by the Boy Scouts of America. After that case was lost, the Subcommittee on Legal Issues recommended, the full GLBT Commission agreed, the Human Relations Commission agreed, and the Mayor & Council voted for the City to cease funding any agency that discriminates on the basis of any of the seven characteristics set forth in the Human Relations Ordinance or that promotes discrimination on any of those bases.

In the coming year, the Subcommittee on Legal Issues will draft a proposed Domestic Partner Registry through which couples can obtain formal, civil recognition of their relationships.

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THE MUTE Chris

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

We are poised for great things this week. Watch the dancing ball as luscious Venus trines Saturn, changes signs, trines Jupiter and conjuncts Neptune. This means that our persevering hard work pays off in wildly unexpected and lucky ways. It's payback time, kids so grab your pawn stub and get out of hock now.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams are in their element during the Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune consortium. Venus gives you a professional leg up and bolsters your bottom line. Then this magnificent orb makes you the center of social reform. Use your increased power to strengthen a good Gay cause; Jupiter's influence gives your words oomph. Shout it from the rooftops, comrade.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You have not been making the greatest first impression recently but now, as Venus tangos with Saturn, Neptune and Jupiter, you have an opportunity to double dip. Career tracks, which have recently appeared rather muddled, open like a super-highway. Gather in the rewards while the energy is hot, queer Bull. You receive a beneficent hand from out of the blue. Why ask why?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Attention to personal appearance pays off when Venus aspects Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune. Rainbow Twins charm their way into international society. Shoot for the stars! On a lower level it may mean that you connect through the internet under an apt email moniker. But don't piss away this energy on small stuff. Find an affirming meaning to life and share it globally.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Hidden enemies may have been making mince meat out of your best laid plans but their power has peaked, passed and pooped out when Venus tickles Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune. Expect a psychological epiphany at this time that immediately brings great rewards. If you're a closeted Crab, prepare for an unexpected but much needed outing. I just love outings! Don't you?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Queer Leos may be refreecing the demands of friends, partners and career. Even the most deft Lion can't serve three masters at once, so Venus and her planetary antics offer you a royal opportunity to forge an international peace treaty between all warring factions. If that doesn't do the trick, you can always escape to fabulous parts unknown for a bit of peace and quiet...alone!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pink Virgins have worn themselves down to a nubby stub (and very few people like it that way...) trying to have their professional efforts recognized and rewarded. While you might have given up hope of grabbing the corporate ring, pout no longer, Venus works her magic and the corporate clarion call comes in loud, proud and queer. Ah, but is that what you really want??

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Rainbow Libras continue to expand their horizons and talents through artistic and creative enterprises. Venus, in her travels, hands you a mandate: Give your Gay muse free reign to explore and experiment. Do what you love to do and the accolades and money will soon follow. Randy lovers can get you into all sorts of mischief... if you are really lucky. Give Randy a call.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Get to a gym and enhance your body's natural perfection. Fact is, queer Scorp, that there is a need to be in the right place at the right time to cash in on the Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune transits. You attract that perfect older (or maybe just wiser) lover who can transform your drab home life into a festive love nest. Lethargy however gets you a tv dinner and video on New Years Eve.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers find that their gleeful participation in a funfest may in fact lead to more powerful and far reaching enterprises. Communication packs a punch when Venus, Saturn, Neptune and Jupiter converge, so be warned. If you are still trolling for a perfect partner, you may find that hanging around the water cooler at work quenches your thirst. Drink heartily, cousin.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If you've been feeling like an old rat on a treadmill, thank Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Neptune for the planetary break. Hard work pays off and queer Caps can cash their chips for a tidy sum. Don't be a dreary boring schmuel; invest in a rousing party hearty holiday season to chase the workaholic blues away. Surround yourself with the "A" list and treat yourself to diversions from A to Z.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians have pretty big mouths (which accounts for their popularity in certain circles...). Now, with fabulous Venus ruling the cosmos, you are poised for great new events and need to think on your feet. If you've been noodling around with some after hours project just for the fun of it, you may suddenly be catapulted into the center stage of attention. Don't trip over the edge...

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are undergoing a cathartic transformation. Now, with the Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune, Venus aspect, this personal journey will begin to take on a wonderful shape. You find that all that you value is open to reevaluation. Issues with home, family and spirituality may be blocking you from true affirmation and ultimate happiness. A new year brings new fascinations. No names please!

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GLBT Commission

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for and received a grant of \$20,000 from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona to hire a half-time Secretary II to handle its administrative work which the City's Boards and Commissions Office has not been able to take on due to limited staff availability. The Secretary to the GLBT Commission will be hired in early 2001 and will be housed in the new Equal Opportunity Office ("EOO") and supervised by EOO Director Sylvia Campoy for the first year. Thereafter, the GLBT Commission hopes that it will obtain continued funding from the Community Foundation for the Secretary position to be continued and hopes that the Secretary can be housed at the Boards and Commissions Office, reporting to a supervisor there.

The GLBT Commission did not ask the City of Tucson for any funding this year and has not sought any funding in the budget cycle for 2001. The GLBT Commission anticipates that it will require a small amount of City funding in the 2002 budget to cover some of its administrative costs. A specific proposal respecting funding will be presented sometime next spring or summer to the City Manager and thereafter to the Mayor and Council.

Tucson's GLBT Commission and its subcommittees meet monthly, for more information, call Bertie Lozano (520) 628-7223.

'Dr.' Laura Show

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show. Major national advertisers shunned the broadcast, and two of the handful of nationally recognized companies that did run spots in its first week pulled their commitments.

Since December 1, television stations carrying the program in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Oklahoma City, Okla., Fort Wayne, Ind., Tallahassee, Fla., Beaumont/Port Arthur, Tx. and Portland, Ore. have moved the show late night or pre-dawn time slots.

"Variety" reports this week these time-slot downgrades for the "Dr. Laura Show" are only hastening the show's free-fall in ratings. The Washington Post reported over the weekend that the show's ratings in the D.C. market -- the only market in the top ten still airing Laura during daylight hours -- are dead last in its 1:00 p.m. timeslot, drawing just 9,000 viewers a day.

GLAAD says the broadcast schedule contains at least 13 consecutive repeat episodes, running from Dec. 6 through at least Friday, Dec. 22. That can only mean a further slump in viewership, says the organization.

Drawing from a front page feature appearing in the current issue of Variety, GLAAD says Paramount Domestic Television has incurred losses thought to be in the seven-figure range on the show.

The article asserts that Paramount Television is reviewing its marketing policies in light of the public relations and financial fiasco Schlessinger cost the company and that the damage may be felt for a long time.

Variety says Paramount's leverage during the current selling season for 2001-02 has likely been compromised due to the resentment of station managers tied to almost worthless "Dr. Laura" broadcasting contracts.

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The Breeders	14	0
Mamas Family	14	0
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Slutopoly	12	2
Sluts-R-Us	9	5
Tres Amigos	9	5
Rebellious!	7	7
Judy's Truck Stop	7	7
Oompah Loompahs	7	7
Children of the Corn	6	8
The Hoochies	5	9
Gay Divorcees*	4	3
Wicked Witches	2	12
Erratica 5	2	12
The Nut Sack	0	14
Gutter Snipes*	0	7
M-Cubed*	0	7

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SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Mamas Family, 536; Keith D., 228; JoAnn S., 180.

High Series Scratch: Keith D., 768; JoAnn S., 667; The Breeders, 1793.

High Game Scratch: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; JoAnn S., 254; Sluts-R-Us, 661.

High Series Handicap: Keith D., 768; Kristen S., 753; The Breeders, 2000.

High Game Handicap: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; Kristen S., 293; Sluts-R-Us, 735.



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PLAYING THRU DEC. 23

Green Thursday Theatre Project, Tucson's new queer and quirky theatre company presents "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" by Jeff Goode Thursday thru Saturdays Dec. 7-9 / 14-16 / 21-23 at 7:00 p.m. at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress St. \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Hotel Congress front desk. Call 795-4322 for reservations. Scandal erupts at the North Pole when one of Santa's eight tiny reindeer accuses him of sexual harassment.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, December 14 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN as they go the Reveille's Christmas Concert: "Ye Merry Gentlemen!". For tickets or more info, please contact Bill at 577-0645.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Due to popular demand, we're showing the "Rites of Passage" again this month. It was "sold out" in October and for a good reason: it's a great gay thriller about a young man at an isolated cabin with his brother, a homophobic father and killers on the loose. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Terry as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Barnes and Noble on Broadway. Tonight's meeting the group will be reading Anchee Min's "Red Azalea". Newcomers are especially welcome. 5130 E. Broadway (at Rosemont)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "In The Flesh"-this month's second good, gay thriller. A young college boy works as a hustler at night, and he may be the key to a brutal murder. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinochle is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. A traditional Holiday Dinner is offered for all who wish to join in with the MSN family. The main dishes will be provided, and if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, you may. If you're home for the holiday, spend it with your gay family. We'll also be showing 2 movies: "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" at 4, and "The Wizard of Oz" at 6. Games will also be out for those interested. For directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts a Video Grab Bag. The participants will bring movies, and the winning movie will be shown that evening. If you don't have a movie to bring, just come on over and watch whatever may be chosen. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jeff as he hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Meeting Men in a Healthy Way". Are you always meeting Mr. Wrong? Looking for love in all the wrong places? Come and share your thoughts on the subjects, and maybe come away with new ideas for meeting men. For reservations and directions, please contact Jeff at 299-1194.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host the annual New Year's Eve Game Night. Games begin at 7 and go past midnight, as we ring in the new millennium together. Sparkling cider and grape juice is provided for toasting in the New Year. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

BAR CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Angela Dodd, Samantha White and Faith Michaels.

WOODY'S - They're giving the spaghetti a rest for awhile and the regular Wednesday chow will be a Big Chili Feed for \$2.50 with foan's served from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

VENTURE-N - The Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) invite you to attend their "Touched by the Owls" Christmas Benefit Carnival on the Patio of the V-N from 10:00 am. Until 8:00 p.m. The "Funraiser" is for TIHAN Food Boxes and toys and clothing needs for HIV affected children at the Casa Gloriosa. Activity schedule from 10 a.m. to noon a Pancake and Egg Breakfast (\$2.50); 3-7 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust. 3-8 p.m. the carnival begins with games, of all descriptions, a silent auction, balloon bust, blackjack table, etc., etc. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bar-B-Que (\$3.00). Check this Carnival out. It'll be a blast, and for a very good cause.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

IBT'S - The Sunday Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Correa family of Yuma. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for the Correa family hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Bunny FuFu, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Stella Virgin, Aija Simone and Ariel.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The "Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday, featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu and Domino Bush.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

IBT'S New Years Eve Party begins with a show at 8:00p.m., champagne and party favors at midnight and all the trimings. No Cover. Watch for more details.

VENTURE-N - New Year's Eve Felich Ball. "Balloon Busters Ball 2001. Bring in the New Year with a Bang!

WOODY'S - A Sit-Down Dinner is planned here from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. \$7.50 with tickets on sale starting Friday, Dec. 18 at Woody's. No cover New Year's Eve, Champagne and party favors.



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IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Pick-up Volleyball games 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 sirloin burger. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 5-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2fort1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-lsh. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

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NOTICES

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Berbe 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6847.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1820 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4283.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-8057 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

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GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

HKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome- and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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SAA (SexAddicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 817-3100 for more info.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM. Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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SANTA BARBARA, CA (NP) - A life-long Scout and veteran BSA employee won't sit still for being fired, especially since he outed himself defending the "no Gays" policy.

Leonard Lanzi, who devoted his entire life to Scouting and publicly identified himself as a Gay man only to bolster his credibility in defending the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) policy of excluding Gays, filed a lawsuit against his former employer on December 5 in Santa Barbara, California Superior Court. Lanzi alleges breach of contract, defamation, employment discrimination, emotional distress, and wrongful termination, seeking punitive damages and compensation for past and future earnings in his former role as executive director of the Los Padres Council of the BSA. Opinions are divided as to whether Scouts' discrimination against Lanzi as a paid employee will differ legally from the discrimination experienced by openly Gay former volunteer assistant scoutmaster James Dale, in which the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed BSA's right to "expressive association" above New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination. Lanzi, who oversaw 249 troops and packs of some 8,000 boys in two counties, is believed to be the highest-ranking man in Scouting to be booted for being Gay since the Supreme Court ruling in June.

The filing also revealed some previously murky details of the termination of Lanzi, 38, an Eagle Scout who had been employed by the Scouts for fourteen years, three with the Los Padres Council. The story begins with a September story in the Santa Barbara News-Press in which Lanzi was quoted as a Gay man in Scouting but was not identified. Lanzi wrote to his re-

gional director Marcus Mack seeking advice for handling media inquiries regarding his sexual orientation, and two weeks later met with Mack in person regarding an upcoming meeting at which the Santa Barbara County Commission was to consider whether to sever its ties with Scouts because of the discriminatory policy. Mack refused to counsel Lanzi, according to the lawsuit.

Five days later on October 17 Lanzi gave testimony before the Commission, defending the Scouts and saying he is Gay. The next day, Los Padres Council board chair Harvey Lynn asked Lanzi to resign, and when Lanzi refused, Lynn asked "if he could change," e.g., become heterosexual. Next Mack met with Lanzi, asking him to sign a resignation agreement already drawn up by BSA, and when Lanzi refused, he was suspended with pay. A week later BSA sent Lanzi a fax at the machine serving the entire office, "decommissioning" him and declaring him ineligible to serve as an executive, and saying, "Homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the required Scout Oath to be morally straight and in Scout Law to be clean in one's speech and actions." Two weeks after that, on November 14 the Los Padres Council board voted 20 - 7 to terminate him, with another 13 members abstaining or absent.

Veteran civil rights attorney Jon Davidson of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told the San Luis Obispo Tribune that the only comparable California case he is aware of was the Scouts' termination twenty years ago of an unmarried San Diego employee who cohabited with a woman; that man was reinstated by order of a state administrative board.

Judge Strikes Down Iowa Gov.'s Executive Order

DES MOINES, IA (WS) - A judge in Polk County has ruled that Gov. Tom Vilsack overstepped his authority when he issued an executive order last year forbidding discrimination against Gays, Lesbians, and transsexuals in state government.

Judge Glenn Pille declared the order invalid. "By adding the additional classification contained in his executive order...this court concludes that he has infringed upon the legislative authority by creating law," the judge wrote in his 14-page decision.

Republican legislators have staged legal challenges to Democrat Vilsack's executive order ever since he issued it in September 1999. "It is our responsibility to write laws. The governor did not have the authority to write laws," said senate majority leader Stewart Iverson, a Republican. Sen. Steve King, also a Republican, added, "Whenever you start expanding rights to people based on their alleged behavior, then you've opened up a list that there's no end to."

Vilsack said he wanted to review the judge's decision before he decided if he would appeal. He said he would like to work with the legislature to provide "equal opportunity in state employment to all persons." In a statement released by his office, Vilsack said, "Given the quality of the people who lead our state agencies, we are confident that no discrimination will take place until such time as the legislature acts."

Magazine Retracts Clinton's 'Dumbass' Remark

WASHINGTON, DC - Rolling Stone says President Clinton did not use the phrase "dumb-ass" to describe the military's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy governing Gay service in the military.

The apparent misquote, printed in Rolling Stone's latest issue, was brought up in a White House briefing Thursday when a reporter asked: "When did the president decide that 'don't ask, don't tell' was a dumbass thing to do?"

White House press secretary Jake Siewert told reporters that the president did not use "unsavory language" when discussing the policy, and that Rolling Stone printed it in error.

The Rolling Stone article, based on interviews with Clinton by the magazine's founder, Jann Wenner, quoted Clinton as saying: "And it was only then that I worked out with (former Joint Chiefs of Staff) Colin Powell this dumbass 'don't ask, don't tell' thing ..."

Robert Love, managing editor of Rolling Stone, said it was a typo.

"Due to a transcription error, the words 'don't ask' were printed as 'dumb ass' in our interview with President Clinton. We regret the error," Love said in a written statement.



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