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President Calls For Passage Of Federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act

WASHINGTON, DC — At the White House, President Clinton announced steps by the public and private sectors to fight hate crimes and prevent hate-inspired acts by reaching out to America's youth. The President called on Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act—crucial legislation that would strengthen and expand the Justice Department's ability to prosecute hate crimes.

Creating a Public-Private Partnership to Teach Tolerance. President Clinton announced a public-private partnership that will develop a program for middle-school students to teach tolerance in the classroom and in their daily lives. The members of this partnership are AT&T, Court TV, the National Middle School Association, the Anti-Defamation League and Cable in the Classroom, with assistance from the Departments of Education and Justice. Recognizing that tolerance cannot be taught in a day and that raising awareness of diversity should be integrated into student's daily lives, this partnership, which is called "Dealing with Our Differences" will:

provide an opportunity for middle-school students to learn about the harmful impact of intolerance;

highlight positive ways that young adolescents are dealing with issues of diversity; develop in-school lessons and activities supported with cable TV programming, videos, web sites, a nationally televised forum on diversity and tolerance in October, and post-show lessons and activities.

Directing the Collection of Data about Hate Crimes in Schools and Colleges. In order to better understand the problem of hate crimes and intolerance among young people, the President called on the Departments of Education and Justice to include in their annual report card on school safety a new section on hate crimes among young people. Additionally, President Clinton directed the Department of Education, with assistance from the Department of Justice, to collect data on hate crimes and bias on college campuses for periodic publication.

Urging the Passage of an Expanded Federal Hate Crimes Law. The President urged Congress to pass the bipartisan Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999—legislation that strengthens existing federal hate crimes law by:

extending the situations where prosecutions can be brought for violent crimes motivated by bias based on race, color, religion, or national origin; and

expanding the federal hate crimes statute to protect against hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender or disability.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AT HATE CRIMES ANNOUNCEMENT

The President: Thank you. Senator Leahy, Senator Specter, Congressman Cardin and Delahunt, Secretary Riley, Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee; to our D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey, and the other distinguished guests in the audience who are in support — broadened support of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Let me begin by thanking Attorney General Ketterer and Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon for being here.

I want you to know that the Attorney General got up at 3:00 A.M. this morning to drive down here from Maine. And of course, he got up that early so he could stay lawfully within the speed limit — (laughter) — coming down here. And he set a good example, and he was wide awake and very persuasive on the law.

Bishop, we thank you for your very moving remarks. Remind me never to speak behind you again. (Laughter.) It was -so much of what the Bishop said about the setting of this is many things that I have thought. I think she and I and those of us who grew up in the segregated south are perhaps more sensitive to all these various hate crimes issues because we grew up in a culture that was dominated for too long by people who thought they only counted if they had somebody to look down on, that they could only lift themselves up if they were pushing someone else down; that their whole definition of a positive life required a negative definition of another group of people. That's really what this is all about.

And if you — as she said, if you look at the whole history of this violence we see in Kosovo, what we went through in Bosnia, this, the fifth anniversary of the awful Rwandan genocide, that I regret so much the world was not organized enough to move quickly enough to deal with it before hundreds of thousands of lives were lost — with the oppression of women in Afghanistan, with the lingering bitterness in the Middle East — you see all these things. When you strip it all away, down deep inside there is this idea that you cannot organize personal life or social life unless some group feels better about itself only when they are oppressing someone else. Or people at least believe that they ought to have the right to do violence against someone else solely because of who they are, not because of what they do. Now, at the bottom, that's what this is all about.

And I have said repeatedly since I have been President that one of the things I have sought to do in our country is to

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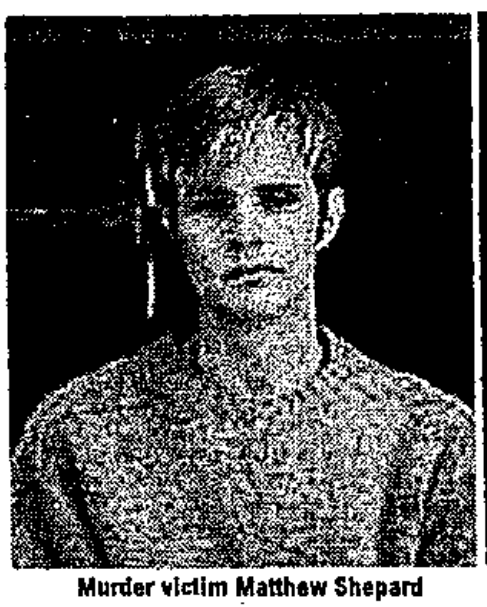
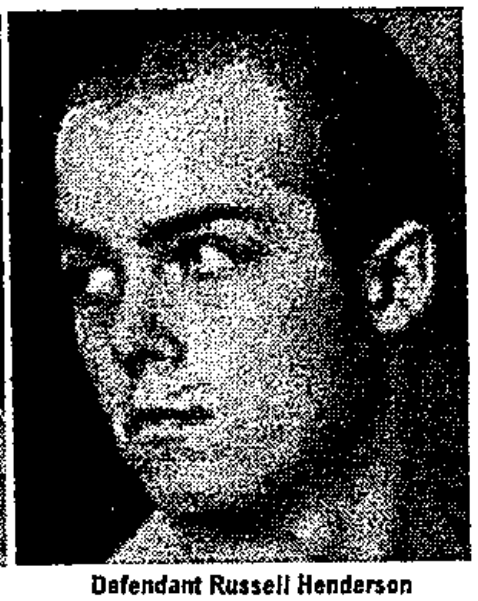
Plea Bargain In Shepard Death

Defendant Avoids Death Penalty; Will Testify Against Other Defendant



Murder victim Matthew Shepard



Defendant Russell Henderson

LARAMIE, WY (NP) — The trial of the first of two suspects in the October bashing murder of Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard ended abruptly as Russell Henderson agreed to plead guilty to kidnapping and murder in the commission of a felony in exchange for two consecutive life prison terms.

Prosecutors had been seeking the death penalty against Henderson on a charge of first-degree murder, as well as kidnapping and aggravated robbery. With the plea bargain, Henderson will testify against the other suspect, Aaron McKinney. McKinney's trial will begin some time in August.

Previously, the final round of jury selection had been planned for April 5 and opening arguments for April 6, but it was announced April 2 that instead a special hearing would be held on April 5, sparking widespread speculation that a plea bargain was in the works.

"THIS WAS NEVER A HATE CRIME"

Henderson's public defender, Wyatt Skaggs, who had consistently maintained that "This was never a hate crime," had told prospective jurors that he'd intended to argue that although Henderson was present at the time of the murder, he did not take part in the vicious pistol-whipping that led to Shepard's death.

Upon entering his guilty plea, Henderson admitted to driving the car and helping to tie Shepard to the fence, but blamed McKinney for dealing the fatal blows. In what's been described as a matter-of-fact retelling of the grisly details, Henderson said his co-defendant hit him when in his words, "Matthew looked really bad, so I told [McKinney] to stop, he's had enough." At the end of his statement, Henderson offered an apology to Judy and

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Sisters Party Without Trouble

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) — The stone was rolled away and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence anniversary party went on as planned, with San Franciscans apparently deciding to attend the celebration of their choice.

After sparking two weeks of noisy controversy, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence celebrated their 20th anniversary on April 4 in San Francisco's Castro district with some 7,000 happy supporters, seven bands and no protesters. After the Board of Supervisors granted a permit to close a block for the party — as they've done for past celebrations of the Sisters' Easter Sunday anniversary — the Archdiocese of San Francisco's new "Catholic San Francisco" newspaper ran a column by Catholics for Truth and Justice vice-chair Wade Hughan entitled "Bending Over Backward to Ridicule the Faith," generating massive Catholic protest to City Hall.

A second vote by the Board on March 29 reaffirmed the permit. Although the verbal volleys continued — with Archbishop William Levada writing in the "Catholic San Francisco" that, "City government has gone out of its way to associate itself with this ridicule and blasphemy" — when Easter Sunday arrived, all sides seemed to celebrate in their own fashion in their own neighborhood. According to a San Francisco newspaper, the two sides have agreed to meet and talk.

The San Francisco Sisters, some 30 flamboyantly made-up drag nuns with humorous made-up names, are often described as a street theater group for their antics at public events. Even more, they're a service club, which over the years has

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UPDATE

Poz Cafe Serves Lunch Again April 15th

TUCSON — All HIV+ adults are invited to Poz Cafe on Thursday, April 15, noon to 3:00 P.M. Poz (pronounced "paws" or "pause"; short for positive, as in HIV positive) Cafe is a monthly lunch and social event initiated by TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) in response to community request.

Each month, TIHAN volunteers provide a delicious and nutritious lunch for HIV+ persons. This is followed by a time to "hang out" and chat, or participate in a variety of social activities, such as card games, arts and crafts, board games, bingo, etc.

Poz Cafe is a social event, not a support group; it's also a way to enhance health through good nutrition. Each month will feature both meat and vegetarian entrees. (This month's menu features homemade lasagna.)

There is no cost to attend Poz Cafe, but reservations are requested so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Poz Cafe takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with lunch at noon, and social from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. The cafe is at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, a well-known Gay friendly church, located at the corner of Swan and River Roads. Transportation can be provided with advance notice.

The concept for Poz Cafe is based upon other successful programs, including the Joshua Tree program in Phoenix, the Strength for the Journey Camp, and Cornerstone Fellowship's former GLIA luncheon (God's Love in Action.) Like all TIHAN programs, no proselytizing is permitted, the purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS.

If you are HIV+ and want to get out and meet others in a fun, casual atmosphere, join us for lunch at Poz Cafe. For more information about the Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

AGRA-Tucson Bowl-A-Thon April 18

TUCSON — The Tucson chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is hosting a bowl-a-thon, Sunday, April 18, 2:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

The bowl-a-thon will be a series of three games. Color pins will be evident in some of the 10-pin set up. A strike with a color pin in the head-pin position earns the bowler a cash dollar. A strike with a color pin in the 10 pin set up earns the bowler 50 cents. Any bowler with a game of 200 or better earns the bowler a $2 bill. Specials for bowlers having a 69, 169 or a 269 score, either within or the score for a game, receives a certificate for a 69 center drink special at Venture-N, IBT's, The Graduate and the Stonewall/Eagle. There will be a 50/50 drawing for gifts and cash!

Everyone is invited to participate! We hope to see members of the Monday and Wednesday night bowling leagues, as well as the softball league, and other organizations.

For further information and registration, contact Gil (520) 577-3565, or the AGRA-office, (520) 323-0805.

RGMC's ExtrABBAganza Seeks Singers

TUCSON — After it's hugely successful collaboration with the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale of Phoenix in "Viva La Diva - Book II" show, the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is already into rehearsal for it's ExtrABBAganza show, June 5-6.

Written by David Maddux for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, ExtrABBAganza is a compilation of music written and performed by the legendary group, ABBA. The show includes such ABBA hits as "Take a Chance on Me," "Thank You For the Music," "When I Kissed the Teacher," "Fernando," and "Voulez-Vous."

Singers can audition for the ExtrABBAganza show until April 17. There are openings in the first tenor, second tenor and Bass sections. Anyone interested in joining the chorus should call Artistic Director, James Gall, (520) 811-1369, to set up an audition.

Volleyball At St. Francis In The Foothills

TUCSON — Are you ready for some fun in the sun playing volleyball. Games are played every Saturday, 3:00 P.M., at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River (northwest corner of Swan and River Roads).

People of all playing levels are welcome. Volleyball is a great way to make new friends and get exercise at the same time.

For more information, please call (520) 886-1208.

Desert Voices Update

TUCSON — Desert Voices began rehearsals for their tenth anniversary concert, Legacy, and are still seeking singers who have participated in the last ten ears to return for this tribute concert.

The chorus is seeking singers who have participated in the last ten years to return for this tribute concert. If you have sung with the chorus in the past, or know if someone who has, give us a call (520) 791-9662. Can't rehearse for an 11-week period? Then join Desert Voices for our finale selection. Call and find out how!

Concert plans include guest appearances by conductors and singers, videos and slides, a commemorative album, and more! The concert takes place June 18-19, at the Temple of Music and Art. Tickets are available. Special rates for students, seniors and groups. Call (520) 791-9662 for more information. . . .

Desert Voices will be performing in the final concert of the Saguaro Christian Church Musical Arts Series, Sunday, April 11, 3:00 P.M.

Desert Voices are currently celebrating their tenth anniversary. Under the direction of Artistic Director, Keith Koster, the chorus will present selections from their most recent production Sisters, and selections from their upcoming cd release, Legacy: A Decade of Changing Lives Through Song. Songs include music from Broadway, popular tunes, folk songs, classical work and original commissions.. The women's barbershop quartet, Allegria, and the men's quarter, Four Brothers, will also make an appearance.

A donation of $3 is suggested. For more information, call (520) 296-5901.

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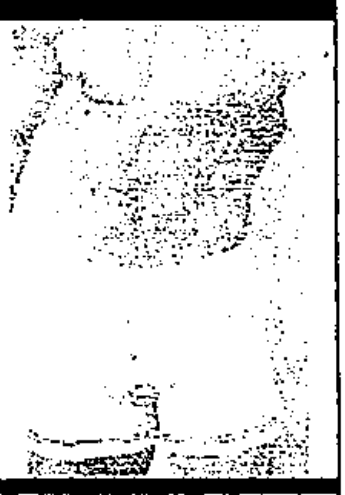

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Evidence Of Ancient Gay Tribe Unearthed

WASHINGTON, DC (JABS) — Scientists from the Journal of Archeological and Behavioral Sciences (JABS) held a special press conference on the steps of the Smithsonian to announce what some are calling the most important archeological find in a generation.

The remains of some 30 individuals, believed by scientists to be between 90,000 and 100,000 years old, have been unearthed by quarry workers in the Feldhofer Cave, near Dusseldorf, Germany. What has made an otherwise incredible find so extraordinary, however, is that all of the pairings in the community appear to be homosexual.

"People have been saying for years it's Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve," said Dr. Anita Laynow who co-authored the JABS report. "Well, we've found Adam and Steve, Bruce and Kip and Dale and Jerry — not to mention Karen and Margaret, Alice and Cheryl, and Janet and Jean."

DNA analysis and careful study of the bone fragments suggest the discovered community was composed of individuals at the zenith of evolutionary development for the time. Scientists note the erect carriage, unridged brow and high forehead mark a significant departure from the standard appearance of early humans at the time.

Delicate stone tools, one set found near the remains of a hide cinch pouch, show evidence of heightened attention to personal grooming. Said one scientist, "they not only stood taller and looked better, they probably also smelled a good deal nicer than early heterosexual man."

The archeological site is littered with the remnants of what appear to be elaborately crafted musical instruments showing the importance this group of early humans attached to communal festivals. Cave renderings show a pronounced reverence to arched and concentric bands of naturally occurring spectral light, leading many to speculate the community engaged in some form of early rainbow worship.

Noted Columbia University anthropologist Dr. Si Quinn told those at the outdoor press gathering in Washington that the remains suggested the excavation site was but one of many similar communities scattered throughout the stone age world. "To say we've unearthed Bedrock's Greenwich Village would be an over simplification, but not entirely inaccurate," Quinn joked with reporters.

Quinn was careful to point out the importance of the discovery to a skeptical April Fool's Day crowd. "Relatively free from the warring instincts of other early tribes and the need of females to provide care for the newborn, this community, fed by the constant influx of new members, could devote itself to cultural pursuits: storytelling, painting, religion, philosophy, ornamentation, craftware, music, and all modes of early individual expression.

"I believe this tribe — and individuals belonging to and descended from it — may very well be responsible for the development of culture that are the hallmarks of civilized existence. Like it or not," said Quinn with a wink, "there may be a little bit of Adam and Steve in all of us."

Man Given 60 Years In West Virginia Gay Assault

CHARLESTON, WV (CG) — A 37-year-old West Virginia man convicted of beating and robbing a traveling salesman who had befriended him was sentenced to a 60-year prison term for the August 1997 assault.

Kanawha Circuit Judge Jim Stucky said he wasn't buying Robert Bowers III's argument that he was trying to protect himself from the victim's sexual advances. Bowers was convicted in January of the attack on 36-year-old William Wilder of Ohio.

Bowers read a statement to the court before sentencing was handed down. Wilder, he said, "imposed his unwanted sexual advances upon me by fondling my privates . . . I attacked Mr. Wilder essentially because he placed me in an awkward situation. I am not a homosexual, and I do not appreciate homosexuals trying to force their perversion upon me. I therefore reacted violently," he said.

Judge Stucky said he believed Bowers and his accomplice chose Wilder thinking him "the perfect victim . . ." He told Bowers he thought he chose the salesman "because you believed that no matter what you did, Mr. Wilder would not have the ability or desire to report those actions to law enforcement authorities."

The Judge continued. "This crime has no explanation or justification in the court's mind. It is my responsibility in sentencing you to attempt to send a message to you that such behavior, such hatred, such violence on any citizen will not be tolerated in Kanawha County."

Bowers' co-defendant, 22-year-old Charles Frye, pleaded guilty to his part in the beating and testified for the state in Bowers' trial. Frye received a 10-year prison sentence.

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bridge all these divides, and to get all of our people not to agree with one another, not to even like one another all the time -- goodness knows, we can't like everybody all the time -- but to recognize that our common humanity is more important than these categorical differences. And also to recognize that over the long run, America will not be able to be a force for good abroad unless we are good at home.

If you think about the brave men and women who are working with our NATO allies today in Kosovo, and you remember that this basically all started 12 years ago, when Mr. Milosevic decided to rally the support of his ethnic Serbian group by turning their hatred against the Kosovar Albanians, and later the Bosnian Muslims and the Croatian Catholics, and the others -- it is very important that we deal with these challenges here at home, even as we continue to support the work of our people in uniform in this Balkans.

I want to say again, the United States would never choose force as anything other than a last option. And Mr. Milosevic could end it now by withdrawing his military police and paramilitary forces, by accepting the deployment of an international security force to protect not only the Kosovar Albanians, most but not all of whom are Muslims, but also the Serbian minority in Kosovo. Everybody. We're not for anybody's hate crimes. And by making it possible for all the refugees to return and to move toward a political framework based on the accords reached in France.

Now, as I said, we can't continue to organize ourselves to try to stand against these things around the world -- which I firmly hope we will. I applaud the women in America who have done so much to bring to the world's attention the terrible treatment of women in Afghanistan, for example. And we have worked hard in Africa to work with other African forces to build an Africa Crisis Response Initiative so that something like the Rwanda genocide cannot happen again. We have to keep working on these things.

But first of all, we must always be working on ourselves. That's really what this is about. Because we know this is more the work of the Bishop than the President, but we know that inside each of us there are vulnerabilities to dehumanizing other people simply by putting them in a category that permits us to dismiss them, or that permits us to put them in a category so that on a bad day, when we're feeling especially bad about something we've done, we can say, well, thank God I'm not them. And it is a short step from that -- a short, short step from that -- to licensing or even participating in acts of violence.

As I said, it may be -- I was standing here looking at Secretary Riley, and Bishop Dixon; I was thinking about all the years that Secretary Riley and I worked together. It may be that the three of us are more sensitive to this because we grew up in the segregated South, but it is very easy to get into a social system where you always get to think a little better of yourself because you've always got someone that you can dehumanize.

And that's really what this whole issue with Gays is today in America. We're not talking about everybody agreeing with everybody else on every political issue. We're talking about whether people have a right, if they show up and work hard and obey the law, and are good citizens, to pursue their lives and dignity without -- free of fear, without fear of being abused.

And this should not be a partisan issue. I want to thank Senator Specter for showing up here today. This ought not to be anything other than a basic, simple statement of American principle.

But I would like to say one other thing, just as a practical matter. Isn't it interesting to you that we are on the eve of a new century and a new millennium -- which will be largely characterized by globalization, the explosion of technology, especially information, and the integration of people -- and the number one security threat to that is the persistence of old, even primitive, hatreds? Don't you think that's interesting?

So what I worry about all the time is whether terrorists can get on the Internet and figure out how to make chemical and biological weapons to pursue agendas against people of different ethnic or religious groups. And so it's very humbling, I think, for those of us who think we have brought the modern world, and prosperity and rationality to all of human affairs, to see what is going on in the Balkans, and to see these terrible examples of violence here in our own country. It's very humbling. We should remember that each of us almost wakes up every day with the scales of light and darkness in our own hearts, and we've got to keep them in proper balance. And we have to be, in the United States, absolutely resolute about this.

That's why I think this hate crimes issue is so important. That's why I convened the first White House Conference on Hate Crimes a year and a half ago. Since then, I would like to say, we have substantially increased the number of FBI agents working on these crimes. We have successfully prosecuted a number of serious cases. We have formed local hate crimes working groups in U.S. Attorney's offices around the country.

But this is a significant problem. In 1997, the last year for which we have statistics, over 8,000 hate crime incidents were reported in the United States. That's almost one an hour. Almost one an hour.

So, what are we going to do about it? I would like to mention -- we've already talked about the law and I'll say more about that in a minute, but first of all, let me mention three other things. I've asked the Justice Department and the Education Department to include in their annual report card on school safety crucial information on hate crimes among young people both at and away from schools -- not only to warn, but to educate.

Secondly, I'm asking the Department of Education to collect important data for the first time on hate crimes and bias on college campuses. Another cruel irony, isn't it -- college, the place where we're supposed to have the most freedom, the place where we're supposed to be the most rational, the place where we're supposed to think the highest thoughts with the greatest amount of space. We have significant hate crime problems there, and we need to shine the light on that.

Third, I'm very pleased about this -- we are going to have a public-private partnership to help reach middle school students to discuss this whole issue with them and talk about tolerance -- why it is a moral, as well as a practical imperative. And the partnership includes AT&T, Court TV -- good for them -- (laughter) -- the National Middle School Association, the Anti-Defamation League, Cable in the

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DEAR EDITOR:

I wish to express my gratitude and pride to my Gay brothers for their wonderful show and benefit for MPS. MPS is a devastating disease that has challenged a special little guy here in Tucson, Woody.

Once a year, these men shave their beards or glitter their mustaches and don high heels for a performance that puts Vegas to shame. They are no regular female impersonators, but they still put on a fabulous show. The show literally brought down the house, as well as raising over $3,500 for MPS.

The "Disco Divas" show was very professional and obvious to the audience that these wonderful men gave with all their hearts. In the back ground, were many of our local impersonators who unselfishly gave their time, beautiful gowns and expertise. The make-up artists and hair designers worked miracles of a caliber only seen in professional circles. All those involved in the show gave with all their hearts to make the show a success.

To quote one of the fine young men in the show, "I don't put on a dress for anybody but once a year I do it for Woody. It's about love." Well, young man and all of the "Disco Divas" you're right, it is about love and you sure showed it. I am honored to have met you and privileged to have been in your audience, you showed us what love is all about. You are right "we are family," you showed all of Tucson the true meaning of Pride!

Sincerely, a grandmother of five
in the audience.
R. LeBlanc

EDITOR:

We wish to express a heartfelt thanks to the following people involved in the "Disco Diva" show:

The Norman Tabernacle Choir. Cast: Holly Pino, Willie Gradiaz; Mi Mi, Tim Brightwall; Anita Drink, Harry Lewis; Anita Date, David Locke; Anita Mann, Bruce Lundquist; Lolita La Mae, Charles Pricardo; Dee Dee, Dave Huff; Trixie, Frank Thepia.

The Church Ladies: Miss Mae, Jeffrey Meyers; Vanna, Tim Barth.

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Backstage Persons: Miss Electra Bleu - Scott Sayer (Miss Gay Western States); Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Gay Arizona); Brian Fox (Alotta Whorenones); Eddie Gallego; Steven Russi and; Hairdresser to the Stars - Miss Pennie Peters.

Additional Hair, Music, Costumes, Gowns, etcetera: Miss Lucinda Holliday, Shaudriana, Candi Plastique, Bunny Foo-Foo, Raven and Selina. A special, honorable mention to Steven Rossi, for obtaining the purple choir robes.

Frank, Dave, the staff of the Graduate, Peter Sittig, Tom Novakowski and Scott.

Mr. David Z., and MPS Volunteer of 1999, for the fabulous talent and sound system. Tom Novakowski for the video equipment.

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Deb Whalen, for the photography.

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Mr. Rick Norman, for the computer graphic flyer and poster.

A special thanks to those who donated items for the auction:

Steven Rossi - necklace; Esther Hillman - ear rings; Moose - Men of Moose; Steve Smith - Patio Stone and; Mr. Nathan Lane - Autographed Photos.

Additional thanks to Willie and Tim, for recording music, rehearsal copies and show tapes.

A generous, heartfelt thanks to the many, outstanding contributors, but last of all, the audience. Every individual collectively, for their hearts, appliance, presence, support - Agape love!

And of course, to Woody Duffy, "Living Miracle." Thank you for inspiring us all to love, learn and to be kind - the "Unity" in "community."

Natalie, Beth, Penny and Aviva

EDITOR:

Congratulations to Juli Carlino and David Zazueta on the 1999 MPS Volunteer Awards, you've made our jobs so much easier over the years.

Steven Rossi: you quietly take care of so much, thank you for doing it all so well.

David Zinke, thanks for assisting us during the evening, we must have recycled $1,000 ones.

How do I thank you Ms. Aviva? Your expertise and organizational skills are amazing. To all of us that saw the show, hands down, you're the best. To Penny and Aviva, you made it all look easy. Congratulations!

Ah, lastly, the choir. You had the crowd going wild all evening. Your five years of hard word has finally paid off, before you book yourself in Vegas, remember, I have the rights to your contracts!

Grand total for the evening was $3,455.00. Thanks Tucson!

To Moose: Wherever you are, we know you were with us for the show. Thank you for your love and friendship. Life is not the same without you. Love
Beth

HELLO GENTLEMAN:

Jerry D. here, Man About Town with another hoorah for this towns ability to show all that we care. I had the pleasure to attend Aviva Diamond's Disco Divas benefit last Saturday at the Graduate. This was without a doubt a show of love and dedication the likes would make any big city blush. There was an auction, a lot of donating, and probably the funniest drag show seen in a long time.

The participants, too many to mention much less remember, included staff, management and fans of a number of our wonderful establishments. The numbers were done in the fun and style of a lot of talent under one roof, and blowing that

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POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

"Another Ground Hog Day!"

The bleary eyes of the nation were fixed on Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Monday, March 2 (Groundhog Day), to see whether the latest incarnation of Punxsutawney Phil, the ground hog, would see his shadow or not. If Phil saw his shadow, another six weeks of Winter for the country. If Phil doesn't see his shadow, an early Spring and allergy season.

Well, Phil didn't see his shadow, as reported in the mainstream media who were trying to fill print space or kill time. So an early Spring for the nation, right?

Flash forward to Monday, April 6. The bleary eyes of the nation were fixed on the nation's capital, Kosovo D.C., to see whether the latest incarnation of the President, Punxsutawney Bill, will say something about expanding federal hate crime's laws to include offenses based on sexual orientation.

Clinton did, along with the presumptive Y2K Democratic presidential nominee, Vice President Al Gore, endorsing the 1999 model of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), at least the second version (more later). The President also announced a directive that colleges be required to report hate crimes annually and unveil a public-private partnership designed to educate middle school students against intolerance.

Many members of Congress have held press conferences, to the glee of the Potomac press, announcing that the 1999 HCPA will be their top legislative priority, along with the Employment Non Discrimination Act. Gay and Lesbian groups hailed the announcements by the President, the Vice President, and members of Congress.

The announcements on HCPA, sounds like another "Groundhog Day," the premise of the movie which starred Bill Murray. In the movie, Murray, portraying a disgruntled weatherman, who goes to the Pennsylvania town to cover the event, but keeps reliving the same day, over and over.

Gays and Lesbians have their "Groundhog Day," when it comes to federal legislation dealing with hate crimes or the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Edsel of congressional bills.

About this time each year, since the beginning of the decade or even earlier, Gays and Lesbians go through the same routine, reliving the same Mentos moment. The President and members of Congress hold press conferences to announce their support for passage of a hate crime's bill or legislation protecting Gays and Lesbians from employment discrimination. Groups and organizations hail the announcements as a step forward for equal rights . . . yada, yada, yada.

So have we made a step forward? Not quite. A couple of token hearings before subcommittees have been held and not much else for either proposal, regardless of the year and model. In most cases, the proposed legislation ends up being ignored by politicians, the press and Gay and Lesbian groups.

This year is no different either for the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which have two models to choose from. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, which in turn referred them to their Subcommittee on Crime. What about the Employment Non-Discrimination Act? This year's version hasn't even been introduced in the 106th Congress.

That doesn't matter though to the politicians. Each year, Gays and Lesbians will have their "Groundhog Day," reliving the same moment, as our elected officials blather about the need to pass a hate crimes bill, or enact legislation protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

Maybe our "movie" will end when the politicians will talk about how they intend to pass these measures. Finally doing something different. It worked for Bill Murray's character in the movie, sort of. . . .

Two issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians were settled this past week in the state capital.

Arizona has had a policy of placing children for foster care and adoption in the homes of Gays and Lesbians. Governor Jane Hull had ordered a review of the practice after anti-Gay state Representative, Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, had introduced legislation in 1997 to stop the agency from making such placements.

After the review by the Department of Economic Security (DES), Hull reaffirmed the policy. Her press secretary, Francie Noyes, stated the governor was satisfied the policy should remain as is. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The administrator of the state's foster care program, Mary Ault, agreed, adding that the agency priority is to "find nurturing homes for kids." She went on to say in an interview that issues, such as sexual orientation, marital status and income, "are secondary to caring for kids."

So is it "don't ask, don't tell" for Gays and Lesbians who wish to adopt in Arizona?

Sources within DES verify that both single Gays and Lesbians and couples continue to be considered as potential adoptive families for children in Arizona. There does not appear to be barriers based on sexual orientation. Gays and Lesbians who apply, go through the same certification process as all others.

The emphasis, according to sources, is on the ability to safely parent, meet the daily needs and the desire to make the unconditional commitment to children. Sources stated that there is definitely a need in this state for parents to adopt children of all ages and ethnic origins. So true, especially since there are more than 6,000 kids in the foster care program, with only spaces for more than 4,000.

Tell that to state Representative Karen Johnson, who stated that legislation to ban the practice is necessary. Tell that to the minority child, from a broken home and who has been moved from foster home to foster home in Arizona.

Meanwhile, Governor Hull and legislative leaders have agreed in principle to a new two-year state budget, for which legislators have gone into a special session to hammer out the final details.

One of the questions was how much will the state's AIDS Drug Assis-

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Dreams And Waking Reality: A Reflection

I sat in a circle with a group of about a dozen other people. We completed a guided meditation and quietly paged through copies of several poems provided by the group's leader. Each person quietly read the poetry, reflecting on lines or stanzas that stirred some meaning or resonance.

I found myself drawn to this line from R. Tagor's, "The Crossing":

Rejoice! For Night's fetters have broken, the dreams have vanished. Thy word has rent its veils, the buds of morning are opened: awake O sleeper! Light's greetings spread from the East to the West, and at the ramparts of the ruined prison rise the paeans of Victory!

I'm not familiar with Tagor or this work. But the first few lines of this stanza struck:
"Rejoice! For Night's fetters have broken, the dreams have vanished."

I thought about how often I have encouraged others (and have been encouraged by others) to follow dreams. Each of us has dreams for our future, hopes for things to come, and visions of what we long to come to pass. Some of those dreams and visions are projections of our desires. Others, I believe, are inspirations we receive. In either case, I believe it is important to pay attention to our dreams and visions for the future, to understand them, and to wisely consider how they draw us toward (or away from) the options life presents to us.

Following dreams and visions is tricky business. We always need to consider the ramifications of our actions. Is a dream practical, healthy for us, respectful of others? Sometimes, we find that a dream or vision is so strong and draws us so intensely that we seem to have no other option than to throw caution to the wind and make a leap of faith in an unknown future. We hope that the dream will sustain us and that all will be well because of our faith. But there are no guarantees that we will be right or wrong in our course of action. Only time will tell.

What will time demonstrate about our dreams? Tagor says it poetically: Night's fetters will be broken and dreams will vanish in the light of day. Following our dreams will lead us somewhere. But where? Often, it *is* surprising where we find ourselves. My experience tells me that in the light of day, when I can see the place where my dreams have led me, I'm not exactly where I thought I would end up. That's not necessarily bad.

To make this concrete, let me share from my own experience. About a year and a half ago, I decided to move from Miami to Tucson. Something *inside* convinced me that Tucson was the right place for me. There were some words of encouragement from others and several promises of things that would happen by moving to Arizona. Here I am today, in Tucson, mostly enjoying the life I've made for myself here. I followed the dream and paid close attention to the vision. In the move, I risked a great deal. Yet, my life bears little resemblance to the life I thought I would lead here. Many of the promises made to me before I moved were broken. Whether intentionally or not, a few people seriously let me down and I had some scrabbling to do because of it. As life has unfolded, I have found I really am where I am supposed to be. It's not what I expected, but it's proven to be very good.

Had I clung too tightly to the dreams and vision, the day light would have dispelled the night and I would have been disappointed. Instead, I was able to look again and see that while dreams and vision led me, other things have sustained me for the long haul.

My experience is not unique. In many ways, each of us feel drawn into the future by dreams and visions. Our movement forward into the future depends on our willingness to explore those dreams and, at times, make the leap of faith. No matter what the dream, the day light comes and we discover that it was only a dream.. Dreams bring us forward to new places where the goodness of life can be embraced and celebrated in unique and different ways. So dare to dream. But appreciate the life circumstances that are the places your dreams lead you.

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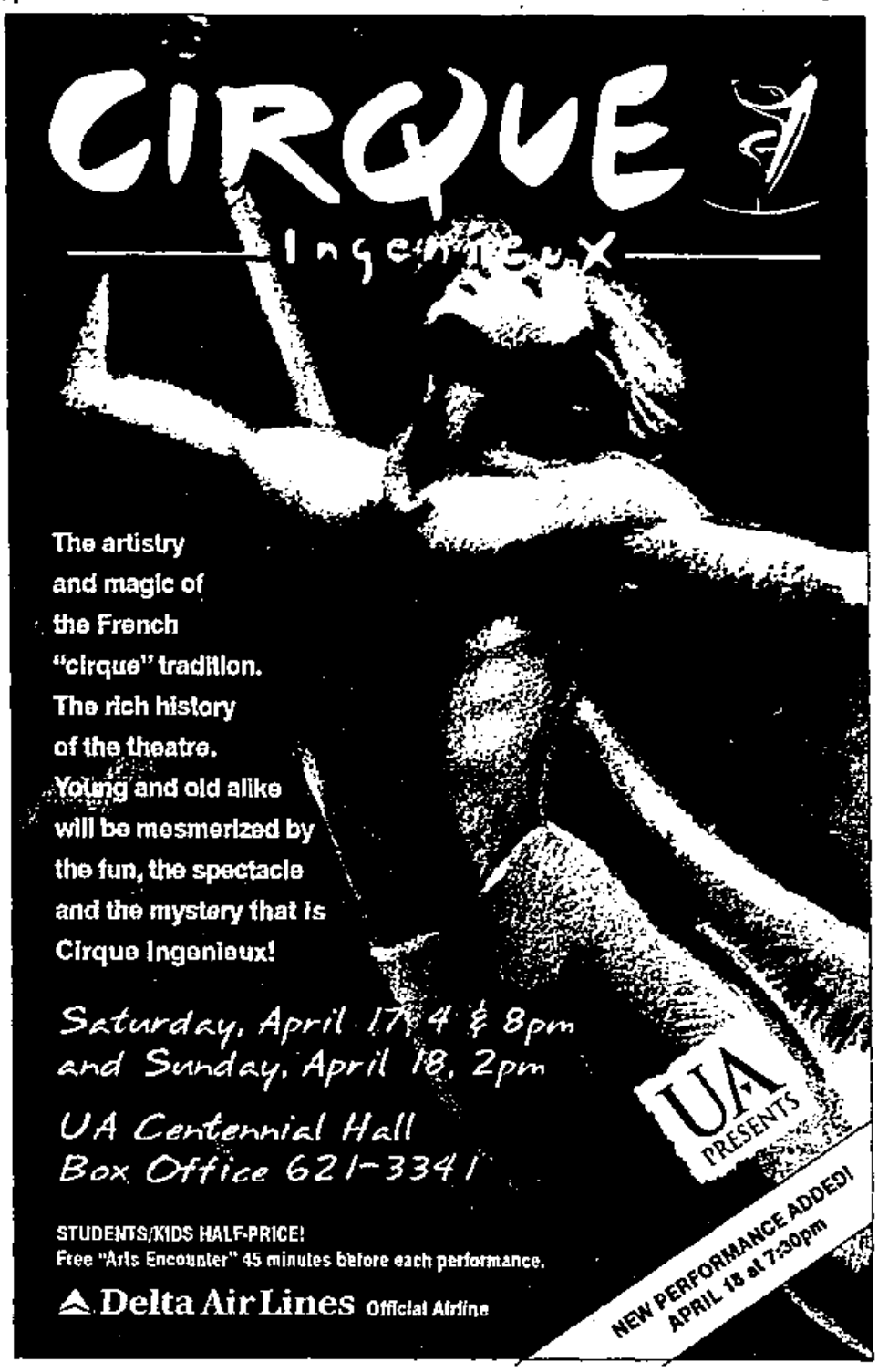

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Sisters Party Without Trouble

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raised more than $200,000 for a number of San Francisco charities. The group's goals are "to promulgate universal joy and expiate stigmatic guilt," and members prefer to pursue them with "healing laughter and love that transcends different ways of being in the world."

There are also newer Sisters groups elsewhere in the world. The Sydney group this year was first invited by the Sydney Opera House to serve as tour guides during the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, and then canceled by the Opera House at almost the last gasp in the face of Catholic protest.

Some activists and analysts believe that the Sisters celebration had become the focal point in the broad trend of waning Catholic power and waxing Gay power at San Francisco City Hall -- and perhaps specifically in the building struggle over a state-wide 2000 ballot initiative to prohibit legal recognition of same-gender marriages. Another recent statement by Archbishop Levada in "Catholic San Francisco" had criticized Mayor Willie Brown in particular for presiding at San Francisco's third annual City Hall reception for registering domestic partners, with Levada writing that, "The good order of society itself requires us to draw a line to protect the institution of marriage and the family."

Openly Gay President of the Board of Supervisors Tom Ammiano, who comes from a Catholic family, told the Sisters' party crowd that, "The message of Easter is one of resurrection. I think that it's time in San Francisco that we resurrect the spirit of coexistence that has existed for the past 20 years." Some of the party-goers had signs with legends including "Recovering Catholic" and "If Jesus could come out of the tomb, the pope could come out of the closet." Contests were held for Easter bonnets, Easter baskets and "Hunky Jesus."

At least two mainstream clerics

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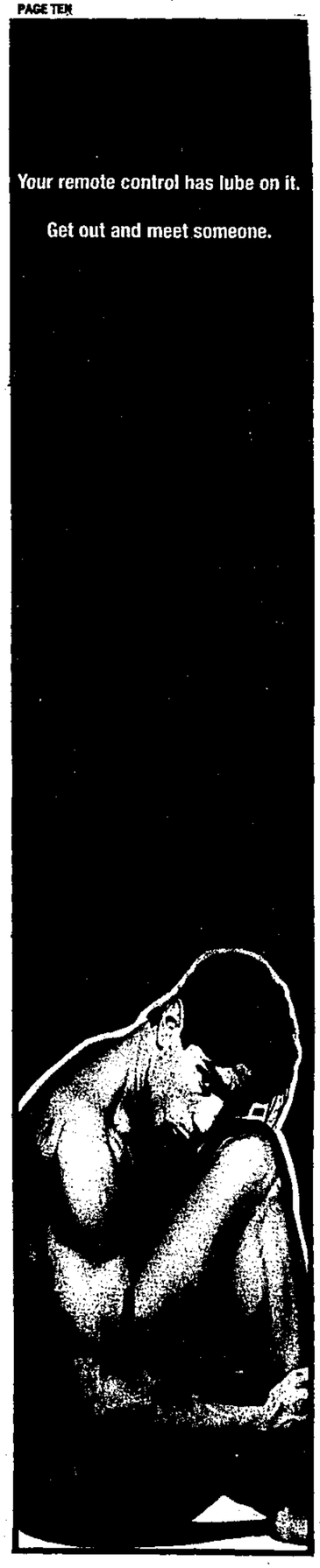

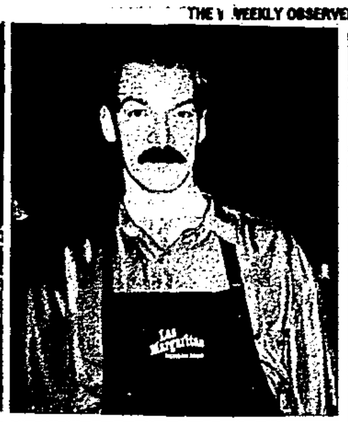

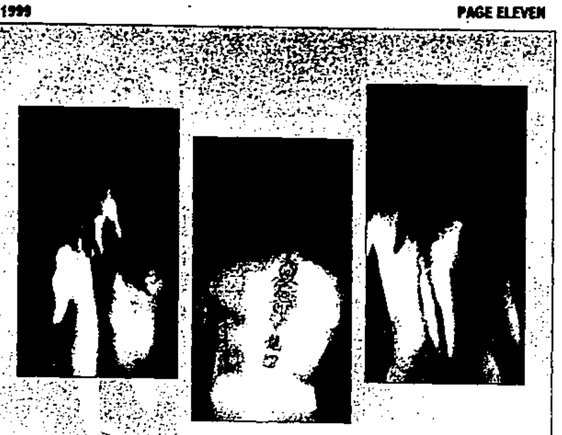

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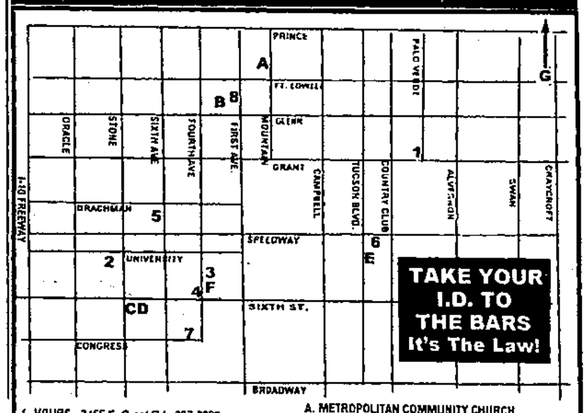

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Plea Bargain In Shepard Death

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Dennis Shepard, Matthew's parents, saying, "I'm very sorry for what I did and I'm ready to pay my debt for what I did."

Judy Shepard, who wept while speaking on the stand about her son, turned to glare at Henderson and said, "You murdered *my* son. None of us would be here today if it wasn't for what you did. . . . I hope you never experience another day or night without experiencing the terror, humiliation, the hopeless and helplessness that my son felt that night."

Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell was also non-plussed by Henderson's apology. "This court does not believe you feel any remorse," he said during sentencing. "The pain you have caused here, Mr. Henderson, will never go away. Never."

The plea comes as a relief to those who'd faced the possibility of serving three weeks on a sequestered jury in an internationally high-profile murder case, and also to the $6-million Albany County, Wyoming budget, where 10% cuts had been planned to social services to offset costs of the Henderson and McKinney trials which had been estimated to run $100 - 150,000 each.

For Henderson, it means he will live, although it is unlikely he will ever see the outside of prison; he will not be eligible for parole and could only be released by a pardon. Prosecutor Cal Rerucha said, "It is my hope that Mr. Henderson will die in the Wyoming state penitentiary and the only time he leaves the Wyoming state penitentiary is when they bury him."

Matthew's parents: Dennis and Judy Shepard

The "Angels of Peace" thwarting Homophobe Rev. Fred Phelps and his "flock" during the trial.

The fence outside Laramie where Matthew Shepard was tied and left for dead.

"ANGELS THWART PHELPS"

The close of the trial did not come too soon for professional homophobe Fred Phelps and his Topeka, Kansas clan to get in their licks, however. About a dozen of them were present in the newly-fenced off areas outside the County Courthouse which Laramie police had set up in anticipation of dueling demonstrations in connection with the most widely reported Gay-bashing in history.

Although University of Wyoming President Philip Dubois and Laramie Mayor Dave Williams had issued a joint letter to the community urging them to completely ignore what they called Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church's "message of hate," a group of students could not bear to let them go unanswered. Romaine Patterson, a friend of Shepard's -- and, like Shepard, Henderson and McKinney, 21 years old -- organized a group of about a dozen called "Angels of Peace." Dressed as angels, standing silently, they used their white sheet "wings" to try to block the Phelps clans' signs (including his trademark "God Hates Fags") from media. When the Phelps group appeared at Shepard's funeral in Casper, a larger group of activists had similarly attempted to shield the mourners from them.

According to prosecutors, McKinney and Henderson had manipulated Shepard into their truck by telling him they were Gay themselves, only to pull a gun on him and begin the abuse that ended his life. They took his wallet containing $20 and his size-seven shoes and left him tied to a fence outside of Laramie. There he hung overnight with his skull crushed as temperatures neared freezing, with more than 12 hours passing before a passing cyclist discovered him, at first believing him to be a scarecrow. Shepard was too badly injured for surgery to be performed, and five days after the beating he died.

Sisters Party

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told reporters they would be discussing the controversy in their Easter Sunday sermons. Monsignor John O'Connor of the Cathedral of St. Mary described the Sisters as "coming from a place of great anger about things of the past," but said that, "The whole essence of the resurrection and Easter celebrations is that Christ admits all that -- that the sin is there, that there is nothing you can do about it, that the past is the past." Third Baptist Church pastor Amos Brown, who is also a member of the Board of Supervisors, described the situation with the Sisters as "a classic statement of disrespect and not fulfilling the values that go with making a pluralistic society possible and effective."

For the third year, an Easter Sunday eve service was held by the Gay-affirming Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco at the giant cross atop Mount Davidson, lighted for the occasion in rainbow colors. That church's Reverend Jim Mitulski had pointed out that half of his predominantly Gay and Lesbian congregation of 500 identify as Catholics, and said, "We're Christians and we're Gay and we're happy to celebrate Easter, and then we're going down to the [Sisters'] party." He later said that, "If we believe in the resurrection of Jesus 2,000 years ago, we have to believe reconciliation is possible today."

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IN FLIGHT. . . . . WINGSPAN

By Rich Muszynski

The Little Mute Boy

In June of 1996 when I was performing with Desert Voices, we premiered a song entitled El Nino Mudo. The music was composed by Tim Smith and the lyrics were a poem from Federico Garcia Lorca. It told the story of a cricket king who had stolen the voice of a little boy. The boy wanted to find his voice and make it into a ring so that the cricket king could wear the boy's silence on his finger. The captive voice, far away from the boy, complied by putting on the cricket king's clothes.

Heterosexism stole my Gay voice in bits and pieces as I grew up as a child. By the time I reached early adulthood, the cricket king was wearing my silence on his finger, and I was beaten by heterosexism's power, cunning, and constant presence. Unlike El Nino Mudo, however, I was unwilling to let the cricket king keep my voice and I began stealing it back in bits and pieces. The first time I came out to anyone, (my best friend Jeff), my Gay voice was soft and weak from lack of use. The more I came out, the stronger it became. The first time I asked a guy out on a date, my voice became stronger still. Singing in Desert Voices, and now Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, added baritone confidence to my voice. By the time I said "I love you" to the first man I was in love with, my voice was muscular and certain.

I am honored by the confidence that the Wingspan board of directors entrusted in my voice to speak about the center in these columns for the last 20 months. I have tried to convey how important it is for me to live in the GLBT community and to have Wingspan as a integral force in our community. My voice has grown stronger still with the support I have received from the GLBT community. I remember how surprised I was in a bar in Phoenix one night, and I saw a stack of Observers there with my column in it. My voice went state-wide!

This is my last column for Wingspan as my three-year term on the board of directors draws to a close this month. I want to thank the Wingspan board for letting speak my piece and for the voice sounds they make for the community. I want to thank Karen Morrison and the entire staff of the Rubyfruit Journal, Bob Ellis and the entire staff of The Observer, and the editors of the Wingspan newsletter for publishing my columns all these months. The work they do in providing us with a free, Gay press, insures that the cricket king can never silence our community again. I want to thank the community of readers for indulging me. Hopefully, my words have resonated with you and inspired you.

I look forward to hearing the voice of the next columnist for Wingspan, because the center is always growing in exciting ways and a fresh commentary on Wingspan is needed. As long as we keep coming out and talking about our lives, heterosexism can never silence our voices again. I know the cricket king won't get my voice again. I think we've all outsmarted him.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I hope you all had a good and blessed Easter. I know that mine was sure different. I refer of course to the snow! Snow is such a novelty for us native Tucsonans, but especially so in April. Just two weeks ago we had a wedding in our Memorial Garden at church and the people in tuxedos were melting in the sun. Then comes Easter Sunday and we couldn't drink enough hot coffee nor put on enough layers of clothing to ward off the cold. That just confirms in me that our God has quite a sense of humor. He probably chuckles as he watches us make plans and act so sure of ourselves only to be twirled around in bewilderment at the sudden change of climate.

Actually God has quite a varied personality. His humor is evident not only in the ever changing weather patterns but as well in many of the odd looking creatures he has created. (No I'm not referring to people although some of us may fall into that category) You know like the ones we see on the National Geographic specials. And how about the way he has blessed many people(some more than others)with funny senses of humor. God bless the funny people in our lives who keep us from getting bogged down with life's many problems. But our God is not just a humorous God, he is also a God of great love, compassion, and intrigue. He demonstrates his kindness and thoughtfulness in our lives by providing us with something we really want yet don't really need. His love and mercy overflow into our lives daily as well. I can't tell you how many times I have done, said or even thought things that go against what God would have me do, and yet I have felt his reassurance that I am forgiven and he still loves me. And how about the miracles he works? Note I did not write, worked...past tense. That's right. I believe that God is still working miracles in our lives today. For example, I saw a young man recently who had been badly burned. He seemed to be healing well but I could just imagine the excruciating pain that boy had undergone thus far.

One may say that the boy's recovery is due to the expert medical care he had received. But I say that his healing, and the body's ability to heal itself is nothing short of miraculous. After all, who gave those doctors, nurses, and technicians the abilities they have or the ingenuity to invent better ways of assisting the body in healing itself? Only God could do that.

Yes, God is surely many faceted and full of surprises. If you would like to get to know the God that we at Cornerstone Fellowship believe in and worship you are invited to attend one of our many services. We have our worship service each Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. As well, we offer Bible Studies on Sunday morning s at 9:00, and on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. We have recently begun a children's Sunday School which is held during the Sunday morning worship service. These classes are held in our Social Hall. They provide the youngsters of our church with opportunities to learn about God the Father, his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit through Bible stories, songs, and hands on activities.

In May we plan to start a teen group that will meet once a month and go on an outing/activity once a month. Read our next few articles and watch our ads for more details. As well, our Young Adults/Young-At-Heart Adults Group will be starting up again in May.

We really do have a tremendous God and I don't want one of you to miss out. Hope to see you soon. Snow in April . . . now that's funny. Thanks God!

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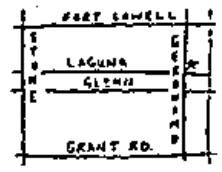

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Smell something burning? It must be the scent of the fiery Sun as it conjuncts feisty Jupiter. When these two orbs collide, our world can take an unexpected twist or turn or simply upend. Check to see where anarchy reigns in your horoscope. Heck kids, sometimes it's good to have a little Molotov in your cocktail.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If you have never burst upon center stage as a supernova, wait until the Jupiter/Sun conjunction to feel the thrill. All this planetary impact occurs in your own sign so anything you do has immense impact on your public persona. Proud Rams long to muster the troops and lead them to salvation. Maybe your bugle is ready and you can sound the charge of the pink brigade.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Although you may not feel like fighting hidden enemies now, the Jupiter/Sun conjunction forces the bastards out into the light of day so you can cut them down to size. In fact, anything hidden or repressed will be forced out into the open. Good thing too, Bull. Why not step Out into the light of day and show your true pride colors? The planets now command you to do so.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Friendships are the source of surprising awakenings when the open Sun conjuncts expressive Jupiter. Proud Twins now have a rare (and brief) opportunity to meet unusual and enlightening folks or can ascend to the leadership of an extraordinarily elite social circle. Whatever the fates offer you, make the magic last by fortifying these platonic bonds. Give as good as you get, pal.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Gay Crabs learned early in the corporate game that slow and steady wins the race. Now however, when Jupiter and the Sun conjunct, you have a significant leg up on the competition. Why ask why dear, queer friend? Take full advantage of the revolution and take your rightful place in the rogues gallery of corporate stuffed shirts. Be kind on the way up. You never know. .

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Is it too much of a good thing for travel hearty pink Lions? The Jupiter/Sun conjunction may make you feel like a hostage on a merry go round with trips upon trips and no time to recoup or re-energize. Gather your rosebuds now and rest easy later, cousin. You will soon happily relax and recall what you have gained from these seemingly nonsensical, far flung enterprises.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Passionate proud Virgins get a major sexual zetz during the Jupiter/Sun tete a tete. For those still closeted, the planets may give you the outing of your life. (If so, good for you!) For the rest, it can be one of the defining moments of who you are in your beautiful and deep Gay soul. Hopefully the corks will pop and you down more than your fair share of champagne.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Partnerships may undergo a change or transformation during the Jupiter/Solar conjunction. Proud Libra's can be especially generous with possessions as long as they are given the respect they so rightly deserve. Maybe now the planets will teach you that sometimes the simple act of giving can provide you with the affirmation you need. Then again, maybe not.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Grab your Communist Manifesto and charge the gates! The Jupiter/Sun conjunction ferments a revolution at work. Gay Scorps may experience dramatic changes in their day to day job. Embrace these changes and make them work for you. Who knows? You may find yourself in the position of leading a great Gay cause. If so, prepare to wave the rainbow banner high.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Pleasant pastimes may never be the same for sociable Gay Archers. The Jupiter/Sun conjunction may be the one drink too many or the social blunder of the decade. But don't despair, most of America has a twelve minute attention span and the gaffe of today is old news tomorrow. Simply learn the limits of your consumption and remember to use a breath freshener.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The Jupiter /Solar conjunction may cause unexpected changes in your home. For the most part, these changes will be necessary and beneficial. For those that may bite you unpleasantly on the butt, try to turn bad into good and learn from the experience. Gay Goats need to feel totally relaxed and comfortable in their surroundings. Perhaps the planets are showing you the way.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians can make mountains out of molehills during the Jupiter/Sun conjunction. Just when you thought you were a charmer, the planets conspire to make your words as subtle as a falling anvil. Let's hope folks are clever enough to get out of the way in time! Pick and choose your words as carefully as you can dear, Aqueerius. Then watch the fireworks! Ouch!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Penny pinching Gay Pisces can be tempted by greedy gremlins during the Jupiter/Sun conjunction. The lure of easy money is so tempting that you will risk all to capture it. The problem is that easy wealth is a fallacy (as you well know, bad Fish) and you can lose more than you will gain. There is no substitute for hard work and careful planning. Try it sometime.

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Federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act

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Classrooms, as well as the Departments of Education and Justice. I would like to thank them all, because we have to not only punish bad things when they happen, the larger mission is to change the mind, the heart, and the habits of our people when they're young -- to keep bad things from happening.

Finally, let me join the others -- the Attorney General and the Bishop -- in saying, Congress should pass this law this year. The federal laws already punish some crimes committed against people on the basis of race or religion or national origin, but as the Attorney General made so clear, not all crimes committed for that purpose. This would strengthen and expand the ability of the Justice Department by removing needless jurisdictional requirements for existing crimes, and giving federal prosecutors the ability to prosecute hate crimes committed because of sexual orientation, gender or disability, along with race and religion.

Now, again I say, when we get exercised about these things -- in particular, when someone dies in a horrible incident in America -- or when we see slaughter or ethnic cleansing abroad, we should remember that we defeat these things by teaching and by practicing a different way of life, and by reacting vigorously when they occur within our own midst. That is what this is about. And we should remember, whenever we, ourselves, commit even a small slip, where we dehumanize or demonize someone else who is different from us -- that every society must teach, practice, and react, if you want to make the most of the world toward which we are moving.

Our diversity is a godsend for us, and the world of the 21st century. But it is also the potential for the old, haunting demons that are hard to root out of the human spirit. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act would be important, substantively and symbolically, to send a message to ourselves and to the world that we are going into the 21st century determined to preach and to practice what is right.

Politics

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tance Program (ADAP) be funded for in the two-year budget. Hull had proposed in her executive budget that $1.7-million be earmarked for ADAP, while the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) had recommended only $1-million go for the state program. JLBC reasoning for only $1-million was that the federal government would be kicking in $4-million to the state for ADAP, bringing the annual funding to $5-million for the state program.

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committee's had approved the JLBC proposal. In the deal reached, ADAP would receive $1-million in state funding in each of the next two, fiscal years. The agreement also stipulates that should funding for AIDS services run short in either year (as it did last year), an emergency appropriation would be arranged.

This past month, according to capital sources, a total of 575 clients was served in ADAP, at a cost of $404,218, an increase of more than 25% ($91,483). In February, 485 clients were served at a cost $312,735. If the March figures hold out, the annual spending would be $4,850,616.

So it was an early Spring, right?

So it goes for now kids!

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roof off with all they had.

Once again it made me proud, not to mention extremely overjoyed to see the show of dedication and out and out (pardon the pun) love shown (to steal the line from Ms. Aja Simone). My hats off to all involved, both fan and participant. You are the true meaning of a community.

Jerry Diaz
Man About Town

Play Safe!

GO IN GOOD HEALTH...

BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This time I thought I would talk about honesty. Honesty in communication is paramount in any relationship. This does not mean going around "outing" people at work or revealing intimate and personal things that would hurt people. That is vengeful and childish and wrong, period. Enough said. If you know people who do such things, refuse to buy into that nonsense and walk away. And if they keep ridiculing and hurting others they profess to care about, then tell them I don't want to hear this. They may think it clever to make snide, cutting remarks about people and then be nice to their face, but they are immature, childish, and downright mean.

Honesty means stating what you think and feel, without trying to conceal the truth, or, more dangerous, telling a half-truth. Putting a twist on what someone else says or does to make them look bad in any way is dishonest. To make yourself look better by shifting the blame is dishonest. To admit a mistake and say you are sorry seems to difficult for some people to do. Why? Why should it be next to impossible for some people to admit they are ever wrong about anything?

It is human nature to quarrel. For some reason we feel the need to shout down opposing opinions, and take command of the situation, letting others know we feel we are right, and they are wrong, even if the reverse is true and painfully obvious. It is time to consider why we feel the need to be this way. If our lovers or our "tricks" (Sorry, the husband of the week club has no idea of what real communication, let alone, intimacy is) are less than we hoped for, why is that?

Did we go after a hot little body in blind lust, rather than honestly getting to know someone? There is more to a man than cute buns, the size of his penis, a nice car, a credit card or the fact that he's buying all your drinks. He is a complex combination of emotions, thoughts, opinions, and his personality is shaped by his (or her) life. That cute girl that is flirting with you have a lot of emotional baggage from the past. If you are still angry or bitter or holding onto hurt from old relationships, then it is time to drop it. Face the pain, and work through it to closure and resolution.

Why must queers be obsessed with their own "fabulousness"? Why must our vanity and need to feel superior or cute or better than that guy two bar stools down rate us? Stop and listen for a minute to those hateful words flying out of your mouth. Why are you lowering yourself to that level? I once heard a guy at a local bar berating some guys fat wife, and how fat she was, and unattractive. Does a perfect waistline make you a good person? Hardly. This guy went on and on with his narrow minded, hateful words, and his friends ate it up.

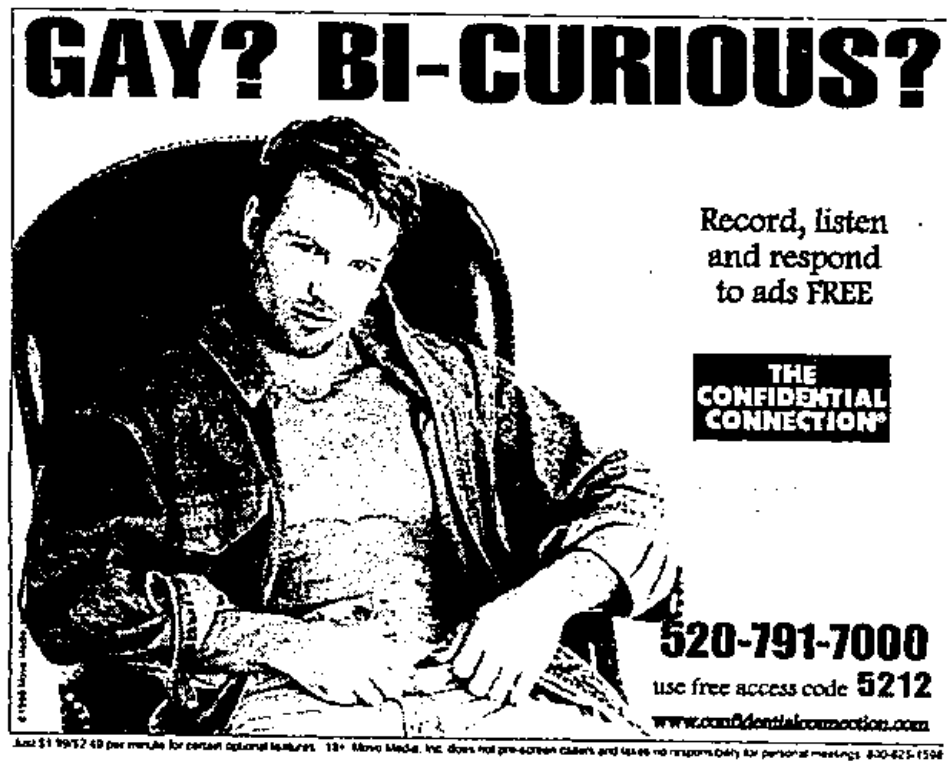
But if we examined the meaning behind those words and the personality of the guy saying them, we can get a sense of why people act in such cold, spiteful ways. Perhaps he himself fears gaining weight, and wants to hold onto the image of the perfect body, fearing any physical "imperfection" within himself. Does it really matter if someone is heavyset, or has grey hair, or average endowment? No. Not really.

Yes, sexy men are hot. And many Gay men are hopeless "size queens." But there is more to it than their body. If one night is all you want, then that is all you will have. But if you really want to fall in love and be with someone, honest and open communication is where it is at. We need to think for a moment about that. Do we truly communicate honestly with our lovers? Not everyone is psychic, nor can everyone read us well enough to know what is one their minds.

It is true that many of us, myself included, pick up on subtle cues and get vibes from others, and when we are in love, we tune into our lover on subtle levels. We know them well enough to know what is on their minds. But we need to be open enough and honest enough in our words and actions to express our thoughts and feelings and our needs. If your lover is cold and the sex has dried up, find out why. Why is the passion gone? Why is he still with you when you are no longer happy together? Talk it out.

And forget getting even for past hurts, real or imagined. That is a fruitless pursuit. Karma will give us what we deserve, believe it or not. Evil does come back on the sender. So does good. So why not choose to live a life of love and honesty rather than one of deception and hatefulness. The choice is yours. It's something to think about. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

[Andrew Brooks is an herbalist, a healer, and a holistic counselor. He can be reached at paganbear30@hotmail.com on the Internet. Due to a busy schedule, he rarely takes on clients these days, but instead provides insights through this column. Feedback is welcome and encouraged.]



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NOW PLAYING

"Caravaggio" a production by CityPlayers is presenting a play based on Irish playwright Frank McGuiness continues. Performance times will be 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday. The run will go through April 26. Tickets are $14 with student and senior discounts on Sunday and Monday. Call 571-1300 for reservations and more information.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Multiplex Night at the movies. In one room we'll offer another showing of "Titanic" starring Leonardo DiCaprio & Kate Winslet, and at the same time, we'll be showing "The Terminator" with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, in the parking lot of Stonewall/Eagle, 2921 N. 1st Ave. The sale will occur from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Queer Voice youth program will hold it's monthly "Cafe Chat" at Rainbow Planet Coffee House on 4th Avenue. 5:00 p.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:30 a.m. Join Phil as he leads a biking trip in southern Arizona. For reservations and details, please call Phil at 625-3604.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Topic of Discussion on intimacy and sex. For reservations and directions, call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting and potluck 7:00 p.m. MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain (front building). All men are invited.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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 318-1850.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "A Simple Suburban Murder" by Mark Richard Zubro. Even if you don't read the selection, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch you muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit the Dragon View restaurant just west of downtown. 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Cronies Social Club mid-month outing to Green Valley and Madera Canyon. Call Les at 624-6768 for details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 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, April 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, APRIL 17

Desert Voices 3rd Annual "Great Stuff For A Song" Yard Sale/Fundraiser. 5643 E. 6th Street 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 791-9662 for donations or for more information.

Water of Life MCC will hold a Healing Worship Service this evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Rev. Nori Rost and Chadash power praise band. 3269 N. Mountain Ave.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Mark on the northwest side of town for some rice bowl, some conversation, and a movie. For reservations and directions, please contact Mark at 572-0583.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Water of Life MCC Healing Worship Service at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Nori Rost and Chadash power, praise band. 3269 N. Mountain Ave.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host a potluck dinner and movie presentation and their home in Vail. The movie will be "Lone Star", with Kris Kristofferson. For reservations and directions, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9136.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:30 p.m. Tom hosts a showing of the opera "The Ghosts of Versailles". Sung in English, this opera is clever enough to please even the most ardent fan. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 743-0146.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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 318-1850.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

IBT- 9:00 p.m. Showtime! 'Puttin' On The Lips' Lipsync Contest. Hosted by Bunny Fu Fu and Victoria Du Puis. $50 first prize.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

IBT'S - 5:30 to 7:30 'Personal Call On The Road' for singles with the Tucson Weekly. Write a free personal ad of 50 words! Food!! Games!!! Prizes!!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

GRADUATE - Monthly Beer Bust hosted by Tucson Knight Owls 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Yard Sale for 'Reveille' 7:30 p.m. To make donations contact Leonard at 327-2025.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

IBT'S - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust to benefit PFLAG. Then at 9:00 p.m. Miss Gay Tucson candidate Faith Michaels fundraiser show featuring Victoria Du Puis, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny Fu Fu with Nova Cane.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 'Desert La Cage' starring Crystal Abrams, Adrienne Alexander, Marci Phillips. 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Spaghetti Dinner featuring former La Paloma Chef Darrin's soon-to-be-famous recipe. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

IBT'S - The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and an all-star cast featuring Ajia Simone, Naomi Knight, Faith Michaels and Nova Cane.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo. Latina Travesti Show 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Next live band "Lori Davidson & The Intruders". "Blues woman Lori Davidson struts forth with a sultry, sweaty and often sexy nine-cut effort. (4-stars)", *Joseph Jordan, Blues Access magazine.* Tickets on sale now. Advance purchase saves $$$.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Dan at 327-5755.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch you muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Pride Law Center monthly lecture series, "Issues Affecting Gay families Including Child Custody" by Rhonda Rivera, Esq. 6:00 p.m. at the UofA College of Law at Speedway and Mountain,. Room 139. Question and answer period following lecture.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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. Retro TV offering tonight: "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" episode where Ted has a heart attack, and "The Avengers" get a visit from Venusians. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Cronies Social Club Lunch at Elle's, 3048 E. Broadway (Broadway and Country Club) 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill on the east side of town for "My Best Friend's Wedding" starring Julia Roberts and Rupert Everett. The latter plays Julia's gay pal-and he steals every scene. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:30 a.m. Join Steve as he leads us on a visit to the Tucson Zoo-and particularly is S. American exhibit. For more information, please call Steve at 318-9162.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). There's a Lunch Out at El Torero. Please call as soon as possible so the correct number of participants can be given to the restaurant. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 318-9162.

4. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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 318-1850.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an older movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "The Ladykillers" starring Alec Guiness. For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. 50¢, $1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad $1.50. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. 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 4:30-7:00pm. Karaoke with Billy Doe on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour 'til 7pm. BBQ 2-6. Hot dance music. Snack Bar opens at noon

VENTURE-N - Open 11am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 5-7pm 50¢ drink. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. $1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Doe 9pm-close. 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 Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. Family disco w/DJ Starshow & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

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. Karaoke Night 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 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. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 8am - 12:30pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. $1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Stephanie 9pm-1am.

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 Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Doe in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30 pm. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. Wiremanny cowgirls & $2.50 Tequila Rose.

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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snackbar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am $1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 8am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30 Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half 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 2-5. 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. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 0¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

NOTICES

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. 322-6226. 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 58264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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 584-0280, 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 745-6977 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.

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 886-1206 or Brian at 882-4726 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 2097, 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.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRATucson, 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: 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.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 a.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 Hollman 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 622-3200.

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. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, 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.

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 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6878 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 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Beltrano 888-4585 or Cheri Jacobs 323-9066.

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

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

NOTICES

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4681, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5086

TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 100.1 Mhz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for services to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirte Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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: http://members.aol.com/AAPSP or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 889-4076 or pager 448-5123.

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 293-6624.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd 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 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dezert Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthling.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2927. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Sierra, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. 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)327-1520 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - 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 Renn 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 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. 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 Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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.

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

NOTICES

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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