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Openly Gay Wyoming University Student Dies From Beating; Murder Charges Filed

Russell Henderson (left) and Aaron McKinney are arraigned on murder charges

FT. COLLINS, CO (WS) — "He came into this world premature and left the world premature," said Rulon Stacey, head of the Poudre Valley Hospital and spokesperson for the family of openly Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard who died at 12:53 A.M., Monday, October 12, of the injuries he received in a widely-publicized assault, October 7. Shepard was only 21 years old.

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, were charged with First-Degree murder, kidnaping and robbery ,which in Wyoming could mean the death penalty if convicted. Albany County Prosecutors did not state if they will seek the death penalty. Their girlfriends, Chastity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price, 18, were charged as accessories after the fact.

Shepard, only 5'2" and 105 pounds, was severely beaten, including having his skull had been smashed with a handgun. He also appeared to have suffered burns on his body and cuts on his head and face. All this leading to brain injuries and a coma from which he never emerged. Shepard was tied to a fencepost by his assailants and left for dead on the night of October 7, with temperatures dropping to near-freezing, the low 30's. He was discovered by a man on a bicycle who at first thought he was a scarecrow or a dummy because of they way he was tied to the fencepost.

MATTHEW'S PARENTS ISSUE STATEMENT

Shepard's parents issued a statement October 10 saying, "Matthew is a very special person, and everyone can learn important lessons from his life. All of us who know Matthew see him as he is, a very kind and gentle soul. He is a strong believer in humanity and human rights. He is a trusting person who takes everybody at face value and he does not see the bad side of anyone. His one intolerance is when people don't accept others as they are. He has always strongly felt that all people are the same-regardless of their sexual preference, race or religion. . . . We know he believes that all of us are part of the same family called Humanity, and each and everyone of us should treat all people with respect and dignity, and that each of us has the right to live a full and rewarding life. That is one lesson which we are very certain he would share with you, if he could."

Shepard, a political science major who spoke three languages, had been looking forward to a career as a diplomat to further his goal of advancing human rights.

'HOMO PANIC' DEFENSE

The father and girlfriend of suspect, Kristen Price and Aaron McKinney appear to be paving the way for a homosexual panic defense for him.

Kristen Price told reporters that Shepard had humiliated with McKinney by flirting with him at the Fireside Lounge. Price added, "It wasn't meant to be a hate crime. They just wanted to rob him. It just got out of hand."

Price and Henderson's girlfriend, Chastity Palsey, admitted to having initially lied to police, trying to provide an alibi for their boyfriends, and had also helped dispose of the their bloodied clothing. Price denies that any of the four, who are all close friends, hate Gays.

McKinney's father, while admitting there was no excuse for the violence that had taken place, said that Shepard had "pushed himself onto him and that he had embarrassed him and Russ in front of all

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TLGA's OUToberFEST October 17

TUCSON (ON) — OUToberFEST '98, the annual fall Gay Pride Festival in Tucson will take place Saturday, October 17, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

According to a Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) press release, OUToberFEST is the biggest LesBiGay event in the Southwest. According to the written statement, the event drew close to 7,000 people in 1997.

The festival will take place at the Southwestern corner of Reid Park (Country Club and 22nd). The event is free and open to everyone. A full day of music, food, libations and soft drinks, vendors touting all types of merchandise and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered information booths.

OUToberFEST is sponsored this year by: Golden Eagle Distributors/Budweiser, American Express, Arizona Travel Center, Pope Lime Dist., IBT's and the Stonewall/Eagle.

Organizers stated the event is open to everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation. They added that "OUToberFEST is a fun, friendly, loving and family event and there will be no tolerance for hate, bigotry and downright meanness.

According to the press release, there will be three areas of entertainment: A Hi-NRG dance tent, sponsored by IBT's and Stonewall/Eagle. A Country-Western dance tent sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. A live entertainment stage, sponsored by TLGA.

The Cut-A-Thon, where Tucson's barbers and cosmetologists will give you a cut or a trim and make you look special, with the proceeds going to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), will take place at the festival.

Former Tucson Mayor and current Congressional candidate, Tom Volgy, D, leads off the program with an address. A parade/rally of various Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and friendly, supportive organization follows.

A female impersonator show, hosted by Mr. Rodney Shanks will take place. Included in the show will be: David Zinke, Shaundriana - Miss Gay Pride, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone, Christina DeAlexis, Victoria DuPuis, Bunny Fufu, Faith, Sabrina, Truly Fabu, the Teen King and Queen - Cameron and Janee Starr, and the Phoenix Pride Royalty, and a Rock-N-Roll revue with Tommie and the Marlettes (sponsored by Rick Becker) round out the program.

The King and Queen of Pride 1998 will also be crowned at OUToberFEST. Two teams, Purple - David Zinke and Victor Paoline, and the Blue - Miss Lucinda Holliday and Kirk are vying to be the new royalty by raising funds for TLGA to help put on OUToberFEST.

According to TLGA, both teams have been very busy raising funds this past year to help the organization put on the event. In addition, the press release said the team raising the most funds will also receive a crown, scepter and terrific prize package, including:

Flowers, commemorative plaques donated by Shaundriana (Dr. James Shorten), a gift certificate from Dillinger B&B, a session with clairvoyant, Emmerson Bartolme, a video from Culture Q Connection, a dried floral arrangement donated by Chuck Bayless and beauty services, courtesy of Tom Maza of David's Hair, valued at over $100.

TLGA's live entertainment stage will feature notable entertainment throughout the day. The emcees will be KXCI, 91.3 FM's program director, Michael Landwehr, and OUTLoud's radio show co-host, Deb Whalen.

TLGA's entertainment lineup for OUToberFEST is, (subject to change):

L.A. Comedian Rob Nash (sponsored by IBT's, TLGA and the Armory Park B&B), will be performing. Nash has been seen nationally on the VH-1 Standup Spotlight with Rosie O'Donnell, and on the Comedy Central special, "Out There in Hollywood."

Jess Hawk-Oakenstar, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Zimbabwe, who's deep, rich voice and sophisticated guitar work, fuse rock, folk and country into her own identified style of adult contemporary. Hawk-Oakenstar has received critical acclaim for her live shows and two albums.

Hailing from Atlanta, will be Angela Motter. Describing her freshly released CD "Pleasure and Pain," as "Folkfunalternaroove," she is in high demand, touring the Southwest, Northeast and the San Francisco bay area.

Guitarist Mitzi Cowell will be on hand, with a freshly released CD. She was former lead guitar of "Friendly Fire" and "Peep Show."

LeeAnne Savage and her band, Shockadelica are scheduled to perform. Savage released her first CD, "Neptune Amore" this past year. Always effervescent, LeeAnne shook the picnic grounds three years ago. This year promises to be an even bigger and better show.

To round out the program, a electric-Celtic band new to the Tucson scene, Morrighan.

The schedule for OUToberFEST (subject to change):

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TIHAN Raffle Win A TripTo L.A.

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/-AIDS Network (TIHAN) is excited to announce that this year's grand prize for their annual raffle is a trip for two to Los Angeles, courtesy of America West Airlines, the Four Points Sheraton Santa Monica Hotel, and Universal Studios Hollywood.

Many other great prizes will also be given away, including fine dining, personal services, and art work. Just a few of the prizes: dinners at Kingfisher, The Dish, Cafe Terra Cotta, Metropolitan Grill, brunch at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, lunch at Pronto, Cafe Sweetwater, and many other restaurants; services from Gadabout and Willy's Salons; massages, stained glass, Tucson Trunk gift certificates, a two-night stay at the Boulder Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Raffle tickets are on sale now: Three chances for $5.00. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of TIHAN. The drawing will be held Saturday, October 31. Winner need to be present. Tickets may be purchased by calling 299-6647, or stop by the TIHAN booth at OUToberFEST.

Reminders from TLGA

Just days way, OUToberFEST '98 Saturday, October 17, 1998, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.! Attendance is expected to exceed 7,000! Located at the Southwest corner of Reid Park, (22nd and Country Club).

There will be three stages of entertainment. Two for dancing, HiNRG, sponsored by IBT"s and Stonewall, Country/Western by AGRA and a great line up of entertainment is provided at the TLGA entertainment stage. (See advertisement)

There will be a various mix of vendors for shopping and information on organizations that are of the G/L/B/T community. The Cut-a-Thon will be back with all proceeds going towards SAAF. Be sure to stop by the TLGA sales booth in the middle of the park for t-shirts, caps, posters, our new stylish polo shirts and the information board. The info board is available to leave messages for meeting people and or lost items. If TLGA runs of caps or polos, we will order them and they will be available in about 10 days to two weeks.

Admittance is free, soda is free, beer is $2 per 16 ounce beer. TLGA is proud to offer Bud Light and Budweiser beers! We are also introducing specialty beers from Michelob for $3 per beer, also in a 16 ounce cup. There will be three different specialty beers, a different one available at each of three beer trucks. Try them all. Sponsored by Golden Eagle Distributors. TLGA OUToberFEST and Golden Eagle remind everyone to designate a sober driver, enjoy alcohol responsibly and be sure to have proper identification. As in the last two years, TLGA plans to donate a portion of the proceeds back to the G/L/B/T community. Look for the meeting date at the TLGA sales booth (in the middle of the park) or see the Observer for upcoming details.

Remember, this is for the community, by the community. Please help, the volunteer schedule still needs to be filled and TLGA still needs people for ID and beer ticket sales for the 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. shift, gate check for the 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. shift and breakdown and up, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Call the OUTline, 622-3200, if you can help.

A couple of reminders from TLGA, the City of Tucson, the Arizona Liquor Board and Tucson Parks & Recreation, you must have ID, if you wish to drink beer. TLGA must check ID's to give you a wristband for beer. Coolers are okay, but no beer and no glass are allowed in the park. It's okay to bring dog(s), but they must be on a leash and you must clean up after them. (The police will be watching and will ticket offenders, besides it's rude not to be responsible.) Clean up bags are provided at the North and South gates.

There will be a rally again this year and all local organizations are invited to participate. Set up time is 11:30 to 11:45 A.M. at the South entrance for kick off at noon. Interested groups should call 622-3200 for details.

Please help TLGA cut our costs and let's be a responsible community be leaving the park the way we arrived, clean and pollution free. If you drink, do so responsibly. Play safe, be proud. See you Saturday, October 17.

AGRA TUCSON
by Raul Almeraz

Howdy everyone. Happy Pride Week! Want to make sure we all celebrate our Pride as well as the bars that support us! With OUToberFEST this Saturday, there are many people in town that are running like wild to get the last minute stuff done. Let me tell you, I know how you feel with the last minute Rodeo items we handled in March, and I sympathize. Be sure to stop by the AGRA Table to get any last minute Finals info as well as see what we have got "cooking."

Just a reminder that IGRA Finals is fast approaching, October 23-25 (next weekend). Hope to see all you rodeo fans in Phoenix for a great time. If anyone wants to volunteer to work first hand in the arena for Finals and get some chute experience, please contact Scott Weidamoyer, 516-9003, and I will get you information.

Our October Board and General Membership meeting is this Sunday, at the Stonewall/Eagle, beginning at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. for General Membership.

Short, sweet and to the point, so until next time, take care, play safe.

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Mr. Gay Latino Chosen

TUCSON - It happened last Saturday, at the Clarion Hotel, a male pageant took place! After a plethora of Miss Gay this and that, along came the Third Annual Mr. Gay Latino Pageant.

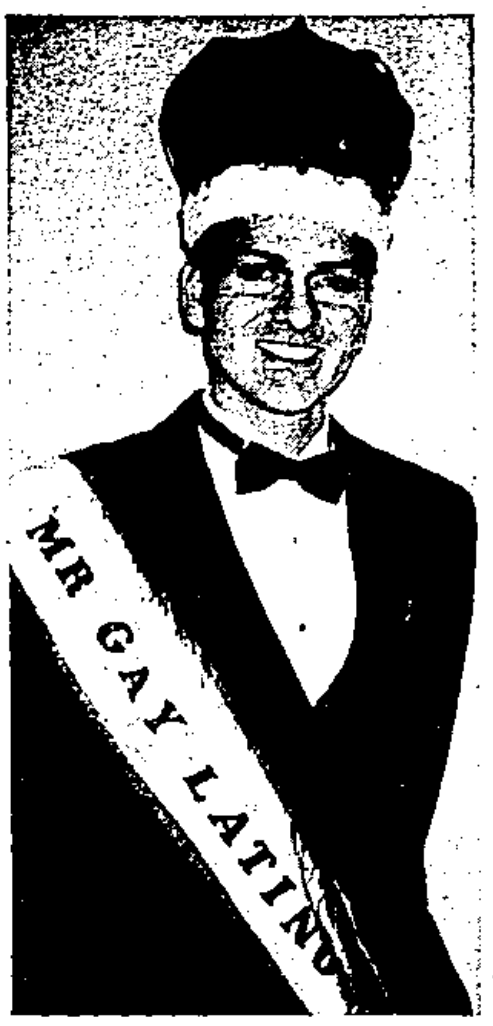
A refreshing change from the pomp and ceremony of dresses and high heels, a group of male contestants gathered to vie for the title of Mr. Gay Latino.

It was a tough decision but the judges decision was made and the crown was given to Javier Arévalo, Mr. Gay Latino '98. Jaime Soto, the 1997 Mr. Gay Latino was on hand to assist in the crowning.

This pageant is a presentation of Salud Es Poder, a project of the Latino Men's Health Project. Mr. Ernie Perez produced the evening's entertainment.

Salud Es Poder is a project of the AIDS Prevention Collaboration, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Pima County Health Department and Wingspan.

Congratulations to Javier Arévalo and all the contestants and entertainers are to be congratulated for an excellent and fun evening.



Mr. Gay Latino 1998, Javier Arévalo

Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¡Hola!; ¿Cómo la estan pasando?, deseandoles lo mejor de lo mejor... Hay poco que contarles, ademas de encontrarme un poco "apuradón" porque hay otros compromisos que cubrir... Por ejemplo se está planeando la Feria de Salud Binacional en Nogales Sonora para el día sabado 24 de octubre desde las 9:00 am hasta las 5:00pm con la confirmación de la presencia del Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente Secretario de Salud del gobierno mexicano y ya se ha confirmado tambien la presencia de la Dra. Donna Shalala Secretaria de Salud por los EE.UU., así que ya se imaginarán "todas las piesas que hay que mover" y arreglos por hacerse... El caso es que, será un programa muy bueno y esperamos que todo salga bién, ya les comentaré sobre esta Feria y su programa en las siguientes **Columna Abierta**.

Y el pasado fin de semana nos tocó participar en la Feria de la Salud de Ambos Nacos la cual se llevo en la ciudad de Naco Sonora, donde la gente amable de esa ciudad fronteriza se presentó muy temprano, y muy interesados desde luego en la salud de sus hijos; y se logró la meta puesta de cuantificar plomo en sangre en niños menores de 6 años, y se analizó la sangre de 163 niños con resultados muy buenos, ya que no hay datos alarmantes...y todo esto terminó tarde por tal motivo no pudimos estar presentes en el evento de **Salud es Poder** para la elección de **Mr. Gay Latino '98**, pero ya nos "hemos puesto al tanto" y parece ser que fué todo un exito y que el ganador fué **Javier I**, ya hemos hecho el contacto con él para hacerla una entrevista informal sobre sus planes de acción con el mencionado proyecto que dirige Ernie Pérez en colaboración con Jorge Rascón, quienes se han apuntado otro 10 con la realización del evento; y se les recuerda que el V aniversario de **Salud es Poder** se llevará a cabo el jueves 29 de octubre en el Stonewall por supuesto y continuará el sabado 31 en Nogales Sonora quedando pendiente el lugar, este pendiente de los anuncios que le harán llegar Ernie y Jorge...Y, desde luego que les recuerda que siempre se necesita de la ayuda de todos para que éstas celebraciones de verdad "salgan como ustedes quieren", y sobre todo que siempre se necesita de voluntarios para los entrenamientos que ofrece **Salud es Poder**, y demas actividades que se tienen planeadas...

Además, hay algunas invitaciones que hay que cumplir para celebrar el **Dia del Médico** que se celebra cada 23 de octubre, y ya hemos recibido invitaciones de diferentes grupos y colegios de médicos, ya les comentaré como celebramos ese día... Por lo pronto las que nos han llegado son por parte de; El IMSS de Nogales, Sonora; la del Hospital Español del Noroeste de Agua Prieta, Sonora, del H. Ayuntamiento de Naco, Sonora. Gracias!!!

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their friends and everybody at the Fireside." He also said, "Had this been a heterosexual these two boys decided to take out and rob, this never would have made the national news. Now my son is guilty before he's even had a trial."

COURT DOCUMENTS PAINT ANOTHER PICTURE

Evidence revealed during the initial hearing for Henderson and McKinney shows more than just a botched robbery.

According to the court's account of the events, read by Albany County Court Judge Robert Castor, both McKinney and Henderson had met Shepard at the Fireside Lounge, a college bar in Laramie, Wyoming, Tuesday evening, October 6. The pair, according to the police, lured Shepard on the pretense they were both Gay.

Court documents go on to state the three left for a remote area, near the Sherman Hills neighborhood, east of Laramie. On the way there, Shepard was reportedly struck on the head with a .357-magnum. McKinney and Henderson allegedly beat, tortured and robbed Shepard and left him tied to a fence post.

Sheriff's deputies found Shepard's credit card and black patent leather shoes in a truck driven by McKinney that belonged to McKinney's father, Aaron. Shepard's wallet was reportedly hidden in McKinney's house. Deputies also found the gun, covered in blood, in the back of the truck.

NATIONAL REACTION TO WYOMING TRAGEDY

A series of notables joined Gay and Lesbian organizations in using the attack to call for passage of hate crimes legislation, both in Wyoming – where the legislature has repeatedly rejected such proposals – and in Washington, DC, where the Hate Crimes Prevention Act has languished since hearings by the Judiciary Committees of both houses in July.

Wyoming has resisted even participating in federally required hate crimes statistics reporting, having gone on record with only four such crimes, none against a Gay or Lesbian.

President Clinton said in a statement October 10 that, "I was deeply grieved by the act of violence perpetuated against Matthew Shepard. There is nothing more important to the future of this country than our standing together against intolerance, prejudice, and violent bigotry. It is not too late for Congress to take action before they adjourn and pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. By doing so, they will help make all Americans more safe and secure."

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) said October 10 that "This heinous crime deserves the condemnation of all Americans. Hate crimes such as this and the June murder of James Byrd in Texas are violent acts motivated by intolerance and hatred. I trust that those responsible for this horrendous attack will be prosecuted and punished to the full extent of the law and firmly believe that we must pass the tough hate crimes legislation pending in the Congress to help stop these despicable acts."

Wyoming's Republican Governor Jim Geringer, who has previously opposed hate crimes legislation, said October 12, "We are calling on all the people to have a renewed discussion to find out what we might do to strengthen our laws. . . . I'm open to any suggestion that we might bring to our legislature."

National Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups issued strong statements denouncing the attack and said Wyoming's failure to adopt a law against hate crimes may have led the perpetrators to believe such acts might not be aggressively prosecuted.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force linked the violence to an increased climate of anti-Gay hostility and political attacks unleashed by conservative groups. Wyoming politicians and Republican leaders in the US Congress in recent months.

"Anti-Gay rhetoric and anti-Gay violence go hand-in-hand," said Tracey Conaty, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) communications director. "The right wing is creating the most hostile atmosphere for Gay people in recent memory. Hate violence is a logical extension of these rhetorical, legislative, and electoral attacks," she said.

Joan Garry, who heads The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said a planned television advertising campaign announced by the Center for Reclaiming America, along with Coral Ridge Ministries and the Family Research Council, would only fan the flames of anti-Gay intolerance and feed the commission of anti-Gay violence.

Matthew Shepard dies of injuries

"We invite those who are so obsessed with the lives of Lesbians and Gay men to examine the tone and tenor of their remarks well before they issue them. Think of who will hear their words. Think of who will see these indelible images. If you think homophobic advertisements like those which ran in our newspapers this summer are devoid of repercussions--think again. These ads give people permission to hate. They are inciteful vehicles. They have a real impact on real people's lives."

The Family Research Council issued a statement condemning the attack,

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Stonewall/Eagle

HAPPY GAY PRIDE

Thursday Oct. 15th
Miss Gay Latina Pageant
8 p.m.
$5.00 cover
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Mamma Reyna Karina Montenegro
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Thursday Oct. 15th (In The Eagle)
Sydney Mardi Gras Videos
9 p.m. - ??

- upcoming Events -
Oct 25 Th. Ms. JODY's Birthday Show 8 p.m.
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Oct 28 Th. Arizona Angels Pre Halloween Show
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Saturday, October 24

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Man-oh-Man Feature:
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"MOLT" a short feature film,. produced locally by the IMP Workshop at the University of Arizona, will be included in the"Women's Briefs: Stories That Bind" program Saturday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Screening Room. Part of the 4th Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

"Raven", The Professional Goddess, is featured in the hysterically heart-warming film "Dragtime" part of the Drag-A-Rama program - Saturday, October 24 - 8:00 p.m., at the Screening Room. 4th Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

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Blue Team and Purple Team Raising Funds To Produce OUToberFEST

TUCSON - Shown above are Lucinda Holliday and Kirk-O-Rama. They are running for King and King of Gay Pride as members of the Blue Team. They are raising money for the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Alliance.

TLGA puts on Pride Activities during Gay Pride Week in June and the big fall celebration OUToberFEST which is coming up this weekend, Saturday, October 17 in Reid Park.

There are two teams raising money this year and they are the primary fund raisers for TLGA. The two are The Blue Team and The Purple Team. David Zinke and The Wizard are running for the King and Queen title as Purple Team.

The winning team is decided by which one raises the most money. As the community must know by now, both teams have been hosting many, many fund raising events for several weeks and they will continue until this weekend.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these always-interesting fund raisers and contribute to your OUToberFEST. It takes a lot of money to put on the festival and one of the best ways to get it underway is by patronizing the Blue or Purple Team's efforts.

Both teams are to be congratulated for their hard work to get OUToberFEST off and running for 1998.

National Coming Out Day A Sad Event In Tucson

TUCSON (ON) — October 11 is marked as National Coming Out Day (NCOD), a day for individuals to "take the next step" in their coming out process. This celebration marked its tenth anniversary this year.

It was not a happy anniversary, with the death of openly Gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, casting a tragic shadow over the Tucson event.

Gay and Lesbian groups and organizations had tables and literature for the event. Performances by Tucson's finest female impersonators took place but all the thoughts were on the brutal killing of Shepard, who died Monday, October 12.

The Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Association (BGALA) of students for the University of Arizona circulated petitions urging the Wyoming Governor and State Legislature to enact a hate crimes law.

Students and faculty on the campus have scheduled a candlelight vigil, in memory of Matthew Shepard, for Thursday, 6:00 P.M. at the west end of the University of Arizona Mall.

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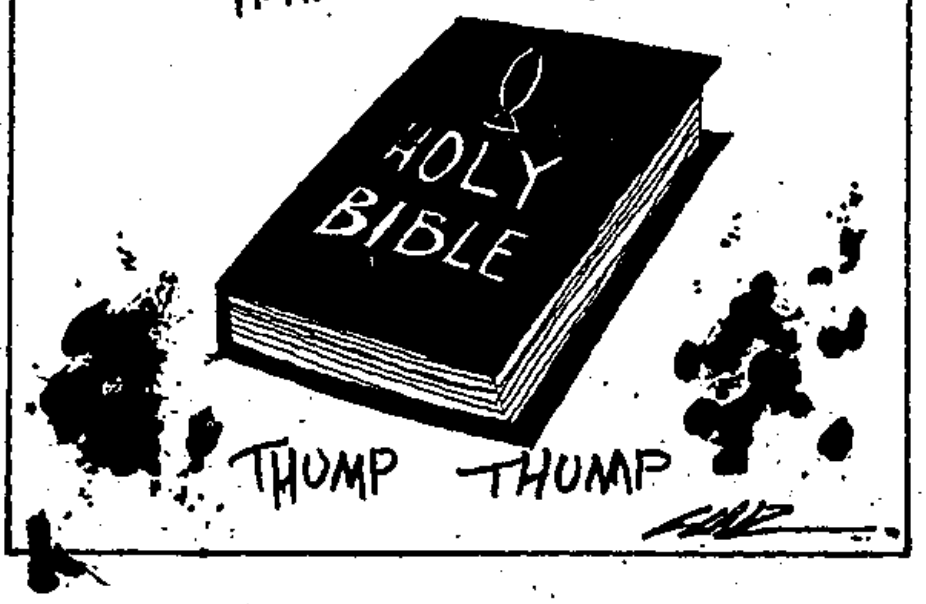

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Comedian Rob Nash To Appear At IBT's Oct. 18

TUCSON — Fresh and intelligent, Rob Nash combines quick wit and magnetic charm with keen observation and wry social commentary to produce what critics have termed everything from "tragi-comedy" to "laugh-out-loud, God-that's-me funny."

His stand up has been seen nationally on VH-1's Stand-up Spotlight with Rosie O'Donnell and Comedy Central third all out Gay and Lesbian comedy special, Out There In Hollywood. He also emceed for Bob Smith and Suzanne Westenhoffer's HBO Half-Hour Comedy Specials.

A Gay comic or a comic who's Gay?

"Uh, I'm actually a Gay comic who's Gay. People want to know if I'm gonna be in their face about being Gay. I hope you get in your face but only if it's funny. I'm a very user-friendly homosexual. Most of my act is about human, not-necessarily-Gay-specific-things that we all experience."

His one-man plays, "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Christmas" and "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Family, Part III," and his new comedy, "Freshman Year Sucks!" have played Fringe Festivals from New York City to Edinburgh, Scotland; he was awarded Solo Performer of the Year by the Bay Area Critic's Circle in San Francisco; and has toured Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Seattle, Palm Springs, Tampa, Houston, Austin.

His newest solo piece, Sophomore Slump, will World Premiere at The Planet Theatre in Austin August, 1998.

Born in Houston, Texas, Rob began his performing career with Houston's premiere musical theatre company, Theatre Under the Stars, at the tender age of eleven. By twelve, his natural flair for musical comedy earned him the role of the Artful Dodger in Oliver!

After weathering the buffets and spitting of 13 years of Catholic school, Rob left the bayou city for Austin where, after cramming four years into six and a half, he graduated with a B.A. in English from the University of Texas.

During those college years in Austin, Rob managed to eke out a living working as a writer and performer doing stand up, music review (with Esther's Follies), improvisational comedy (with the Cheese Pistols and the Laff Staff), writing editorials, cartoons and features (for the Daily Texan and the Austin Chronicle), teaching Comedy Defensive Driving, and substitute teaching for the Austin Independent School District.

Rob's stand up has been seen all across the country at The Improve, The Ice House, Igby's, The Laff Factory, Catch A Rising Star, The Comedy Store, The Punchline, The Comedy Underground, Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, The Laff Stop and The Velvetta Room.

Rob lives in Los Angeles. He's single! Rob will playing at IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue, this Sunday, October 18, 9:00 P.M.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's not limit ourselves to only a single National Coming Out day. Use the rest of October to change personal priorities when Mercury moves from diplomatic Libra into intense, passionate Scorpio. Energy levels heighten as this cognitive blast makes us more aware of who we are and what we want. This is no time to take "no" for an answer. Think yes, yes, yes!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

There is no happier sign than Aries when Mercury enters sizzly Scorpio around National Coming Out Day. They say that attraction is mostly in the mind and your mind will attract like a magnet now, cousin. Talk is cheap, however so prepare to walk the talk. Show a particular audience why Rambos have a divine right to be proud. Mercury says it's fine to be a size queen.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls can use the intellectual spark of Mercury in Scorpio to reevaluate relationships and set levels of expectations. The days before and after National Coming Out Day inspire you to find the intimate connection in a particular partnership. Discuss sticking points openly and see what happens. If you're still dangling, consider forming a new holding company across town.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Logical Mercury in intense Scorpio has you reorganizing everything down to your color coded sock drawer. But Gay Twins have better things to do with the affirming energy of National Coming Out Day. If you've already achieved inner harmony, why not hire a personal trainer and work on your presentation skills? You'll want to be in shipshape when the fleet's in.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Join the Coming Out festivities when Mercury traverses party hearty Scorpio. Even shy pink Crabs are tempted to burst Out on the scene to proudly fly their rainbow colors. Tap into your creative muse and expand your personal horizons. Or, if you've feeling too mellow to march, pull into your favorite hangout and hoist a few cold ones in celebration. Things could get hot.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The planets dictate that no holds should be barred in dealing with family members this week. Maybe it's the overwhelming affirmation gained from National Coming Out Day that makes Gay Lions so fiercely proud now. I chalk it up to Mercury in decisive Scorpio that gives you your roar. Set the

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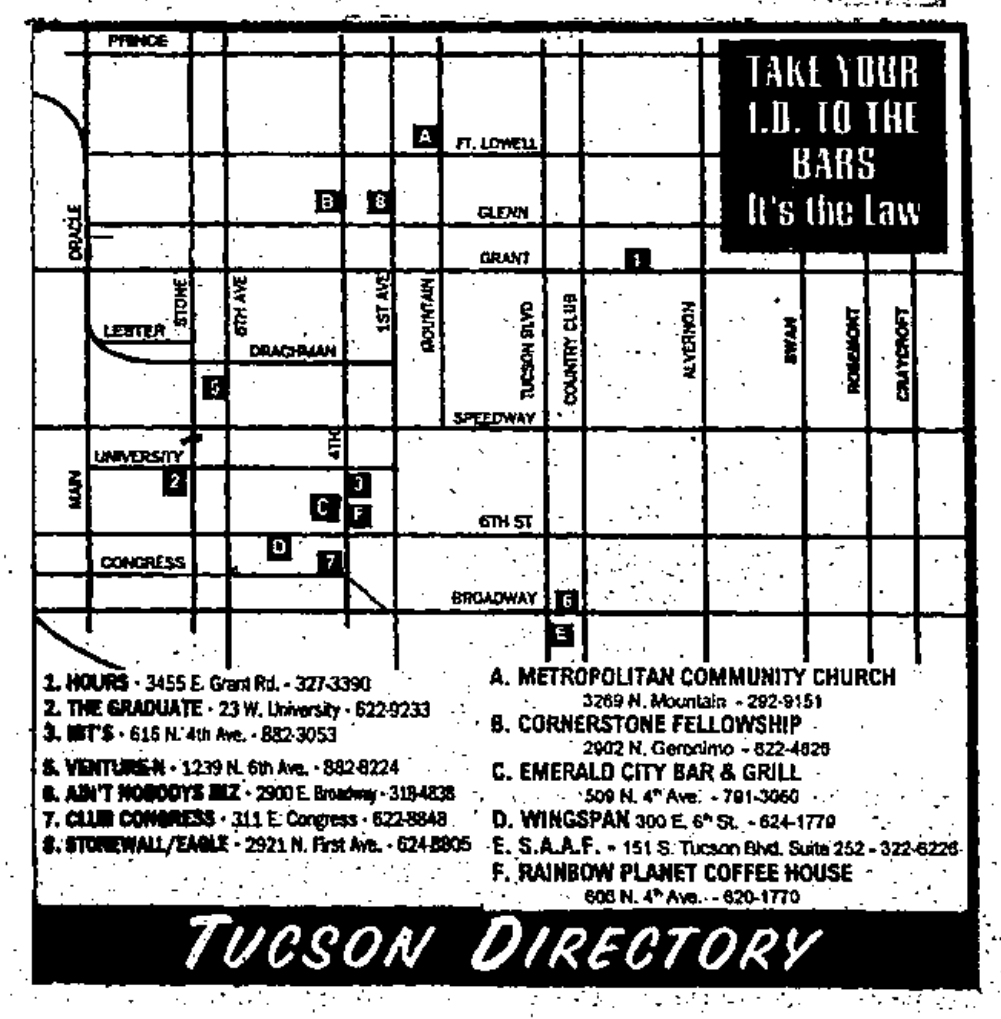

Gay Wyoming University Student Dies

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stung by accusations leveled by a number of Gay and Lesbian advocacy organizations that it and other conservative groups have fostered an intolerant climate that breeds anti-Gay violence. Such groups have been instrumental in blocking efforts to pass hate-crime legislation in Wyoming, saying such laws would give homosexuals 'special rights.'

"There is nothing special about living life free of violence and nothing right about opposing laws that would help remedy this situation," said Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "Those who oppose hate crimes legislation are either burying their heads in the sand or they simply don't care that thousands of Gay and Lesbian Americans are being harassed and brutalized each year," she said.

Those closer to the scene participated in a series of demonstrations in support of Shepard as well as sending masses of flowers and messages. Perhaps most remarkably, about 150 marchers in yellow armbands appeared in the university's homecoming parade, a group that eventually swelled to some 450, bearing signs reading "Thoughts and prayers with Matthew" and "No hate in our state."

At the university's football game, a moment of silence was observed. About a thousand attended a candlelight vigil near the University of Wyoming campus on the evening of October 11, National Coming Out Day; some 500 held a vigil at the same time near the hospital where Shepard was being treated in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Some Laramie, Wyoming churches also held prayer vigils. Further rallies were held in the afternoon and evening of October 12 in Denver, Colorado. Even before the attack on Shepard, the University of Wyoming was planning to observe "Gay Awareness Week 1998" this week. "Heather Has Two Mommies" author Leslea Newman spoke on campus.

In Tucson, the Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Association of students of the University of Arizona (BGALA) circulated petitions, urging the Wyoming Governor and State Legislature to adopt a hate-crimes law, during their marking of National Coming Out Day this past Monday in memory of Matthew Shepard. A spokesperson for BGALA said the petitions will be delivered to the governor and the legislature urging action.

HATE CRIMES LAWS

Arizona is one of twenty-one states that has a hate crime law. The state law deals only with sentencing for felony crimes. Approved in 1997, a judge may impose a harsher sentence if it is proved the victim was targeted because of their race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

BGALA will also be holding a candlelight memorial for Shepard on Thursday, October 15, 6:00 P.M., at the west end of the University of Arizona Mall.

OMINOUS SIGNS

More than legislation, more than demonstrations, this vignette reported on October 13 by a national newspaper from Boston, may be the most telling. On October 10, a young man at the Fireside Lounge sneered, "The fag-bashing starts later." Immediately, "three of his friends charged him, shoved him backward, and berated him for his incendiary rhetoric." Perhaps they were merely defending the reputation of their town, university and state from invading reporters, but consistent peer response could be the most powerful prevention of hate violence available.

CONTACTING THE SHEPARD FAMILY

Matthew Shepard's family released the following statement, Monday, October 12: "We would like to thank the hospital for their kindness, professionalism, sympathy, and respect for the needs of our family under this stressful time. We will always be grateful for their concern for Matthew."

The family expressed their sincere gratitude to the entire world for the overwhelming response for their son. During the last 24 hours we have received nearly 2000 e-mails from every continent, and, our Website, which normally receives 100 hits a day, received thousands of hits on Saturday and Sunday. Poudre Valley Hospital will continue to forward to the family any e-mail received. The e-mail address is mshepard@libra.pvh.org.

The family has again asked that no flowers be sent but rather that people send donations to: The Matthew Shepard Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank, PO Box 578, Fort Collins, CO 80522. Account No. 1926083.

Letters and notes of condolence can be sent to: Matthew Shepard and Family, c/o Poudre Valley Hospital, 1024 S. Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524-3998.

REV. FRED PHELPS PLANNING DEMONSTRATION AT FUNERAL

A funeral service for Shepard is scheduled to take place this Friday, October 16, in Laramie, Wyoming. Meanwhile, the Rev. Fred Phelps and his Topeka, Kansas Westboro Baptist Church, made up of his familial relations, who engage in anti-Gay and Lesbian picketing, said in an interview that he was planning a demonstration at Shepard's funeral.

Wyoming Governor, Jim Geringer (R), stated he cannot stop Phelps from coming, but added precautions would be taken to make sure the services are not interrupted.

Geringer said Phelps' group is "just flat not welcome. What we don't need is a bunch of wing nuts coming in."

Phelps said he had asked for protection from the Wyoming governor's office because his church had received at least seven death threats since word spread his pickets would be going to Laramie.

"We're not going to tolerate any violence from these homosexuals," Phelps said. "There are the most violent people in the world. Here they are talking about what happened to this poor boy, and they turn around and make death threats against us."

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Wingspan, and the Film Festival in particular, has been blessed with an outpouring of support, we are truly grateful. It seems the same businesses and faces are always there supporting any project that has a positive impact on our community and gives a positive image of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered diversity. The Festivals, AIDS Walks, Gay rodeos don't happen by themselves, it takes endless hours of volunteer work and of course, financial support.

The Fourth Annual Film Festival has it's angels, people like: Colette Barajas of Centra Realty, who's support has sponsored the "Women's Briefs: Stories that Bind" program. Arthur Padilla with the Circle of Friends, who, without hesitation, sponsored the "Coming Out: Q-Youth Xperience," a program directed to our Gay youth. Culture-Q Connection, a Gay and Lesbian film distribution company here in Tucson, owned by Michael Shoel and Donald Zelkowski, graciously sponsored the feature film, "Lillies," to be screened Friday, October 23, 9:15 P.M.

So what does it take to sponsor and evening of film programming at our festival? It takes profound interest in what is being presented and a financial obligation to cover the film costs and venue rental for the particular program one wishes to sponsor.

Jerry Perry and David Bucchiere, who headed out the "Festival Fiesta," which is part of the Opening Night Reception, Thursday, October 22, 7:00 P.M., Rialto Theatre, were both very surprised when they went out into the community to the various restauranteurs, such as the Kingfisher and Defecatables, and what positive response they received regarding participation in the "Fiesta." "The commitment of the restaurants was enthusiastic and their generosity showed in their contributions," stated Jerry Perry.

Then there is the staples such as the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, the ones who are always there, or like the Observer, always willing to give print space for fund-raising events, always willing to keep a tempo on what's happening, always helping in whatever way they can.

There were 400 letters sent out to Gay businesses and organizations asking to participate in the support of the 1998 Festival, the result being, a film festival program of 32 pages.. Garry Forger, Festival Co-Chair explains, "We may have lost some advertisers from last year, but things change for businesses in a years time, in the end, this year, we have more advertisers and people who were able to do 'trade-outs' with us in the past."

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers, the Film Festival this year has been blessed again with a strong core committee, committed to see the festival expand creatively and grow with impact, not only to our community but to the Tucson community at large. In closing, we with the Fest would like to thank all who have made this function a success and one than our community anticipates with excitement each year.

If you are excited with what's happening with this year's festival and would like to get involved by being a volunteer, committee member or supporter for the fifth annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, slated for October 1999, please let us know by E-mail: tlgff98@aol.com, or sign up at the film fest venues.

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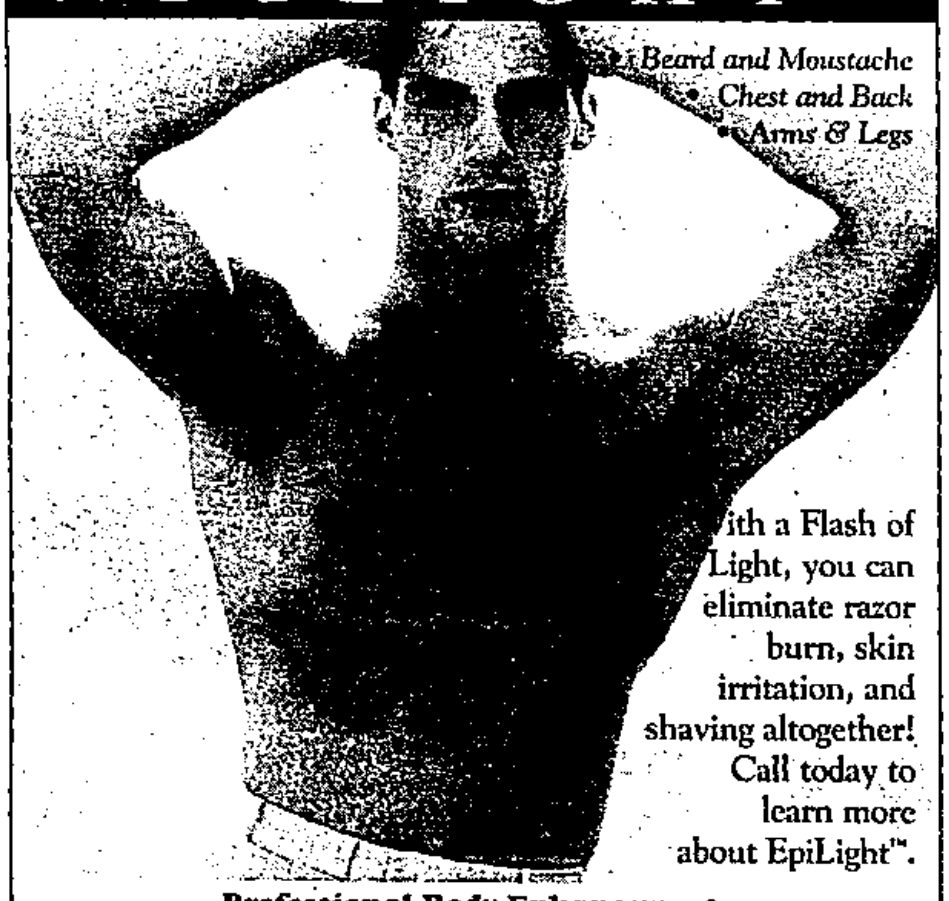

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By MARK R. KERR

"Craps!"

Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered, hawkers of goods and Volvo-driving straight folk will converge on Reid Park for OUToberFEST: a Pride Picnic, event to mark National Coming Out Day or a Gay and Lesbian street fair of sorts, depending upon your opinion.

For eight or so hours, those individuals will shop, get info, meet, and proudly celebrate their sexuality and tax-status. Cue music for "I Am What I Am!"

After speeches, entertainment, a march and the obligatory coverage by the breeder press, getting those pictures and footage of drag-queens and the leather crowd, people will go home for another year.

As Peggy Lee sung too many times, "Is That All There Is?"

It shouldn't be the case. Those in attendance, in addition to celebrating being "Out and Proud," should mark the fact of being lucky enough to live in a city with:

an enforceable, anti discrimination ordinance; covering housing, accommodations and employment;

a domestic partner's measure for Gay and Lesbian city of Tucson employees and Pima County government employees, with full benefits;

a municipal and state hate crime's ordinances on the books, which includes "us creative folk";

a supportive Mayor and City Council and;

the reputation, according to a recent poll, as one of the most tolerant and accepting of Gays and Lesbians.

A lot to be proud of and a lot that could go in the "blink of an eye." Cases in point:

The U.S. Supreme Court this week upheld Cincinnati Ohio's, anti-Gay amendment, stripping away the rights and the ability to change things through the political process, for Gays and Lesbians who live in the city.

Only through pressure and threats of a presidential veto, a House/Senate conference committee stripped an amendment, sponsored by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-CA, to an appropriation bill that would have withheld $250 million in federal Housing funding from the City of San Francisco for simply having a domestic partner's ordinance on their books.

Matthew Shepard, an openly Gay University of Wyoming student was brutally beaten, tied to a fencepost and left for dead on a rural road outside of Laramie. Shepard died October 12 from his injuries. Wyoming isn't one of the twenty-one states with a hate crime's ordinance. What about a federal measure?

The federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act (S.1529 and H.R. 3081 for those playing the home game) is languishing in both houses of Congress while the Republican leadership focuses on the important things, like impeachment. Both bills only received token hearings, despite having 163 sponsors in the House and 30 in the Senate.

To note: openly Gay Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, signed on as a cosponsor March 31 of this year. Just recently, Rep. Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, just signed on October 1. Convenient electioneering perhaps for Ed?

The community has been lucky for a long time, but they can end up rolling "craps" in the proverbial dice game of life.

Diligence, remembrance, getting involved in the political process can keep the odds in the community's favor.

How? A simple step is by voting. Vote for those few candidates who bravely stand with us or for ballot propositions, for example this year, which would limit the powers of government that love to take away our rights. Does the Grand Inquisition, er Arizona State Legislature comes to mind? It should!

In the case of this year's election, cast a protest vote of those candidates who seek our support when it's convenient . . . for them. Many races this year, have candidates running unopposed. If you simply skip that race, you are casting a protest vote against that person for their lack of support of our community. It will be counted as an under vote, a vote of no-confidence.

Another example is to give time or more important, money to national organizations and local groups whose purpose is to fight for our rights as Americans and taxpayers.

Most important, never forget or take for granted what the community has and accomplished.

That's fine but a tragedy, like the Shepard murder can't happen here, or can it? Just ask the family of Richard Heakin.

Heakin, a 21-year-old visitor from Lincoln, Nebraska, was beaten in the parking lot of the Stonewall Tavern by four teens, ages 15-17: Scott McDonald, Charles Shemwell, Herman Overpeck and Russell van Cleve. He died of severe brain injuries in the early hours of June 6, 1976.

During the trial, one of the students actually said in testimony, "that they were out, with a dozen friends, to go over to the Stonewall to 'hassle queers and stuff like that.'"

Charges for the four were reduced, by Judge Ben C. Birdsall, to involuntary manslaughter and were eventually given probation. Conditions of their "slaps on the wrists," er probation: finish high school, live with their parents until age 18, not to drink alcohol until age 19 and not to be out past 10:00 P.M. without the okay of their parents. According to the judge, their "sincere remorse" was punishment enough.

This tragedy mobilized the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community to act. If we are diligent and involved in the process, we won't have to live through another tragedy, like the Heakin or the Shepard case.

Be proud, never forget and take for granted what we, as a community has. . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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DEAR JOHN, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL WHO SUPPORT WINGSPAN:

What can I say but thank you? Wingspan's Tenth Anniversary celebration and your generous award will remain in my memory as perhaps the most significant event of my life. I am honored, and humbled by your acknowledgment.

During my years with Wingspan, board members often lamented the pitifully inadequate appreciation that the Board returned to volunteers in exchange for the hard work they routinely gave to the Center. By establishing this award, you have offered much more than simple recognition - you have created an incentive that will encourage the very best from our community. A goal that will nurture new problem-solving and light flames of energy and commitment among Tucson's Gay men and Lesbians for years to come.

Truthfully, when I was first introduced to the Center in 1989, it was hard for me to imagine that Wingspan would ever reach this day. That the quality of Wingspan's services, the scope of its outreach, the sophistication of its message, the talents and commitment of its volunteers, the dedication of its membership, the unbridled support of the community, and the loving spirit of cooperation that I saw last Saturday, would ever come about. But it has, and I am proud of everything that you have done to bring Wingspan to this point.

It is my hope in this milestone year, that Wingspan's celebration of past contributions will serve as a spark that ignites new energy among its volunteers, membership and supporters. That each of us in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community will dare to achieve the unimaginable as we roll up our sleeves and face our community's challenges, and Wingspan's next, most promising decade.

Most humbly yours,
Ken Godat

EDITOR:

The purple team would like to thank you all for helping to make "Celebrate Diversity III" a smashing success.

The diverse talents of Tucson's Gay community were clearly evident at the Stonewall/Eagle last Sunday, as forty performers (live vocalists, musicians, dancers, drag queens, female impersonators and illusionists of our Hispanic, Caucasian and Chinese cultural backgrounds) delighted the audience for more than two hours.

Thanks to Lucinda Holliday and the Blue Team for their participation.

Hearty thanks to our entire cast and crew. (You know who you are).

A special Purple Team bear hug to our stage manager, extra ordinaire, Brian Fox. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are proud of our diversity.

With unity,
The Purple Team

EDITOR:

It is with profound regret and pain that we bury Matthew Shepard, the latest victim of brutal homphobia.

As the media draws attention to inequality, institutionalized forms of bigotry and intolerance, let the Gay and Lesbian community put out a message of those windbags of disinformation and pseudoscience: Senators Trent Lott and Jesse Helms, Congressman Frank Riggs, R-CA, James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Pat Robertson of the Christian Coalition, and Janet Folger of the Center for Reclaiming America.

As you stand irresponsibly and unaccountably from you pulpits denouncing Gays and Lesbians for one illogical reason or another, plaster newspapers with incredible stories of former Gays and Lesbians or compare us to pedophiles and kleptomaniacs, you empower others to physically commit violence against members of our communities.

Recalling how some African Americans took on the Ku-Klux-Klan and won, your rhetoric implicates you as accessories of the worst hate crimes of this decade. The blood of Matthew Shepard is on your hands.

Damiano Iocovozzi
Martinez, California

EDITOR:

Isn't it amazing that we, a self-proclaimed, enlighten super-power, haven't been able to topple such inhumane regimes as Saddam Hussein and yet we succeeded in illegitimately unseating our own, twice popularly elected good president?

This Republican right-wing agenda is nothing less than a coup on a democratic government while the Democrats are disappointingly flaccid and Victorian about the whole affair.

Nevertheless, I hope the November election ballots reflect the polls in support of this president and the security of democratic non-church affiliated government.

The Republicans have shown us that they will abuse their powers if they control the House and the Senate.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Reflections On Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner

On Saturday evening, September 19, I had the privilege of attending the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner in Washington, DC. The black-tie event was attended by more than 2200 people. The speakers for the evening included Vice President Al and Tipper Gore; Melissa Ethridge and her spouse, Judy Cypher; and Maya Angelou. (The September 23 issue of the Observer contained a cover story on this event by Mark Kerr including the text of the Vice President's remarks.)

Al Gore's comments got my attention. Having just come from a few days visit to my parents in Pennsylvania, where the KKK has picketed a rural Gay bar about 10 miles from my family home for more than 18 months, it was inspiring to hear the vice president clearly, dramatically, and forcefully state that hate crimes are wrong and that the hate crimes bill needs to be passed; that no American should be denied opportunity because of race, gender, class, ethnic background, or sexual orientation; and that we, as a country, must learn to stretch ourselves further to assure others of equal opportunity.

Following an intermission, there was an introduction of the Human Rights Campaign's Youth College. The Youth College funds young people to work on campaigns and ballot issues around the country. I became sentimental. Having worked for years in Pittsburgh with Gay youth before it was fashionable to do so, it was inspiring to see young people working openly on Gay issues. The young people in turn introduced Melissa Ethridge.

Melissa Ethridge is one of the top recording artists in the world and her lover, Julie Cypher, is director of music video's and movies. They have one child with another on the way. They were given the National Family Civil Rights Award. Melissa spoke with lover beside her, while both of their families were in the audience. She recounted the stories of both women coming out to families and professionally, as individuals and as a couple, and as a family. She spoke of enjoying the "family vacation" they were having in DC, site seeing and doing the things other families do, and looking forward to the day when their grandchildren will find it odd that they received an award for simply being a family.

Dr. Maya Angelou was the keynote speaker of the evening. (Dr. Angelou is the poet who read at Clinton's first inauguration.) Having grown up in rural Arkansas, she overcame the limitations of poverty, racism, and a broken family to publish over a dozen books, some poetry, some prose, acted on Broadway, in movies, and TV specials.. She is bold, articulate, powerful, and very centered in her work.

Dr. Angelou's presentation was filled with stories and poems. She began by reading and singing her poem, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which is the title of the first volume of her autobiography which was made into a movie. In the poem, the caged bird is admired for the beauty of it's song, but the bird sings of wanting to fly and be free, to soar, to nest, and to be with other birds. It's a poem about oppression and freedom.

Dr. Angelou spoke of the need of oppressed people to believe in themselves. She shared poems which helped her find strength when odds were overwhelming.

Her final poem for the evening was one she was commissioned to write for the United Nations 50th Anniversary. She read the poem, which spoke of the wonders of the world, those created by humanity like the pyramids, and those natural wonders like the Grand Canyon and the Amazon River. The poem goes on to explain that of all the wonders of the world, the greatest wonder is that found within human beings. It is when humanity learns to appreciate the wonder of human life that we will overcome all that divides us.

In October, the American Gay/Lesbian community marks National Community Out Day on the 11th. On Saturday, the 17th, we Tucsonans mark OUToberfest. During this week, we have the opportunity to affirm the wonder of who we have been made to be. Truly, the wonder of human being, in all it's diversity, is the greatest wonder of the world.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This weekly article is written by members of Cornerstone Fellowship Church. It usually contains an anecdote from someone's life and incorporates the importance of God's involvement in his/her life. But this week's article is different. I thought it would be a good time to talk briefly about our church and offer you an invitation.

Cornerstone Fellowship is a non-denominational Christian church. We are referred to as a Bible-based church as well. We believe the Bible to be God's word and teach from it through our weekly Bible studies at church and of course through the Sunday sermons. In the Bible, a particular verse is held very near and dear to the hearts of our readers. It is found in the book of John, Chapter 3, verse 16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." The word "whoever" indicates that God's love and offer of salvation is for everyone, period.

Many people in our community have been told that God cannot love them or that they are destined for Hell unless they turn from homosexuality. Although reconciling one's homosexuality and Christianity is a very personal thing between an individual and God, we do believe that the word "whoever" includes Gays, Lesbians, Transgendered, and well, everyone. It's our relationship with Jesus Christ and not the description of who we live, that matters most. Unfortunately, many of you will never hear the good news of Jesus because you've been told in the past that you can't attend a Bible-based church.

We believe that God has blessed his little church for over 12 years now, because we are spreading his gospel to our community.

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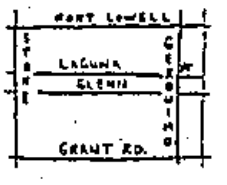

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"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." *Romans 8:1*

Horoscopes

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record queer, cousin; you have nothing to lose but your straight jacket.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Shout it loud and queer. Expressive Mercury in pointed Scorpio won't allow you to waver and waft this week. Proud Virgos feel the power of their words around National Coming Out Day so strive to make your opinions known. Success and impact are in the cards! But don't rest on your laurels, friend; all those little leaves and twigs are not all that comfortable anyway.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Life makes dollars and cents when logical Mercury glides into calculating Scorpio. Queer Libras are apt to check out the bottom line (no names please . . .) now to harness the secrets of future financial security. Maybe the secret is to marry a well endowed benefactor. Check out the crowd apres Coming Out Day to see if there's any sugar among the lumps.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps tend not to crave the spotlight. They would rather work out their particular brand of magic behind the scenes. However, when flirtatious Mercury steps into your sign, there is no shielding the glare of the crowd. Step Out and revel in it; National Coming Out Day only serves to heighten the applause. Are you ready for your close-up? Wear pink high-lighter.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Count your lucky vibes when feisty Mercury entices charismatic Scorpio. Queer Archers feel their oats now, especially after the greatly affirming National Coming Out Day festivities. Tackle your demons and wrassle them to the ground. It is time to fully realize your Gay potential. Match inner harmony with outer community efforts. If not now, when? If not you, who?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

This is no time to for solitude; Goats need to seek out the proud crowd in time to celebrate the befores and afters of National Coming Out Day. Sociable Mercury in commandeering Scorpio helps you get the most out of friendships and expand any social circle. You are elected social kaiser. Your subjects only ask that you rule with an iron fist in a latex glove.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are particularly astute in the corporate sense when sensible Mercury energizes capitalistic Scorpio. Don those pinstripes and don't pass "Go" without collecting your $200. Use the affirming energy of National Coming Out Day to launch long term goals. You have nothing to lose but your Communist Manifesto. (I always thought you were a little pink . . .)

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Where do you expect to be after National Coming Out Day? Hopefully, wherever you choose to hang your hat, you'll find a few proud compadres hanging around as well. Pink Fish can dive into this wide ocean of a world and submerge themselves in new stimuli. Mercury in Scorpio enables you to get the most out of every experience. Be wise, smart, but don't behave.

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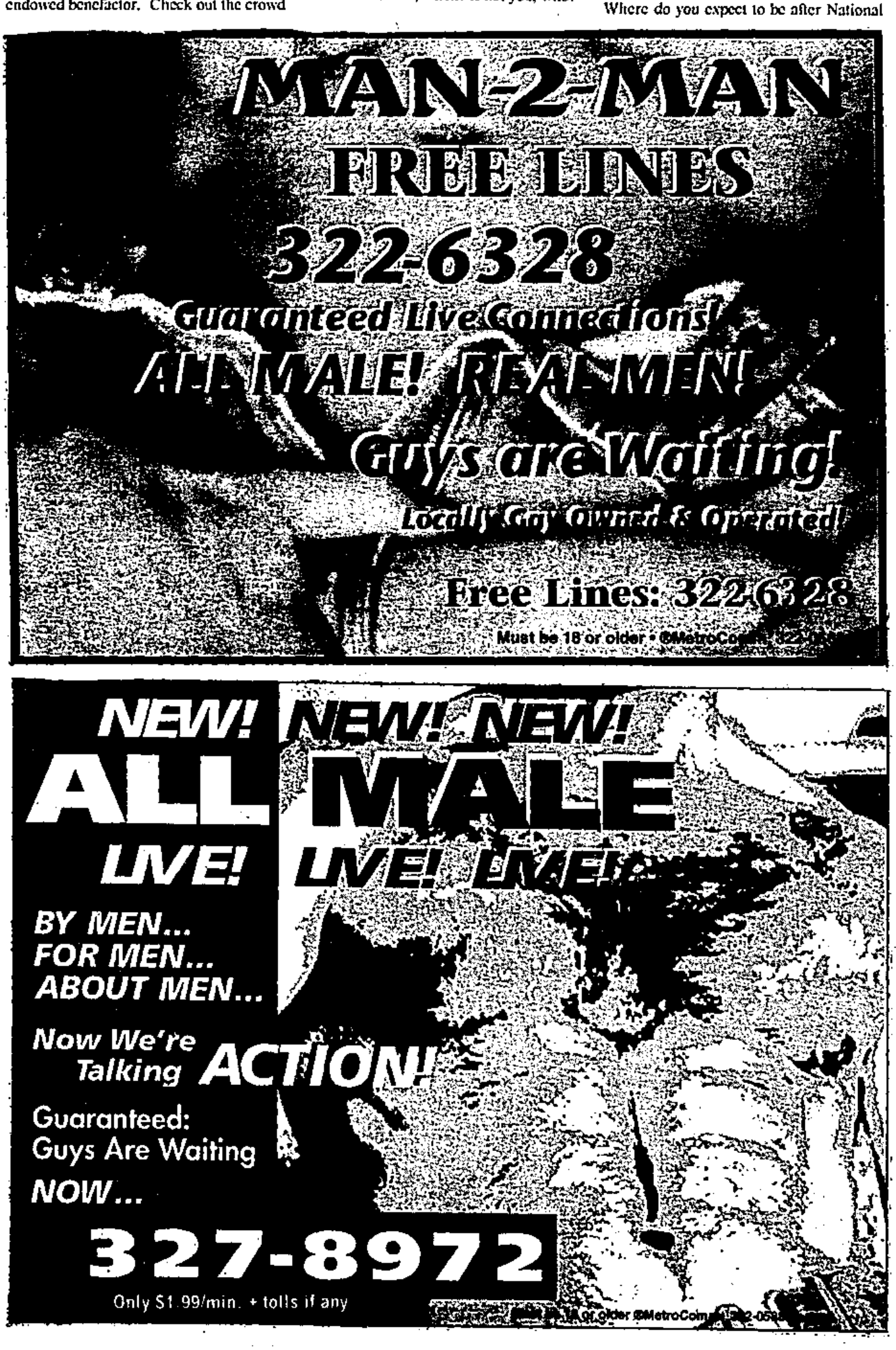

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View From The Rock

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We hope and pray that not one of you will miss out on the love that Jesus has to offer, nor the fellowship with other believers that is waiting for you at Cornerstone Fellowship! See you at the picnic.

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TLGA's OUToberFEST

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The schedule for OUToberFEST (subject to change):

11:00 A.M. - Democratic Congressional candidate Tom Volgy.

11:45 AM. - Rally with groups and organizations at South end of park.

NOON - Rally around the park and up to the North stage. Opening ceremony, with the national anthem performed by Reveille's Gay Men Chorus. Several numbers will follow. A welcome from TLGA President, Tim Redmon. A performance by Desert Voices will follow.

12:45 P.M. - Tommie and the Marlettes, from San Diego, California.

1:00 P.M. - Female Impersonator Show hosted by Mr. Rodney Shanks.

2:30 P.M. - Comedian Rob Nash from Los Angeles, California.

2:45 P.M. - Jess Hawk-Oakenstar.

3:15 P.M. - Crowning Ceremony for King and Queen of Gay Pride - 1998.

3:30 P.M. - Angela Motter from Atlanta, Georgia.

4:00 P.M. - Morrighan.

4:30 P.M. - Mitzi Cowell.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we revisit the Mountain View Restaurant at 1220 E. Prince. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. 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 at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, October 15 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, OCTOBER 17

OUTeberFEST '98 will take place at the Southwest Corner of Reid Park at 22nd Street and Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Pride Day in the Park. "Unity with Diversity". Check the ad in this issue of Observer and come on out!

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join MSN in celebrating OUTeberFest. We'll have a booth at the fest, and hope to you'll stop by and visit to see what MSN is all about. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for another Sunday afternoon of bowling. The cost is $6.00 for 3 games, and this includes your shoes. For details and reservations, please call Doug at 1/520-803-0715.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The first of our cross-dressing films is "Mrs. Doubtfire" starring Robin Williams as a man who dresses up as a nanny to spend more time with his kids. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who October want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out as we eat at the Sundance Café and Juice bar on 4th Avenue. For reservations and directions, please call Mark at 572-0583.

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22-25

4th Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, providing a forum for new films to be shown to the Southern Arizona community, along with discussion, film background and guest speakers. The screenings will take place at the historic Rialto Theater, the Gallagher Theater (UofA) and the Screening Room. Call Wingspan for full program information, time & location.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cronies Social Club mid-Month Dinner at Cattletown Steak House, 3141 E. Drexel. 6:30 p.m.

Film Festival opening night, reception and film, at the Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress, 7:00 p.m. Opening night tickets $10.00/

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Second night of the Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival with two features at the Gallagher Theatre on the UofA campus "Out Of Season" a Lesbian film at 7:00 p.m. and "Lilies" a Gay film at 9:15 p.m. Tickets $5.00

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. A Creature Double Feature highlights two films about vampires and things that go bump in the night (and we don't mean Jeff Stryker!). First up: "The Horlas Tapes" followed by "Near Dark" at 10:00 p.m. Join us for one or both of these films. For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Film Festival continues today with a series of short films all taking place at the Screening Room, 127 E. Congress. 4:00 p.m. Film content focuses on coming of age, first experiences, self-worth and young college students. 6:00 p.m. begins a powerful program of short films and videos representing a diverse look at the Lesbian/women's community. 8:00 p.m. It's the full length feature "Drag-A-Rama" preceded by two independent film shorts. 10:00 p.m. "Leather Jacket Love Story" a tender and sexually charged love/coming of age story of an 18-year-old who falls for an older man of the leather "discipline". 12:00 a.m. Midnight Show will feature an encore showing of "Leather Jacket Love Story" described above. Tickets $5.00

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Single, and looking to mingle with other Gay men? We've got a great non-drinking/smoking place where you'll have a chance to sit down and talk quietly with other guys. Join us for a Singles Party at Bill's home. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Coupled, and wanting to meet other couples for a night of conversation and camaraderie? Join us for a Couples Party at Jerry & Les' home. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Film Festival concludes today with two shows at the Screening Room, 127 E. Congress. 6:00 p.m., Feature film "Queer Chaps: Celebrating The Gay Western Lifestyle" and the 7:30 p.m. show will feature Festival Favorites along with the "Edna Jean & Pitiful Show, a Dallas, Texas award-winning serial comedy. Tickets $5.00

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held sometime early at somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. The Annual AIDS Walk will be held at Rillito Downs today. If you'd like to sponsor and/or walk with some of the men of MSN, please call Jorge at 887-4055.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Cronies Social Club Luncheon "Old Times Kafe", 1485 W. Prince. 12:30 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

Gay Men's Discussion Group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Emerald City Grill, 509 N. 4th Avenue. This group meets in a casual social setting to give Gay men the opportunity to discuss what's on their minds. Soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Mike Henry at the Gay Men's Health Project 322-6226.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our second film about cross dressing is "Tootsie". This stars Dustin Hoffman as an out-of-work actor who hits it big playing a woman. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. A special "Send-Off Show" for Miss Gay America contestants Electra Man, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Truly Fake. Also starring Lucinda Holliday and Felice Renard, Victoria DuPuis and Ajia Simone.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Gay Latina Pageant 8:30 p.m. in the Stonewall. Featuring Karina Montenegro, Phaedra, Miss Guera, Mama Reyna, Sasha and Divinity. $5.00 Cover. 1998 Mardi Gras videos from Sydney, Australia 9:00 to 777 in the Eagle.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

IBT'S - Hot, Live Jazz on the Patio with the Dukes of York 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Tommie & The Mariettes. 9:00 p.m. Benefiting the Purple Team.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Though it's not a bar-event, it is an event for everyone in the community. It's OUTeberFEST '98 day at Reid Park. It's Pride Day "Unity With Diversity" 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of Reid Park (22nd Street and Country Club). Watch for posters and ads....

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - After Pride Party!! Music starts at 8:00 p.m. Drink specials every 1/2 hour. No Cover! Come see our booth at OUTeberFEST.

IBT'S - Visit IBT's Dance Tent at OUTeberFEST at Reid Park then join our annual Community Picnic from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by hot dancing 9:00 to closing.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que/ Beer Bust for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Karaoke on the patio 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registar to enter for best karaoke. Then at 9:00, back by popular demand Rob Nash from Comedy Central's Out There in Hollywood and the HBO Comedy half hour, the improv in L.A., Comedy Store in L.A. and Catch A Rising Star in St. Louis. IBT's exclusive engagement. 9:00 p.m. Showtime! No Cover. Get there early for seats.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. 'Puttin' On The Lips' lipsync contest. $50 first prize. Hosted by Victoria Du Puis and Bunny Fu Fu.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Arizona Angels Softball Team benefit Bar-B-Que 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Then Ms. JODY's Birthday Show. Showtime 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Arizona Angels Softball Team Pre-Halloween Show 9:30 p.m. 50/50 Raffle, Jell-O Shots.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - As always, the last Friday of each month is Latin Night at the Biz. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - This is a ghoulish night at the Biz. A Halloween Bash to be remembered. Costume Contest starts at 11:00 p.m. Must be signed up by 10:30 p.m. First prize: $200; 2nd $50; 3rd $25. No Cover.

Daily Bar Calendar

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 6pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Buffet for $AAF $2 a plate. 3-77 Movie changes. Karaoke Night 8-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Raynman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 6pm, $3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. $2.00 Cuervo Gold all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martini's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 8am - noon.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. $1.25 pitchers 5-midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Bare Chest Nite (Sorry men only). Men wearing no shirt will get $2 Bud & Bud Light [Stonewall side only]. Dance w/Raynman

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 25¢ well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. $2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (past check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 8am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.50 from 8pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-talk. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 6-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 8pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Raynman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

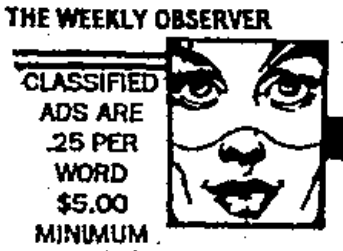
HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-6. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Raynman.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cribbage Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.



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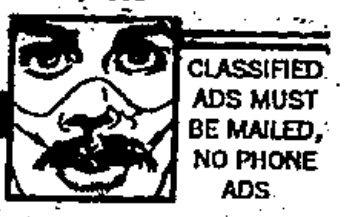

NOTICES

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream interpretation. 573-8020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-6591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

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)327-1620 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 868-6541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rosa 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

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

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 325-9466 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.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 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 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. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3209 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 696-9565 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 770-9978 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 proselyting - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9663.

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 322-6226.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 624-1779.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 281-9882.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6220. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 34284, Tucson, AZ 85749-6284. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL 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 584-9280, 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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL 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 Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Binarys 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 886-1268 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2697, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1268 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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: Maverick1, 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.

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.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 4:30 p.m. Check it out!

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 Greg Hoffman 577-8333 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 622-3208.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 594-7883.

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THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 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 791-7676.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people wanting to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9820, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (svelten@ix.netcom.com)

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