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### First Anniversary Of Civil Unions Decision

MONTPELIER, VT (GFN) - Just 52 weeks ago this week, the Vermont Supreme Court set the state on the most wrenching journey imaginable. In that short time, Vermonters debated and argued passionately about one of the hot buttons in American politics and emerged with the most far-reaching equal-rights statute in the country.

A majority of legislators ended up pretty much agreeing with the court's conclusion that Gay men and Lesbians were being denied constitutional rights and they created, for the first time in America, a system in which same-sex couples can essentially get married.

"I think the conversation we had in the last year is just unparalleled anywhere in this country and maybe in the world," said Stan Baker, whose name will forever be associated with the issue because his was the first one listed on the lawsuit in which he and his partner and two other couples sought marriage licenses.

A year's time is hardly enough to begin digesting the enormity of the Baker decision and its consequences. It is fair to say, however, that no one is entirely satisfied.

Some are pleased that for the first time in America a state government has given legal recognition, and therefore benefits, to their relationship with someone of the same gender.

Others, though, are appalled that a state government would take such a monumental step, especially in such a short time.

"Things were rushed," said state Rep. George Schiavone, R-Shelburne. "A lot happened. Events happened fast. It was rushed through, and I would not have guessed we would be at this point. I would have guessed we would have some kind of partnership arrangement, but not something that parallels marriage."

One of the men who helped guide the law through the legislature, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard Sears, said the court-decided presidential election got him to thinking again about the marriage issue in Vermont. Al Gore reluctantly accepted the finality of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, after all.

"I think that should ring for a lot of people in Vermont, to understand the Supreme Court is the arbiter of what our

Constitution says," Sears said. "Did we move too fast? Those whose rights were being violated, according to the Supreme Court, might have thought we moved too slow."

For some lawmakers, the vote for civil unions was costly. Seven senators who voted for the law either retired or were defeated for reelection; 29 representatives who supported it were defeated or retired.

Despite the continued opposition that was so obvious in the election and in a pending court challenge seeking to overturn the law, a little more than six months after the court ruled, the first civil unions took place.

And now, a year later, 1,450 couples have been joined in civil unions, no convenient verb has been found to describe what happens in the ceremonies, all but 341 of them from out of state.

### Ousted Lesbian Manager Files Complaint Against Buffalo Exchange

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - A former Lesbian manager with a Tucson based clothing store has filed a discrimination complaint with the City of Tucson Equality Opportunity Office:

Elizabeth Hutchinson, an open Lesbian who had been working at the Buffalo Exchange clothing store, said she was fired from her job, December 15, after coming out as a Lesbian.

Buffalo Exchange management were unavailable for comment as of press time.

Hutchinson said she had been employed with the firm for nearly three years, starting out as clerk and receiving a promotion to a manager's position in the warehouse, where she was in charge of processing new clothing to the 21 Buffalo Exchange outlet stores across the country.

She said she had received good evaluations while working for the clothing

store, for which Hutchinson wanted to make a career of, since she loved her job, something many in the workforce can't state.

In June of this year, Hutchinson met her life partner. She said she talked about her life partner with her co-workers. Trouble, according to Hutchinson, soon ensued with her supervisor, an individual named Kristen Hodgson, who told her to stop talking about her personal life.

She went on to state that her work load increased dramatically, up to four times the usual amount to process new clothes, but she completed her work and was promised another promotion, which didn't happen. Despite this, Hutchinson said that she still "believed the best in people."

Hutchinson said problems still ensued with her supervisor and she went to Buffalo Exchange's Human Resources Department to resolve the situation. Rebecca Block, Vice President of the clothing exchange, and Hodgson's supervisor, according to Hutchinson, told her to not go to the human resources department.

The harassment, according to Hutchinson, kept up with her being placed on "probation." Hutchinson said her staff wanted to complain but were afraid of Hodgson, who, Hutchinson alleges, forced out her predecessor in the position. One subordinate of Hutchinson, she said, sent a letter to Rebecca Block about Hutchinson's treatment on the job.

On December 15, according to Hutchinson, Block had called her into her office and told her that she was to attend a meeting with Block and Hodgson in the conference room. When she got to the conference room, Hutchinson said, two human resource employees were the only ones present, and stated "her employment was no longer needed."

One of the human resource employees, Hutchinson said, escorted her back to the warehouse to get her things. Back at her office, Hutchinson said Block stormed in and told her that all of her things, including pictures of her life partner, were the property of the Buffalo Exchange and that if she didn't leave the premises immediately, Block would call the police.

"It's a great company, but the whole idea of this company is being perverted," Hutchinson said. On their Web site, the company says they are an equal opportunity employer.

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**LA NOCHE BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS**

Tis the night before Christmas  
And all through the casa  
Not a creature is stirring,  
Caramba! Que pasa?

The stockings are hanging con mucho cuidado  
In hope that St. Nicholas will feel obligado  
To leave a few cosas aqui y alli  
Por chico y chica (y something por me).

Los niños are snuggled all safe in their camas  
Some in vestidos and some in pajamas  
Their little cabezas all full of good things  
They all esperando que Santa will bring.

Santa esta at the corner saloon  
Mui borracho since midafternoon.  
Mama is sitting beside la ventana  
Shining her rolling pin para mañana.

When Santa returns to his home zigzagando  
Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner cantando.  
And Mama will send him to bed con a right;  
Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night!

Author Unknown

# UPDATE

## Candlelight Christmas Eve Service At MCC

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will celebrate Christmas with an exciting and spiritually uplifting Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship service, Sunday evening December 24 at 10:45 p.m.

The service will open with the traditional Christmas bells and the Ave Maria by well-known Tucson soloist Jorge Lopez. The Christmas Eve liturgy will include familiar carols, traditional scriptures, special music, a homily by the Pastor the Reverend Joyce Cook, and the celebration of Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the candlelighting ceremony.

Immediately following the Christmas eve Candlelight service, the Board of Directors of the church will host a fabulous Midnight Gala Christmas Reception. On Christmas Day, members, friends and visitors are invited to bring a food dish and gather at the church at 11:00 a.m. Christmas caroling with the Christmas dinner at noon.

Water of Life MCC is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC). The UFMCC was founded as the first major Christian church with an affirming ministry with and among the Gay and Lesbian community. Water of Life MCC was founded in Tucson in December 1970 as one of the early congregations of the UFMCC.

The Reverend Cook is inviting everyone to come and celebrate Christmas at the incredible Christmas eve Worship service that will culminate the Advent Season. There is no admission charge. Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road, and worships each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.

## POZ Cafe Logo Honored

TUCSON - The logo for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network's (TIHAN) Poz Cafe has been selected to appear in Print Magazine's 2000 Regional Design Annual.

Print Magazine, the nation's foremost publication on graphic design, publishes the Regional Design Annual which showcases all forms of design from across America and has international circulation.

The Poz Cafe logo, designed by local designer David Hoffman, was chosen out of tens of thousands of other entries to appear in the Annual. David's logos for Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, The University of Arizona School of Music and Dance, and his own design business, Hoffman Design, appeared in last year's 1999 Regional Design Annual.

POZ Cafe is a monthly lunch program for HIV+ persons and their guests, providing a safe, Gay friendly environment for a nutritious meal followed by social activities. POZ Cafe is held the third Thursday of each month, and is made possible in part by TIHAN's compassionate congregations and the support of St. Francis in the Foothills Methodist Church and AGRA. For more information on POZ Cafe, or any of the other services that TIHAN provides, call (520) 299-6647.

## Desert Voices Auditions

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus, are holding auditions for their annual spring pops concert.

Auditions for "Heart & Soul," a tribute to R&B music, will take place January 8 and 15, 6:00 p.m., at the Armory Park Senior Center.

A guest artist will be joining the chorus for the March 17-18 premiere performances at the Berger Theatre. For more information, call (520) 791-9662.

## Teddy Bear Raffle A Go But With No Show!

TUCSON - Circumstances prevented the presentation of a benefit drag show in conjunction with Uncle Rudi's Teddy Bear Raffle and Show 2000.

The twenty-seven year history of this Gay community based fund raiser was marred by the death of its founder, Rudi Riesgo, last January.

This year's raffle tickets were available at Mostly Bears, Robb & Co., Something 4U, and Woody's. Prizes were donated by several of those businesses and other individuals. The drawing was held on December 17, and local resident Beth Shy won the Grand Prize, "Kahuna," a collectors stuffed bear by Gund, one of a limited edition. Over \$500 was raised, for which all proceeds directly benefit the children served and protected by the Arizona Children's Foundation.

Organizers wishes to express their thanks to the community for their continued support and are planning for next year's effort, "Space Bear 2001."

## A Coincidence?

In 1555, Nostradamus wrote:

"Come to the millennium, month 12, in the home of the greatest power, the village idiot will come forth to be acclaimed the leader."

Coincidence?

## 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.saaf.org](http://www.saaf.org). Open until filled. AA/EOE

## GLBT Group Pledges To Work For Equality In Wake Of Elections

WASHINGTON, DC - With the presidential election settled by a historic Supreme Court decision and the subsequent concession of Vice President Al Gore on Dec. 13, the Human Rights Campaign pledged to continue working for progress in the new political environment.

"We know there are challenges ahead, but HRC has long proven its ability to operate professionally and effectively on shifting political terrain," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "We will continue to work in a strong, bipartisan fashion to further our progress. With challenge comes opportunity, and we will seek to advance, not retreat, from issues important to our community."

HRC is the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that Lesbian and Gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

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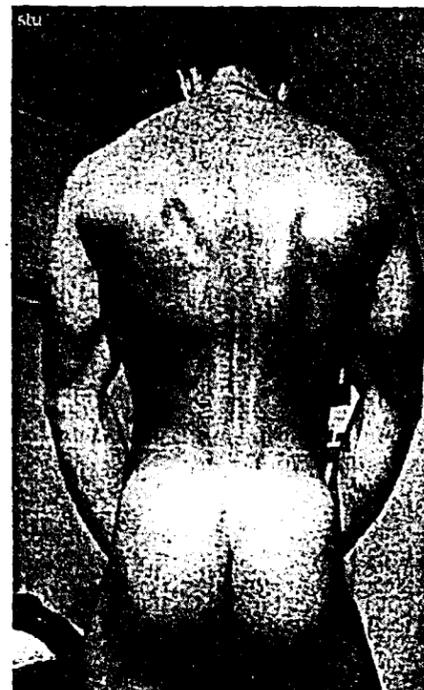
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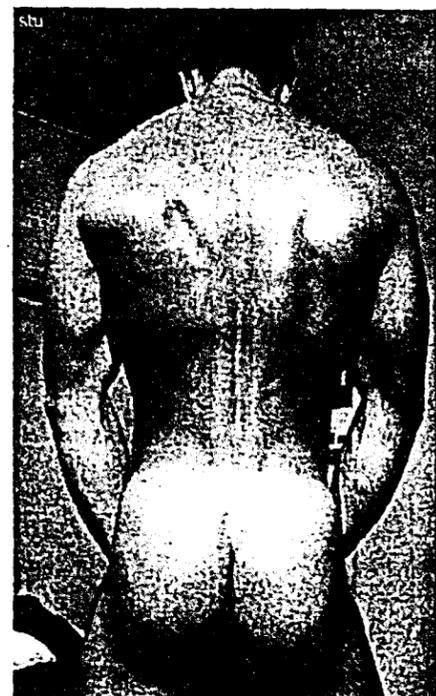
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## TKO Christmas Carnival A Success



TUCSON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) fundraising efforts for two local charities raised over \$1,100 last Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Venture-N. Pictured above are Merlin Cummins, TKO President and his partner Mark Little who were kept busy with numerous fundraising activities going on at once. Congratulations to TKO and all who contributed to this fundraising afternoon. Proceeds from TKO's Christmas Carnival were split between TIHAN for their Christmas Food Boxes and HIV-affected children at Casa Gloriosa. See Story below.

TUCSON - More than \$1,100 was raised by the fund raising efforts by the Tucson Knight Owls, and their Christmas Carnival held at the Venture N, held December 16. Proceeds from the Carnival will go to local charities.

The patio of the Venture-N was decked as never before, for a day of holiday sharing and partying. Thirty five people attended the pancake breakfast, the first event of the Carnival. As the day progressed, more and more people took part in the games, including gargantuan jousting beams which settled some "vendettas," a

silent auction that raised \$360, in buying gifts from the beer drinking Santa, the raffles with the "Bucket-O-Porn," and the barbecue, resulting in more dollars for two pre-selected local charities.

Organizers said that TKO members went out and got prizes, monetary donations, time commitments, and a location to make their event a success. A big thanks to the community and those who took in the Carnival was expressed by the organizers for making this holiday fund raiser a hit.

## Coppinger Fasts To Save Chaplain Job

PHOENIX - The chaplain at the Arizona Legislature started a 90-hour fast and prayer vigil, Monday, December 18, to save his job from "homophobia," the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Charles Coppinger said supporters at the Capitol have told him his unpaid contract will not be renewed when lawmakers reconvene on Jan. 8.

Instead, he said, legislative leaders are considering abolishing the full-time position and going back to having a daily visiting chaplain.

Coppinger said he believes that decision stems from his public pronouncement two months ago that "God has created me as a Gay man."

"I'm going to be praying that God will move upon the heart of (legislative) leadership," said Coppinger, who started his vigil at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 18, in the courtyard between the state House and Senate buildings. The 90-hour length is based on the 90 members of the Legislature.

House Speaker-elect Jim Weiers insisted that no decision has been made, either about Coppinger's tenure or whether to abolish the post created four years ago. His Senate counterpart, Randall Gnant, could not be reached for comment.

Coppinger said he will not go quietly.

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**A Bush In The Hand**

As the U.S. presidential race dust settles, what will the next four years really be like for the Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans movement?

Almost exactly 24 hours after the U.S. Supreme Court denied his request for further manual recounts of thousands of Florida ballots, Vice President Al Gore conceded the presidency to Texas Governor George W. Bush. In a nationally broadcast prime-time speech on December 13, he urged the nation to come together behind president-elect Bush and support his administration.

Whether such reconciliation will happen remains an open question. There are many in the Democratic Party (probably a majority) who believe the presidency was stolen from Gore. And regardless of the conciliatory posture they strike in public, they remain convinced that Bush's reign will be illegitimate. Adding to this discord is the fact that most of them also have fundamental disagreements with Bush's proposed policies.

Among this group is undoubtedly a sizable percent of Gay and Lesbian voters, as well as the majority of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) political organizations. Exit polls suggest that roughly 7 in 10 Gay and Lesbian voters cast ballots for Gore. And virtually every GLBT dot-org — with the notable exception of the Log Cabin Republicans — campaigned actively for Gore, warning that Bush's opposition to Gay rights and his professed admiration for conservative judges would scuttle progress on queer issues for the next four years — if not longer.

But this was just conjecture. Now that Bush's presidency is a done deal and the balance of power in Congress is established, we can better evaluate how new administration might affect Gay rights. (Sure, it's still conjecture ... but it's better informed conjecture.)

**Legislation:** This is the area in which Bush and Gore had the most obvious — and easily describable — differences. Gore was on our side on hate crimes, employment discrimination, Gays in the military, and civil unions. Bush sided with the opposition on all these issues. Undeniably, the prospects for Gay rights would have been better under Gore, but in the end these policy differences may not turn out to be terribly consequential. Gore would have tried to make legislative progress on some of these issues, but he would likely have failed. (There probably aren't enough votes in either the House or the Senate to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act or the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy, and since Republicans retain control of the House, hate crimes and employment discrimination bills probably would never even reach a vote.) Bush won't even try. Either way, legislative victories aren't in the cards — at least in the next two years.

In the 2002 elections, though, Democrats stand a decent chance of relaxing control of Congress. The opposition party often makes gains in the midterm elections, and Democrats will be particularly galvanized because of their belief in the unfairness of the presidential contest. If this happens, they could force a confrontation with Bush over hate crimes and employment discrimination legislation. Although Bush has never indicated that he would support these measures, his evasive answers in the debates suggested that he was unwilling to publicly oppose them.

Hopefully the Log Cabin Republicans will be able to sway Bush on these

issues. One upside of their questionable endorsement of Bush for president is that they may have gained the political capital necessary to exert some influence over policy. But the Los Angeles Times is reporting that Bush is being actively lobbied by the right wing of his party — which is much larger than the Gay wing.

**The Supreme Court:** After their decision Tuesday night, December 12, no one can doubt the importance of the Supreme Court. And Bush will probably get to appoint between one and three new justices. The court's conservative bloc consists of five Republican-appointed justices. These five — Scalia, Thomas, O'Connor, Rehnquist, and Kennedy — made up the majority in the Gore vs. Bush opinion, as well as in the Boy Scout decision, in which the court allowed the Scouts to continue discriminating against Gay leaders. Bush has said the justices he most admires are Scalia and Thomas, so it doesn't take a law degree to guess that his appointees will probably lean

to the right on GLBT issues.

On the upside, as Gay Republicans are quick to point out, it is not always possible to know how an appointee will vote ahead of time. After all, Justice Souter, a George H. W. Bush appointee, often sides with the liberals. Since the Senate, which must approve judicial appointments, is evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, Bush may be forced to appoint judges with relatively moderate records. Also, Rehnquist and O'Connor were rumored to be considering retirement if Bush won. (Conveniently, they got to help decide whether he would.) Thus, Bush's first appointees may simply replace other conservatives. This would likely prolong conservative control of the court, but it would not expand it. Some liberals could be nearing retirement, too, but they might try to hold out for another four years, banking on a Democrat taking office.

The Executive Branch: Ironically,

the area in which Bush could do the most damage to GLBT advances is the one given the least attention by the press and Gay groups — the executive branch. The president appoints executives in every area of the federal government — from law enforcement to the military to education. President Clinton has used this power to put a record number of openly Gay and Lesbian people in office. He also created a special White House liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community and signed an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment. Bush has made conflicting statements about whether he would appoint openly Gay people to his administration, and he has avoided questions about the liaison position and the executive order. But it seems fair to conclude that he would not be anywhere near as inclusive of GLBT people as Clinton has been.

But beyond queer representation, there is the issue of Gay-supportiveness. Bush will appoint Justice Department officials who decide how to enforce civil rights laws; he will appoint Education Department officials who will influence GLBT and health education policies in public

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## POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'Gore In Four'

On Tuesday, December 12, 2000, America sunk to the depths of a third-world country when the U.S. Supreme Court anointed George W. Bush as the country's 43<sup>rd</sup> President.

In their 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court stopped the recount of Florida ballots which registered as an under vote, overturning the Florida Supreme Court decision, stating a full recount was needed but there weren't uniform standards and there just wasn't time, this after stopping the count with a stay and scheduling hearings so close to deadlines set down in the U.S. Constitution that no remedy to this disputed election could be implemented, and from a court which has stressed a "state's rights" mantra in its rulings.

Vice President Gore, in a televised address, congratulated Bush on becoming the 43<sup>rd</sup> President and offered his support. Gore's speech went well with the public, who does not consider him a sore loser and his favorable rating has rebounded in the wake of his speech, according to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll.

Gore's favorable rating is up to 57 percent, about where it was before Election Day. The Vice President met with Bush on Tuesday, fueling speculation about a rematch in 2004. According to the poll, if Bush and Gore were on the ballot four years from now, 50 percent of all registered voters say they would choose Gore over Bush; 41% would pick Bush.

What of the Supreme Court? As Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens said in his dissent, the clear loser in the election was the court, a point the public agrees with, according to a Newsweek poll. Sixty-five percent of those surveyed be-

lieved politics or partisanship played a role in the U.S. Supreme Court justices' decision, according to the poll.

So did partisanship and politics play a role? Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was upset during an election-night party when she heard Florida was first called for Vice President Al Gore, exclaiming, "this is terrible," according to a report in Newsweek magazine.

The report said O'Connor made the comment at about 8:00 p.m. on November 7, and declared that meant the election was "over" because Gore had also won two other key states.

Quoting two eyewitnesses to her comments, Newsweek said that O'Connor then walked off to get a plate of food, and her husband, John, explained to friends and acquaintances that she was upset because they wanted to retire to Arizona and a Gore presidency meant they would have to wait another four years because she did not want a Democrat to name her successor. O'Connor had been appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

The magazine said O'Connor's remarks would likely fuel criticism that high court justices "sought to influence" election returns in their ruling in George W. Bush v. Albert Gore Jr. that ended the impasse over the presidential election. Newsweek, seeking a response from Justice O'Connor to the accounts of her election-night comment, said that a high court spokesman said she had no comment.

Despite the Supreme Court's selection of a President, those Florida ballots which registered as an "under vote" are being counted, thanks to a consortium of news media outlets and political groups, who are footing the bill to see who really won the state. For those still questioning Florida's official result, there is this, an "unofficial" count in conservative Lake County was completed Monday, December 18, and there was a net gain for Gore of 130 votes, and there are still 66 more counties to be reviewed.

Also on December 18, the electoral college, a select group of individuals gathered in the 50 state capitals, and in the District of Columbia to "rubber stamp" the Supreme Court's decision, voting for George Dubya Bush over Al Gore, by a 271-266 margin.

One Gore elector reportedly did not vote for him. Barbara Lett Simmons, one of three electors from Washington D.C., said she cast a blank ballot to protest the lack of full voting rights for citizens in the U.S. capital. The federal district has no voting representation in Congress.

A majority of Americans, 60%, according to a Washington Post poll, want to amend the U.S. Constitution to select the president by direct popular vote and do away with the electoral college and the want the federal government to clean up the election mess, with similar rules, ballots and voting machines.

George W. Bush has said that "he'll listen" and wants to heal the nation's wounds. Election reform should come first, not trillion dollar tax cuts.

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# Lesbian's Execution Stands

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (NP) - No more appeals for an Oklahoma woman convicted of killing her partner and the governor is not expected to yield to evidence of mental problems raised by anti-death penalty activists.

Lesbian Wanda Jean Allen still faces execution by lethal injection January 11, after Oklahoma's Pardon and Parole Board voted 3 - 1 to reject her plea for clemency on December 15, exhausting her appeals. Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating has indicated he will not intervene. Allen, 41, will be the first African-American woman to be executed in the U.S. since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 and the first woman to be executed in Oklahoma since it became a state. She was convicted of first degree murder after shooting her partner Gloria Leathers outside a police station in December 1988. The couple had met as prisoners, with Allen serving time for manslaughter after shooting her previous partner Dedra Pettus in 1981. A number of Gay and Lesbian groups had joined death penalty opponents in taking up Allen's cause, based on her low IQ and other problems due to childhood brain injuries, inadequate legal representation, and a trial they say was tainted by classism, racism and homophobia.

The room was packed to its 181-person capacity for the highly emotional hearing, while dozens of other people were turned away. Allen told the board, "I want to live and I'm very ashamed and very sorry for what I did." She ended her statement begging, "Please let me live" - and one of Leathers' brothers burst out with, "That's the same thing my sister said."

Leathers' older brother Greg Wilson told the board, "Let Wanda Jean go to sleep so we can sleep." Pettus' mother also testified in support of Allen's execution. Like Wilson she suggested Leathers might be alive had Allen not been shown leniency in her daughter's death, for which Allen was sentenced to four years and released after a year and a half.

Pleading for Allen's life was Reverend Robin Meyers of Oklahoma City's Mayflower Congregational Church, who said that Jesus would forgive her if he were present, telling her to "Go and sin no more." Meyers said, "Poor, black, female, brain-damaged and Lesbian. That doesn't describe you or me, does it? Neither do we get that kind of justice."

Although it did not come to light until after the trial and sentencing were completed, Allen was found at age 15 in 1975 to have an IQ of 69 and other indications of brain damage from either an auto accident or a stabbing she'd experienced. Meyers said Allen "never got her day in court." Her attorney had not known it would be a capital case when he took it on, and had never tried such a case before. When he asked the court to be replaced, offering to continue to assist without charge, he was opposed by prosecutors and his request was rejected by the judge. Allen's family proved to be able to pay him only \$800 of the \$5,000 retainer he'd requested, so there were no funds for investigation in her defense.

Also speaking for Allen was Tonya McClary of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, who spoke both to the jury's not having been informed of

Allen's mental problems and to the shooting having been a continuation of an altercation that had started earlier in the day that included Leathers hitting Allen in the head with a rake. Prosecutors say there is no evidence of the rake attack but Allen advocates say the marks are visible in photos after her arrest. Police had been called to the couple's home because of incidents in which both had been violent.

Oklahoma Assistant Attorney General Sandy Howard argued strongly against clemency for Allen, saying she had her chance to "Go and sin no more" after serving her time for killing Pettus. In 1995, Allen's IQ had been measured at a low-normal 80, and she'd demonstrated her abilities by completing both high school and a two-year college degree, as well as handling the household finances during her

relationship with Leathers. Howard was particularly incensed that protesters from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and Amnesty International were distributing flyers showing Allen's image against a background of the U.S. flag, and said, "The American flag does not stand for allowing someone to be relieved of their responsibility for first-degree murder. The American flag stands for justice."

Board chair Susan Bussey voted for clemency, concerned about Allen's mental status. Board members Flint Breckinridge, Stephanie Chappelle and Currie Ballard voted to let the death sentence stand. Board member Patrick Morgan was absent, having recused himself because he had formerly served as a prosecutor in Oklahoma County where Allen was convicted.

## Defense To Portray Murdered Warren As Predator

GRANT TOWN, WV (PPG) - Lawyers defending the two young men who will stand trial next month for the brutal July 4 murder of 26-year-old Arthur "J.R." Warren, plan to paint the victim as a sexual predator.

Stephen Fitz, the attorney for David A. Parker, one of two teens accused of beating Warren, kicking him with steel-toed boots, then repeatedly driving over Warren's body with a car in an attempt to mask his crime, says his client had a "long standing" sexual relationship with the victim.

Given the difference in their ages, Parker was 17 at the time of the murder, Warren's relationship with the teen has

relevance to motive, the attorney said. "What's going to come out in the trial is going to disappoint a lot of people," said Fitz. "The case is a lot more complicated than simply framing issues of anti-gay or anti-race."

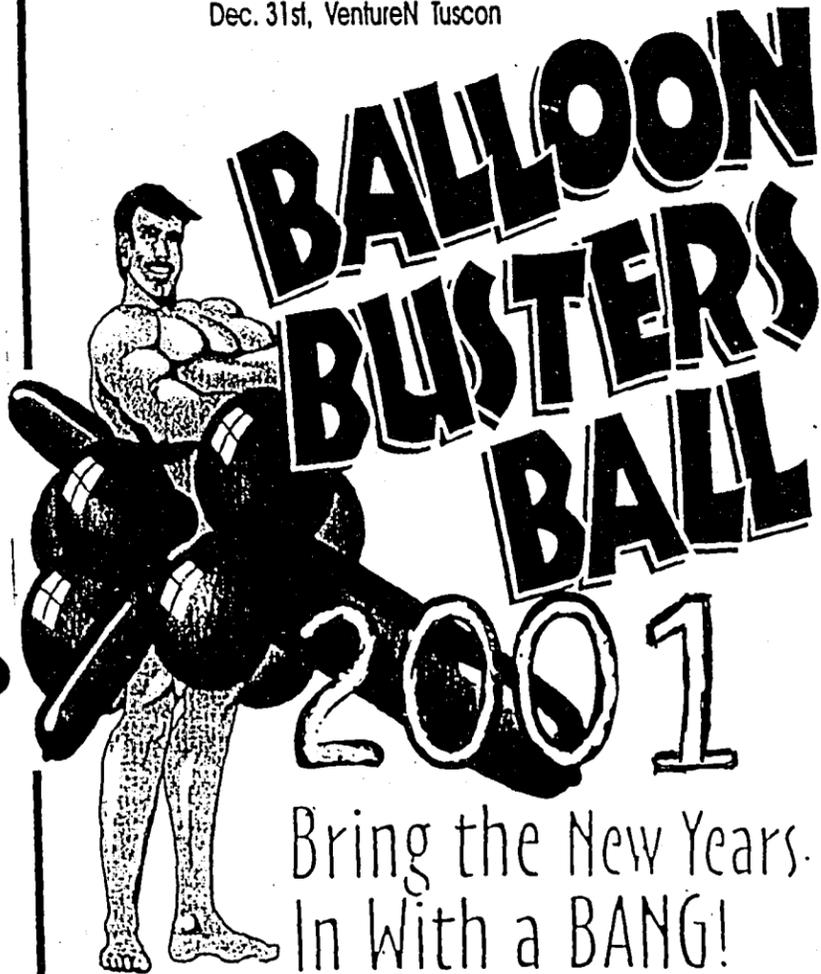
"When someone's 10 years older, that kind of goes into the willingness and volitional aspect of the thing," Fitz said. His statements suggest the defense will attempt to portray Parker as too young to voluntarily enter into a sexual relationship with Warren and that this somehow translated into murderous rage.

The current prosecutor, G. Richard Bunner, said the direction of the defense was not surprising. "Don't they do that in

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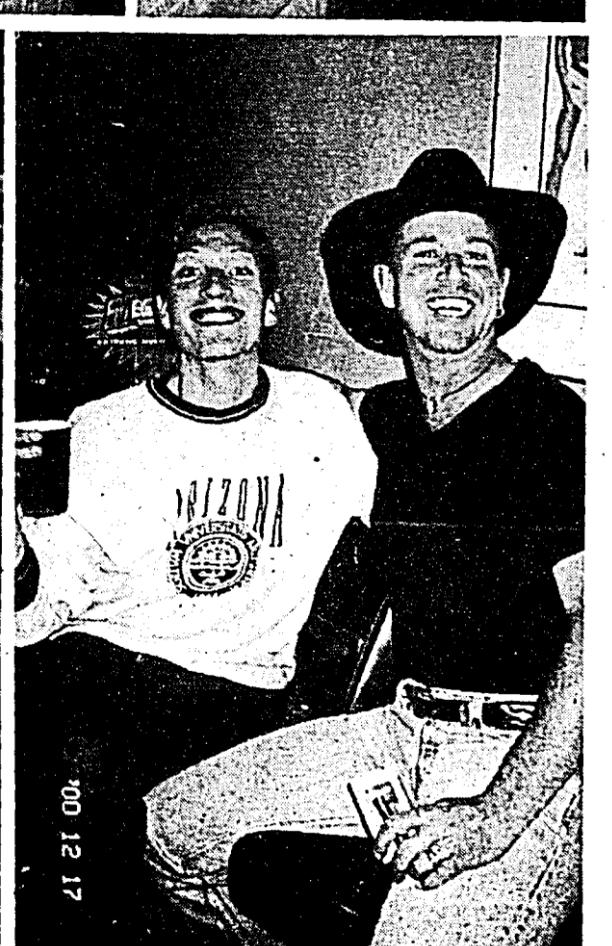
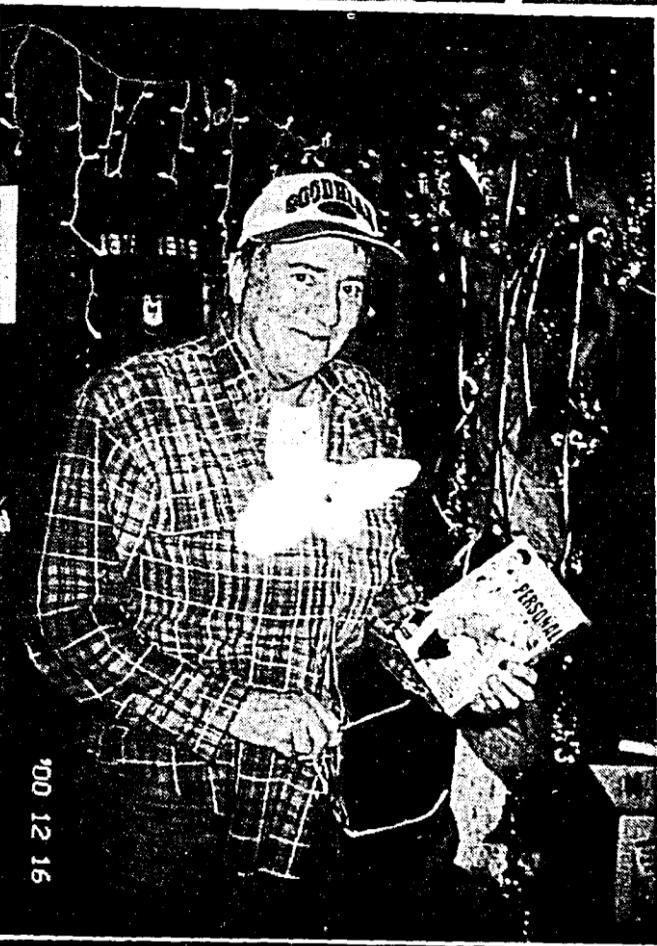
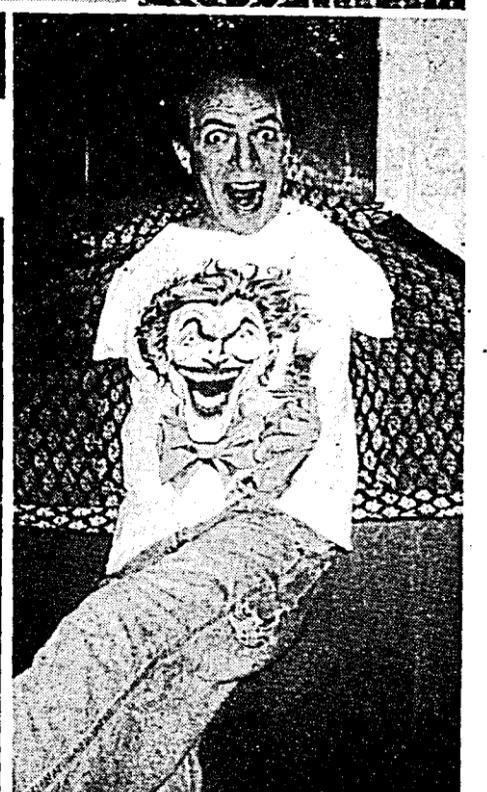
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**EDITOR:**  
On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project I'd like to thank the Observer, and our wonderful community for all the support we've received throughout the year.

I would also like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday, free from violence. During the "holi-daze" families find themselves under a lot of pressure to make sure everything is "just right". Tension builds, tempers flare and sometimes violence erupts. If you or someone you know is a victim of intimate partner abuse, you are not alone. Help is available. The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project is just a phone call away, 24/hrs, (520) 624-0348, 365 days a year.

As we embark upon the new millennium, let us join together to eliminate domestic violence from our community. Speak out against abuse, offer a victim a safe space, call us for more information. Together we can end intimate partner violence in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Season's Greetings,  
Claudia Reynoso  
Executive Director  
Wingspan Domestic  
Violence Project  
Tucson

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I read in the last issue of the Observer a letter from Tucson Artist, Jim Ru expressing concerns about the new Arizona PRIDE Gallery in Bisbee. That letter

contained gross misrepresentations of my statements with regard to the gallery vis-a-vis activism. There were also inaccuracies about the source of funding for the gallery, the stated intent of the benefactor and contents of the gallery's current exhibit.

The position of the Pride Family is accurately stated on our message board (<http://network54.com/Hide/Forum/41711>) in a post titled "Arizona PRIDE Gallery: Position Statement." and dated December 7, 2000.

Persons who have any interest in this matter are invited to visit the gallery at 43 Brewery Avenue in Bisbee and determine for themselves whether the name "Arizona PRIDE Gallery" is an appropriate moniker for this enterprise.

Conrad Cambron, President  
Pride Family of  
Cochise County, Inc.  
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**EDITOR:**  
Some liberal people are calling for a breathing space for President "not" elect, George W. Bush. They think it is fair to let him have a "honeymoon" period to see what he will do.

Somebody is entitled to a honeymoon when the marriage is consensual. When they have just f\*\*ked you, without consent, there is no honeymoon. Rape is a crime, not a relationship.

Robin Tyler,  
Los Angeles, CA

**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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Borderlands Theater Company presents "A Tucson Pastorela" by Max Brascomb and directed by Barclay Goldsmith. In this all new version, follow dazzling Estrella and join Bato and his flock on a journey filled with wacky adventure, and lovely Christmas carols sung in both English and Spanish accompanied by live Waila music. Pima Community College Center for the Arts Black Box Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Reservations 882-7406.

**JANUARY 4 - 7, 2001**  
The Invisible Theatre will present "Coming Through: Ellis Island Revisited" at it's facility 1400 N. First Avenue. This one-act play interweaves the stories of three actual immigrants who "came through" Ellis Island on the same day in 1922. Between 1892 and 1954 more than 12 million people entered the United States through the Ellis Island Immigration station. The play unfolds the recollections of three actual immigrants as they share their stories of journeying to America, the struggle to make it through Ellis Island and finally life as an immigrant in America. Their recollections become a testimony to the indomitable courage of the human spirit and serve as a catalyst and an inspiration for the audience to share their own family stories of coming through" whether it be through Ellis Island or crossing the border. The production is a special event during the Invisible Theatre's 30<sup>th</sup> season of Renewal and will be presented at the Theatre and in touring shows at local schools. Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered over the phone with VISA/MC/AMEX by calling the Theatre 882-9721 or at the box office 1400 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

**NOW 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.

**NOW PLAYING THRU JAN. 7**  
A new show in the Flandrau Science Center's "Theater of Stars" highlights this year's holiday season programming. "Holiday Skies: A Christmas Story" explores the origin of many holiday traditions and is suitable for family audiences. Show times are 2:30 p.m. daily and Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Another Flandrau program "Clouds of Fire: The Origin of Stars" explains the nature of our sun and other stars in our galaxy, from historical insights of Aristotle, Galileo and Herschel to recent discoveries made with the Hubble space telescope. The program is geared for general audiences. This program runs through Jan. 7 with showtimes daily at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 621-7827.

**JANUARY 5 THRU JANUARY 28**  
Live Theatre Workshop will present William Luce's "The Belle Of Amherst" at their performance space 5317 E. Speedway. The show runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults with a dollar discount for students and seniors. This charming show is about the life of Emily Dickerson, told by Emily herself. The dialogue is funny and touching as she recalls her life and her poems

**JANUARY 16 THRU JANUARY 21**  
In 1998 "Rent" stormed Tucson with a sold-out run at Centennial Hall. This January, the musical is coming back. Centennial Hall will again host the one-week engagement of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony-Award-winning landmark American musical written by Jonathan Larson and directed by Michael Greif. Inspired by Puccini's La Bohème, Rent is a joyous, breathtaking and often bittersweet musical that celebrates a community of artists as they struggle with the soaring hopes and tough realities of today's world. "Rent" is considered by many the most exuberant and original American musical to come along in a decade, and has single-handedly invigorated Broadway and is taking the country by storm. Tickets range in price from \$32 to \$48, with discounts available for all students and UA faculty and staff. 621-3341.

**DECEMBER 22 & 23**  
The Tucson Symphony Orchestra, under music director George Hanson, presents "A Swingin' Winter's Evening" in the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall. The program features guest artists 'Five By Design' practitioners of close-harmony vocal jazz. The group recalls the delights of Christmases past. They're at their best swinging through tunes such as Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" while recreating the 1940s stylings of such big band groups as the Modernaires and the Pied Pipers.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Ho, ho, ho. The Sun changes signs this week moving into capable, conservative Capricorn and sets the stage for a glorious holiday and a proud 2001. We get what we deserve under the Capricornic sun and I believe we deserve the very best. Read ahead to see where your gifts are hidden and where your new years revolutions feed the fire:

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Proud Rambos are exemplary career movers and shakers. Now the jolly Sun in Capricorn provides you with a tank with which to plow under all adversaries and competitors. You may crush a boss or two in your professional battle. If so, be prepared to either dutifully accept the punishment or commandeer the offensive. Come to think of it, you are rather good at the offensive.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Queer Bulls need to feel part of the greater Gay community before their personal goals can be addressed. All for one and one for all this holiday season! Legal battles can now be effectively waged because the conservative Capricorn energy will not take any undue risks. Maybe you should be the one to champion partnership rights at the federal courts.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Just when you were ready to dive head first into the hot tub of passion, Sun in conservative Cap makes you stop and reconsider. But don't write off a holiday fling as just a snack; Feast at the sexual smorgasbord. The planets simply recommend that you choose your dish carefully, and don't overeat. Gay Twins should also remember to wear their holiday bells and balls.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Queer Crabs won't spend this holiday season alone if they make proper use of the affirming Sun in Capricorn. The planets highlight one-to-one relationships, enabling you to either make the most out of current partnerships or to pluck your soul mate from the bunch. Treat others the way you want to be treated and don't allow yourself to be a doormat. (Unless that's your thing...)

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Leos are bored with the details, but Sun in Capricorn spreads it all over your desk. Deal with it darling; things are too bogged down on the job and a good end of year cleaning is worth it in the end. The Sun also commands you to concentrate on improving your diet and exercise regime. 2001 brings a trim new you with a bod that can stop traffic. Let them honk at you.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

They say that genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. This makes sense to queer Virgos especially when the Sun resides in calculating Capricorn. You're in your artistic element cousin so reap the benefits by seeking expressive and fun filled outlets for your inspiring Gay muse. Toss a grand holiday bash. Detail oriented Virgins make it an affair to remember.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Use the holiday season to roll up your sleeves and tackle any home or family issues. Sun in staid Capricorn enables all proud Libras to handle all problems deftly and appropriately. Don't allow relatives to fob their personal mandates on you. It's a new year and a fresh breeze, cousin. Remember that closets are made for clothes or old holiday ornaments and not for people.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Sun in Cap makes you sound balanced and knowledgeable in almost any subject. Lucky queer Scorps can make excellent use of this planetary advantage in either selfish or altruistic pursuits. Gee, which one will you choose...? Let's hope that the prospect of a new year entices you to use your bonanza for good Gay purposes and not solely for personal gain. Alas, we can only hope.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

How about giving some homemade gifts this year? Sun in Capricorn fuels you with capitalistic advantage and you can sock the dough away for the next 32 days or so. Generous Gay Archers usually don't leave much in the bank for a snowy day. Now you can plan your 2001 as if you were about to retire. Forget the lottery; this can only be accomplished by thriftiness.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

The glorious Sun in your own sign infuses you with optimism and confidence. Queer Goats usually feel the yoke of responsibility tugging at their necks. Now you can breathe free and soar, at least for the next month or so. Get out there and meet as many new people as possible. This holiday season hearkens new adventures and new bosom buddies if you grab the opportunity.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are not particularly revealing about themselves; they would rather expose others. Well the tables are turned, compadre, and it's now time to remove that fig leaf. The Sun in Capricorn fixes a penetrating spotlight on all that you are trying to hide in your life. Good thing too; why not start the new millennium with the debut of the true lavender you. Fig leaf forbidden.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

The Sun in Capricorn places you in the center of the social scene. Rainbow Fish can make the most of their friendships and acquaintances now and should be planning extraordinary events to celebrate the holiday season. Get involved with a particular group in 2001; it will give you a chance to meet important and exciting new people and help a momentous Gay cause.

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## A View From The Rock

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

Dear Friends,

I have never written a "Christmas letter" before but I have had such a great year I felt I must share!

During this first year of the new decade/century/millennium, I have had no trouble breathing. I have been able to get out of bed unassisted every morning. I have listened to sermons, Gaither music, books on tape, football and baseball games, TV, and movies all year long with unimpaired hearing. I've watched sunrises and sunsets and all in between with eyes that can see. I have had no trouble whatsoever sleeping! I have slept in a comfy bed in a house kept just the right temperature. All year long I have not missed one meal...maybe I'm too blessed in this area. I did not spend one day in the hospital but if I had, I have insurance. I had transportation every day. I have a job. I have people whom I care about and who care about me. I have a wonderful family. I have two new nieces and my brother's toe has healed (he was in danger of losing his entire leg because of that toe). I love worshipping in my church, love my church family and am especially blessed to work with my Special Olympians. I am privileged to be a citizen of the United States of America, where every vote counts...and counts, and counts.

Now, is that a great year or what! I can only say as King David, "You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing". (Psalms 16:2) I pray that I will always be thankful to God for his many blessings and pray that each one of you, no matter what kind of year you've had, will look for his blessings in your lives as well.

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**GO IN GOOD HEALTH.**  
BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, dears, after a week off setting up my new home computer, so that I no longer have to go to the U of A library to write my articles (though I will miss all those cute, furry chested goatexd frat boys, woof!) I am back. I want to talk to you about Creating your own Reality. That's not just New Age feel-goodism, it's a concrete concept rooted in the basic premise that Where your Attention is, There You Are. It's as simple as realizing that what you focus on, what you project in life, is what you manifest. We pagans have a saying, As Above, So Below, As the Universe, So the Soul. If you project miserable, misery, grumpy energy, your life will be a reflection of your inner gloom.

However, if you are a person that sees the problems of life as challenges, not insurmountable obstacles, who isn't always projecting blame on everyone around you when your day doesn't go exactly as planned, you are heading in the right direction. Projection is an ugly little psychological trick, where you decide, that instead of controlling your own behavior, you are going to project your junk onto others, and blame everyone and everything for all that you don't do in life. If you oversleep and are late do something, instead of blaming someone or being nasty to them because now your day isn't obeying your will, get over it and move on. So you don't get the ten things done today you planned to do, do the six you could do, be glad you did them, and do the rest when you can. You cannot be the webmaster of life, manipulating everyone and everything to obey your notions of reality and get away with it all the time. You create your reality, not theirs.

If you decide that your boyfriend or girlfriend, for you Lesbian sisters of mine out there, needs to be the exact image of what you want them to be, and that is not what they are, you are projecting. Yes, you can wish for growth together as a couple, and hope your lover, if they are a bit immature, will grow as a person, but you cannot mold and force them to be what you want without interfering with who they are. I know that some people reject man after man because they don't fit all the traits they are looking for, not rich enough, not well-hung like a horse for your tastes, or not young enough, thin enough, blonde enough, or whatever superficial traits you imagine the Dream Man must have or he's just not fabulous enough for you.

There is way too much shallowness in the Gay world, and I am sorry, queers, but wearing your rainbow jewelry and running around in debt up to your ears on your credit cards to impress your friends, and being snide and catty to those outside your clique isn't really what being a happy little queer is all about. There is such a vapid, shallow emptiness to being a snob, and yet, you see it every day. That typical, "Im too fabulous for you, I am going look down my nose at you to impress my friends at the bar and say something hateful just to get a laugh or two" is really quite childish. I know of an incident at a local bar, where a heavysset man walked by some catty little queens who quipped, loudly, "oh, there goes a dream lover" and laughed in cruelty, glad they could rip someone with their evil little claws.

Stop and think about that, what reality are they projecting? Are they perhaps secretly terrified of growing fat themselves, and projecting that as a hatred of fat people? Did they say that cruel little barb just for a smirks and giggles, a phrase that suits such situations nicely (I picked that one up from a bear friend of mine) or is it deeper? Those who crave a physically

perfect lover need to go to Toys R Us and buy a Ken doll and realize their plastic fantastic dream man is a fantasy projection of what they wish they could be, and are not. Physically gorgeous men do exist, but a gorgeous body doesn't ensure that the personality inside isn't full of problems. Some men who are attractive get rather vain, and then reject others who don't reach their own standard of perfection. Others get tired of being loved for their body alone, just as sexy women grow weary sometimes of men drooling over their breasts and curves and don't see a mind under all that sexy packaging. Gays and straights have more in common than we care to admit, it would seem.

There is nothing wrong with admiring sexy men, or lovely women, but a lot of the so-called average looking people are the ones with the best personality traits. Would you want a gorgeous man who lied to you, cheated on you, spent all your money, and treated you like dirt? I hope not, because you should never settle for a pretty package that holds a lot of ugliness on the inside. What kind of reality is that? I am not jealous of those thin, muscled frat boys with goatees. I fantasize about. I am a big guy, a burly bear, and you know what, I get plenty of men, thank you honeys, and I get chased by bearlovers all the time. And I don't think for one second I am better than those pretty boys that are often called Twinkies, named after the sweet yellow-colored, creamy treats from Hostess the derogatory nickname comes from. Sure, I admit I am not perfect, and sometimes, I get tired of the money worshipping attitude some younger Gay men obviously

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# Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

**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.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
 1:00 p.m., Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at ELLE Restaurant, SW corner Broadway and Country Club. Call 622-1835 for details.

**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.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**  
 Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus auditions for their annual spring pops concert. Auditions for 'Heart & Soul' a tribute to R&B music will take place at 6:00 p.m. At the Armory Park Senior Center. Another audition will take place Monday, Jan. 15.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**  
 Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus auditions for their annual spring pops concert. Auditions for 'Heart & Soul' a tribute to R&B music will take place at 6:00 p.m. At the Armory Park Senior Center.



# BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
 IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The "Girle Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday, featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu and Domino Bush.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
 IBT'S - 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., Community Bar-B-Que 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special Christmas Eve Show Featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and Janee Starr.

WOODY'S - Christmas Eve Bar-B-Que from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Karaoke at 9:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS**  
 IBT'S - Bar will open today at 6:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Bar will open at 6:00 p.m. Today.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
 IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "Puttin' on the Lips" talent night. \$50 first place. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Phaedra.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Celebrate New Year's Eve here with DJ Hill playing from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Test Tube Shots, Free Party Favors and champagne at Midnight. Happy 2001.

IBT'S New Years Eve Party begins with a Karaoke from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres. Special show at 8:00 p.m. Champagne and party favors at midnight and all the trimmings. No Cover.

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

WOODY'S - New Year's Eve Steak Fry. \$7.50. No cover New Year's Eve, Champagne and party favors at midnight.

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# Daily Bar Calendar

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.  
 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 sirtain burger. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

**Monday**

**AINT 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's \$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**

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool toumey 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**

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 8-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**

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. 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 (part 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-ish. \$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**

**AINT 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 Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

**Saturday**

**AINT 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.

### Commentary

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schools; and he will select thousands of people who will make millions of small decisions on a daily basis about issues that affect queer Americans. Many observers believe that Bush owes favors to the religious right for their support and silence during the campaign. And conservative appointments are one way to pay them back. If the federal government becomes less Gay-friendly under Bush, it might be a transition that happens too slowly and too subtly for the media to notice. There won't be headlines, but many GLBT Americans - particularly those who are most in need of support from the government - will notice a change, and it won't be for the better.

### Go In God Health

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have. A flashy sports car and a home so perfect Martha Stewart would be envious of (since when did she become such a Gay icon, please no one is that perfect) may impress your tricks and your neighbors, but there is more to life. If you enjoy material things, go and buy them, but don't let money enslave you. You will obsess over it and let it cloud your life.

It is so true what Cyndi Lauper sang back in '84 "Money Changes Everything" or a good line I heard on Dark Angel on tv a few weeks ago: CREAM - Cash Rules Everything Around Me. True, prosperity is a wonderful thing. Visualize yourself as prosperous, and go to work and

create the life you want. It's a beautiful thing to be able to afford the things you need in life, and to be able to be generous and giving and even give money to charitable causes like AIDS research or save the rainforests or feed the homeless or what have you. Just don't let yourself become, to borrow another phrase, a Material Girl, and strip yourself of a balanced life and be obsessed to ruin with money, social status, and mocking those who aren't in your little social group at the bar.

Think about this for one minute. There are a lot of good people who aren't your type sexually, and are all your friends the type of men you would sleep with? Are you rejecting friends because your other friends would make fun of how they look? How sad. you could be missing out on

some wonderful companions along the way. It's something to ponder, don't you agree? Goddess bless. Till next time, Go in Good Health

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**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Ki-n (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY.** Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 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)

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**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 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 290-8647.

**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 615-6436 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.

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**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP.** A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 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 389-7288.

**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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Amory 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. #385, Tucson, AZ 85718.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus,** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

**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.

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN),** a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6876 or 327-4293.

**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 781-7878.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 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.48 or Emmett 322-6057 (evellen@ix.netcom.com)

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

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**THEATER / DINNER / ETC!** Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

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**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP.** Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8360 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

NOTICES

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-3977 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.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.

**GAY COWBOY CLUB** - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

**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 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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**TUCSON GLBT ALANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?

**GLBT Youth 23 and under,** meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

**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 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri

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**Predator**

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every case? You try the victim and the police if you're a defense attorney," he said.

Prosecutors insist they could not find evidence of a hate crime in the attack, but others in the area say racist and anti-Gay incidents "happen all the time." One case involves the repeated harassment of a man who lived less than two miles away from Warren.

Rick Ravenscroft, a longtime acquaintance of Warren, was the target of repeated incidents of harassment, usually involving teens who would drive by his home late at night shouting obscenities, throwing bottles or blocks of wood. The harassment culminated in the late hours of July 2, 1994, when a youth fired a crossbow from the back of a passing pickup truck, sending a bolt through Ravenscroft's bedroom window.

Ravenscroft said the young men involved in the attack were charged as juveniles and ordered to reimburse him for only the cost of the window.

In such an atmosphere, said Ravenscroft, the brutal attack that killed Warren is not all that surprising. He added that most of the town knew Warren was Gay and that he had been subjected to harassment before, a fact verified by court records.

Marion County sheriff's detective C.L. Phillips told the grand jury that the day Warren's body was discovered, he went through police records to get a list of Warren's known assailants. "I started to go to check those peoples' residences to check their vehicles and see if, in fact, one of them had deliberately hit him," said the detective.

"Was he assaulted because he was Gay?" said one grand juror as asking Phillips. "Is that the reason he was assaulted beforehand?"

"It led to a lot of problems because of his sexual orientation. Yes ma'am," Phillips responded.

**Coppinger**

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"For me this is about the ability to stay despite discrimination and despite homophobia," he said.

Some of Coppinger's critics had been his biggest supporters before October - lawmakers who attended his regular Wednesday prayer luncheons.

Sen. David Petersen, R-Mesa, said that by declaring his homosexuality, Coppinger put his views at odds with the majority of the Legislature.

Coppinger had received his \$30,000 salary and another \$120,000 for expenses from donations by churches and individuals, though much of that funding has dried up since his announcement.

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