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OUToberFEST '99 Draws 7,500

Some of the 7500 folks who came to OUToberFEST '99 at Reid Park last Saturday, Oct. 16. The beautiful fall weather made the afternoon even more enjoyable for the large crowd.

Ajia Simone and Rodney Shanks, who comprised the Pruple Team, raised nearly $3,000 dollars for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) to help defray costs of this year's OUToberFEST. For their feat, Ajia and Rodney reign as *Queen and King of Gay Pride 1999-2000*. Congratulations.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — An estimated crowd of 7,500 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered (GLBT) and open-minded heterosexuals attended the 1999 OUToberFEST in Reid Park, marking the end to a week of activities commemorating National Coming Out in Pima County.

This year's event was the twenty-third Gay and Lesbian celebration (including the 17 June Pride Picnics) to take place in Tucson.

Those in attendance took in a full day of music, entertainment, a playground for the kids, food, libations, soft drinks, vendors touting all types of merchandise, plus GLBT informational booths marking the last Pride event for this millennium.

The City of Tucson's proclamation, marking the day was read for the twelfth year in a row. Then Tucson Mayor, Democrat Tom Volgy, issued the first proclamation in 1988.

In addition to the reading of the proclamation, an all star line-up of performers, and several new attractions, including a picnic garden, were part of this year's OUToberFEST.

On this year's bill was dance club diva, CeCe Peniston, who sang the hit song, "Finally." Also, appearing at OUToberFEST '99 was:

Comedian Mark Davis, who appeared on Comedy Central's Gay comedy "Out There" specials, had people rolling in the aisles.

Lori Davidson & The Intruders, who recently appeared at the 19th Annual Playboy Jazz Festival, performed.

Blues band Sistah Blue, "folkalternagroove" artist, Angela Motter, and Tucson's Gay and Lesbian choruses, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Desert Voices performed their music to appreciative crowds.

Several elected officials, including U.S. Representatives Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, and Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, plus Pima County Supervisor, Raul Grijalva, D-District 5, were present at OUToberFEST.

With Gays and Lesbians self-identified as 5% of the voting populace, both major party candidates for Tucson Mayor, Republican Bob Walkup and Democrat Molly McKasson attended the event, looking for support in the upcoming election.

This year's Run for Royalty was concluded at OUToberFEST. Miss Gilda Fatale and Miss Ajia Simone were crowned the Queen's of Gay and Lesbian Pride.

OUToberFEST '99 was the end of a week of events in Tucson, commemorating National Coming Out. During the week:

On the campus of the University of

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AIDSWalk '99 This Sunday, Oct. 24

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Thousands of Tucsonans of all ages: straight, Gay and people living with HIV/AIDS will lace up their walking shoes, gather their pledges and head to Rillito Downs for AIDSWALK '99, Sunday, October 24.

Some will be walking in memory of or to show support for: a lover, friend, son, daughter, brother, sister, a parent, and for people living with or who lost their battle to HIV/AIDS.

More than 2,000 participated in last year's event. The event has come a long way since its beginnings in 1988, when just 80 walkers participated, raising $4,000.

AIDSWALK '99 is the annual fund raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). The Walk is run largely by volunteers, and is southern Arizona's biggest annual fund raiser for local AIDS services.

Proceeds from the AIDSWALK will go: To provide housing for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS, ensure food and care supplies for persons living with HIV/AIDS, cover costs for counseling and volunteer peer support for individuals with HIV and, prevent the spread of HIV by maintaining and extending education and support programs for teens, young adults, families, and others.

Despite media reports, a cure for AIDS has not been discovered. New medications, such as protease inhibitors are providing hope for people living with HIV/-AIDS.

Even with the medications, new infections, especially among young people, are rising dramatically. Added in is the cost of these life saving medications. With all that, the need for services that AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), such as SAAF, are as great as ever.

The fund raising goal for this year's event is $215,000. According to AIDSWALK organizers, corporate sponsorship has increased to the point every dollar raised by walkers will go to client services and prevention efforts.

Registration and collection of moneys will start AIDSWALK '99. For the fourth consecutive year, a short interfaith service will begin the festivities at 8:00 A.M., featuring a special performance by the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

The service will again take place in the grandstands at Rillito Downs. Sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, the brief service will include words of inspiration and hope from several members of the Gay and Gay-friendly communities, along with music and inspiration.

What if a person can't participate or attend the AIDSWALK? What if they don't know someone who is walking, but want to pledge? People can send a check, or money order (made out to AIDSWALK '99) to SAAF, 375 South Euclid Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719. Five percent of the moneys raised comes from pledges received after the actual event.

Rillito Downs is located south of River Road on First Avenue. For a walker packet or more information on AIDS-WALK, call (520) 791-WALK (9255).

HOMOVision '99 Film Festival Opens Oct. 20

TUCSON — After months of anticipation and hard work, Wingspan of Tucson's Fifth Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival gets underway this evening, Wednesday, October 20, with the opening night celebration "Shame No More" at the historic Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress.

The box office will open at 6:45 P.M. and door will open at 7:00 P.M. The festival will run October 20 through October 24.

The opening night celebration will start with musical entertainment by Bev and Mitzi's Band setting the atmosphere. There will be hors d'oeuvres served by members of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) organizations from Queer Voice and Wingspan. A cash bar will be available to those of age. At 7:30 P.M., Take V, from the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, featuring Chris Brewer, Jim Gall, Pete Lara, Dan O'Brien and Greg Stickroth, will provide their heavenly harmony and a program of five pieces, that, as always, will sure to please.

The film program will begin at 8:00 P.M. The seven short film works will be shown in two segments. The first part will screen "Shame No More," a short film which warns us of a disease that infects our hometowns, the disease known as heterosexuality by NYU student film maker John Krokidas. Next up will be two animation pieces, "Cupid," who gets beaten at his own game in this short whimsy, by director Wrik Mead, and "Candy Kisses," a sweet look at Lesbian monogomy. The end of the first segment is the moving piece, "Matthew Shepard's Political Funeral," which proves we aren't "out" of the woods yet.

There will be a ten minute intermission followed by the second segment of

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UPDATE

Free Community Film A Success

TUCSON — After a long day at the OUTOberFEST picnic, more than 200 people came and relaxed with friends and cuddled up with loved ones while viewing the hysterically funny film, "We're Funny That Way," and shorts "Avant Toi" and "Get That Girl." These were films for our community to enjoy without charge.

This first-time-ever event, "Cinema Under the Stars," started at 8:00 P.M., in the rear parking lot of Rainbow Planet, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, was sponsored by Wingspan's Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, in association with Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse and OUToberFEST.

The success of Cinema Under the Stars," and the great association with Rainbow Planet and the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will ensure even more evenings of free films for the community. If interested in joining the planning of such events, contact the Film Festival Committee at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail at Tucson1999@aol.com.

SAAF Seeks Massage Therapists and Body Workers

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for massage therapists and body workers to volunteer at SAAF's two bodywork clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

At SAAF's clinics we provide a private, clean office environment for you to work in. We supply the tables, linens, lotions and music for you to conduct your massage. Staffed volunteers are provided who will set up all the appoints for the clinic, and will run the reception area.

If you are interested in helping out, or need more information, contact clinic coordinator, Curt Beall, (520) 299-8586.

'Unmasked Too' Oct. 29

TUCSON — Desert Diamond Casino presents Unmasked, Too, the sequel to last year's successful cabaret concert and silent auction by Desert Voices, Arizona's premier Lesbian and Gay chorus. The event takes place at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, October 29, 6:30 P.M.

The concert will feature music, poetry and dance. Soloists and small groups from the chorus will appear, including the women's barbershop quartet Alegria. Friends scheduled to appear include members of Liz Lerman Dance Exchange from Washington DC, local singers Sharon Flint and Wendy Gonzales, and impersonator Carla from Mexico.

The second annual Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 P.M. Nearly $20,000 in items will be available for bid - everything from food to clothing and jewelry to artwork and travel destinations. You'll have the opportunity to bid on vacation getaways to Santa Fe, San Carlos, Puerta Vallarta and Acapulco and more! A trip to Legoland in San Diego! CD recordings from the world's best Lesbian and Gay choruses! Lesbian and Gay videos! Original art from local artists and artists from California, New York and Mexico! The event will be catered by J-Bar, Cafe Poca Cosa, Delectables and La Cocina.

To continue the theme, a prize will be awarded to the most creative mask worn to the event!

Admission to the Silent Auction event is free. Concert admission is $10/12. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk and the chorus office. Please call (520) 791-9662 for further information. Don't miss your opportunity to shop early for the holidays!

Sex Workshop To Be Offered Oct. 26

TUCSON — Merryl Sloane, a dynamic speaker who has been leading sexuality classes and seminars since 1992, will present a workshop "Great Sex & Secret Desires: Exploring Erotic Possibilities," Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., at the Emerald City Grill, 509 N. Fourth Avenue.

Nonjudgmental, knowledgeable and practically unshockable, Merryl encourages open discussion, provides accurate information (from the basic to the exotic) and gives candid answers to questions in an accepting, upbeat, fun presentation.

Adults of all genders and sexual orientations are welcome. The cost is $5.

GMHP 'Design Our Logo' Contest Underway

TUCSON — During OUToberfest, the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) launched the Design Our Logo contest. An updated logo is needed for ads, posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc.

The logo should include the words, "Gay Men's Health Project" and "GMHP"; creative slogans are encouraged, but not required, and should be easily separated from the logo.

The winner will receive a fabulous prize package valued at over $150, with prizes from Desert Pride, Markley on Fourth, Macaroni Grill, and Lume Trattorio and Wine Bar, as well as credit for the design. One runner-up will receive a gift certificate from Macaroni Grill.

For further information and an entry form, contact Darrin Brightman of GMHP, (520) 628-7223, x269. Entries must be received by November 30. GMHP is an HIV prevention outreach project of Wingspan, the Pima County Health Department, and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. GMHP conducts one-on-one bar outreach, Gay men's discussion groups, workshops, and HIV testing and counseling, and operates the Condom Brigade program.

Nobel Prize Winner's Work Could Benefit AIDS Research

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — German-American scientist Guenter Blobel was awarded the Nobel prize for work that researchers say could have long-term benefits for AIDS research.

Blobel, who works at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Rockefeller University, found that each of the billions of protein molecules in a single cell bear a short address tag that shows where it belongs in the cell. With such tags, the cell works like a factory. Without it, they cannot work. So when proteins are sent to the wrong location by a defective tag, the cell cannot perform correctly and can produce disease.

Blobel's work "has led to an explosion of knowledge on the [movement] of proteins in the cell and even on the way some kinds of drugs may be introduced into cells," said Marvin Cassman, director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Halloween Dance At MCC

TUCSON — Water of Life MCC announces that Halloween will be celebrated this year with a dance at the church from 8:00 P.M. until midnight Saturday night Oct 30.

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The Raffle drawing will be held at the final Wingspan Film Festival session at 7 pm, Saturday, Oct 23, at the IAC-International Arts Center
(Winner need not be present to win)

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HOMOVision '99 Film Festival

Director Tom E. Brown who has been HIV+ for 14 years of his life, considers himself an expert on "anxiety, confusion, loneliness and denial" and puts it all together in the comedy spoof, "Don't Run, Johnny". Opening Night at the Rialto Theater 7:00 p.m.

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film shorts which include "Sure Shot 22," a homage to women in sports who do it "higher, faster and with more finesse." All kinds of drag wannabees take to the streets for laughs and fund raising at Washington DC's annual "High Heel Race" in the short piece "Pumps." You will be cheering for the winners. The final film work is by director Tom E. Brown, who has been HIV+ for 14 years of his life considers himself an expert on "anxiety, confusion, loneliness and denial" and puts its all together in the comedy spoof, "Don't Run, Johnny." All in all, a program of films that will make you laugh, cry and fill you with pride. Come join the unity. After the film program, the bar will remain open, "hobnobbing" and music will be provided for dancing.

The Film Festival continues through Sunday, October 24. Producer Passes ($35), and Opening Night Tickets ($10) can be bought in advance at Antigone Books, Desert Pride and Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse. Individual tickets ($5) for the films can be bought at the venues box offices one-half hour before the screening time. Film schedules, venues and information is available just about everywhere or check out the web site: http://members.aol.com/tucson1999 or call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Ex-Gay Event Pied

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) — The religious right took the one and only observance of its fifth annual National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day (NCOHD) to San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on October 11 and NCOHD chair "ex-Gay" Michael Johnston got a pie in the face.

Jerry Falwell, speaking via satellite, was out of range of the two pie-tossers, who were arrested, charged with battery and released. NCOHD was created to counter National Coming Out Day, when for the twelfth year Gays and Lesbians were encouraged to "take the next step" in a variety of observances nationwide.

An audience of about 60 turned out to hear Falwell, Johnston of Kerusso Ministries, Johnston's mother Frances, Family Research Council policy analyst and "ex-Gay" Yvette Cantu, and Eugene Lumpkin, the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church who was ousted from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission for his anti-Gay statements. Among the sponsors of the event called "Reaching Out, Taking a Stand: Homosexuality and Faith" was Donald Wildmon's American Family Association.

Falwell said, "God loves you and so do I. Just as people can come out of the closet, so can people choose to come out against a sinful lifestyle."

But although Wildmon's brother Allen insisted the message came "in a spirit of love" and Falwell denounced the killers of Matthew Shepard and other perpetrators of anti-Gay violence, San Francisco Gays and Lesbians took the visit as an assault. Demonstrators booed, hissed and screamed at Falwell's speech, and pie-thrower Josh Trenter called out, "Christian bigots out of our city!" Openly Gay and Lesbian San Francisco Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Leslie Katz condemned the event, Ammiano calling its timing -- on the eve of the anniversary of Shepard's death and the first day of jury selection in his accused killer Aaron McKinney's trial -- "tacky" and its proponents' agenda "self-serving," while Katz maintained that the implication that sexual orientation can be changed incited anti-Gay violence in "people on the fringes."

Johnston denied any anger at the pie-tossers, and even joked that, "I think I'm going to call myself the Blueberry Martyr." He believes Christians have a dual responsibility, on the one hand to reach out to individual Gays and Lesbians with compassion and a message of hope, on the other hand to oppose the so-called Gay agenda. In an announcement of the event, he said, "It's time for those of us who know the truth to take our stories to the streets and counter the messages of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), the Human Rights Campaign and other special interest homosexual lobby groups." He told reporters that if he and others really hated Gays and Lesbians, they'd leave them alone.

There is considerable diversity among "ex-Gay" programs, from the strictly faith-based type Johnston supports to the "reparative therapies" denounced by the American Psychological Association to the self-help model of Homosexuals Anonymous, but there is little evidence of success for any of them.

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Look for the AIDSWALK '99 Program in the Oct. 14 issue of the
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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Reckless Mars kerplonks into Capricorn this week, setting off sparks and brush fires in different areas of our lives. Some of us like fiery brushes while others prefer tamer adventures. Whatever your slice of paradise is, prepare to expend more energy corralling it. Ah, but don't they say exercise is beneficial?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Marauder Mars engages in corporate imperialism and rainbow Rams are ready to take advantage of the situation. Plot your professional ascent but be ready to grapple for control and power with worthy competitors. Don't be forced into positions that are not your style. Butt heads if you must, compadre; you don't feel like compromising. Enough is enough! Pack some aspirins.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls are anxious to expand their global reach when grandstanding Mars carouses in Capricorn. Maybe it's time to create a fabulous new website complete with assorted photos and interesting (to some) personal factoids. For those who prefer open space rather than cyberspace, maybe an excursion to some new and exciting vista will do the trick, and be a real treat.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Getting hungry, proud Twin? Rowdy Mars enters Capricorn and increases your sexual appetite. Sample the smorgasbord now but remember that eating out will have a greater than usual impact on any serious one-to-one relationship. For those who are grazing the field, use this time to sample a few different tastes. Develop a more sophisticated pallet while Mars serves it hot.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

There is a time for commitment and there is a time to reassess the situation. When robust Mars enters Capricorn, pink Crabs are poised for some type of action in their partnerships. Go or stay? Build or destroy? Whatever you decide to do, Mars gives you the courage and conviction, if not always the common sense. Mars can be reckless. Don't be reckless.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

You're a whirling dervish at work thanks to energetic Mars. No project stands in your way and you become one of the most efficient worker bees in the office. Is this the prima donna, credit taking, diva Lion that we have all come to love? Roll up your sleeves and get to work while the planetary energy is hot. You can rest on your laurels for the rest of 1999 once Mars moves on.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Even seriously shy Gay Virgins can't help but feel emotionally and creatively charged up when Mars enters Capricorn. You yearn to hop on the party train and chug a lug with the crowd. And why not, cousin? It's a good time to let loose; Mars knows no inhibitions and neither should you. Of course, there may be some who should not let it ALL hang out. No names please!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras have the opportunity to look at their personal surroundings with fresh eyes when impatient Mars traverses Capricorn. Do you like what you see or is your home in dire need of rejuvenation? Tackle home based projects now and that also goes for nagging family issues from nagging family members. Sweeping things under the rug now makes a rather lumpy rug.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Despite the fact that most Scorps are secretive and behind the scenes, you feel quite Out front and mouthy when marauder Mars hits Capricorn. Got something to say? Say it cousin! Spill the beans and tell em what you really think. Of course, your intuitive political sense will keep your more vicious barbs from drawing blood, unless of course that's the plan.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Lucky Gay Archers can reap their fiscal rewards when excessive Mars enters greedy Capricorn. Go for the big bucks by taking calculated risks and doing your monetary homework. But all that glitters is not gold, friend; this is also the time to reassess what you truly value. Be willing to toss off what is no longer affirming and defining. You won't miss it.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Mars in your own sign makes you a social force with whom to be reckoned. Just like a super nova, you burst on the scene and demand attention. However, just like a super nova, proud Caps run the risk of exploding and dissolving. Instead of rushing in to make an impression, take things slowly and deliberately. The results will be greater, longer lasting and without all the mess.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians experience a spark of genius and perceptive intuition when randy Mars catapults into Capricorn. Savor the moment, cousin, this too shall pass! As long as you are all fired up and full of promise, use this time to volunteer for a worthy Gay charity or political cause. Actions that you undertake now have lasting impact and benefit. And that's my prediction.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Just when you feel that you need a jolly crowd around you, feisty Mars in Capricorn musters a pride parade for your enjoyment. Rainbow Fish become the social directors of the zodiac now and are in demand. Use this time to build bridges, join new clubs and groups and meet new folks. Someone may even help you get a leg up in your career. That's leg up not leg over, dear.

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Second Chances Significantly Lowers USAF Ousters

SAN ANTONIO, TX (NP) — A new approach to "don't ask, don't tell," which includes counseling for servicemembers who "tell" in error, has dramatically cut discharges at Lackland Air Force Base.

Lackland Air Force Base stood out like a sore thumb in 1998 statistics for U.S. military discharges on grounds of homosexuality, with 65% of all Air Force discharges and nearly one-fourth of the total for all the service branches. However new figures released show a dramatic drop in Lackland discharges, attributed to a new Air Force policy that actually gives those trainees who make declarations that they're Lesbian or Gay the chance to recant them. The improvement came even before the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) had offered its recommendations following an investigation of Lackland, but an Air Force spokesperson says those suggestions will be given serious consideration.

From March through September 1998, Lackland booted 195 personnel for homosexuality; during the same period in 1999, that number was down to 31. Since March, Lackland has been operating under a new Air Force approach to the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Trainees who make declarations are referred to defense counsel who advise them of their rights in a confidential meeting. If they recant their declarations within a few days of making them, they are allowed to continue in the Air Force. The letter referring them to counsel does not remain in their permanent records.

This approach responds in part to one of SLDN's greatest continuing concerns about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell": a widespread misunderstanding among servicemembers as to what the policy actually is or means. Based on their March visit to Lackland, SLDN staff described the training recruits receive on the policy as "a brief script that a lawyer would have difficulty understanding, let alone a 20-year-old trainee." The script was not clear as to what kinds of activities might lead to discharge. Key information not appearing in the script at all included the right to talk with an attorney and a military policy against homophobic harassment.

Trainees were not the only ones confused about the policy. A psychologist and an inspector general were among those who erroneously believed that they were required to report servicemembers who made statements regarding their sexual orientation. One trainee was discharged after asking a superior if he would be jailed for being Gay, even though it was never clarified if he was actually Gay or not. Some presumed LesBiGay trainees also believed they would be jailed if they did not come out.

Trainees' problems with "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ranged from the most idealistic to the most basic -- physical fear -- according to SLDN's report. The Air Force cherishes a core value of integrity, yet LesBiGay recruits must "hide, dissemble and lie"; Jim Wolffe, assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, said that it should be made clear for them that, "not telling under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is not a violation of Air Force core values."

At the other end of the spectrum, SLDN identified a "hostile climate" in which slurs were used against suspected Gays by their colleagues; one trainee told SLDN he'd overheard three servicemembers discussing how they would attack a Gay. While Wolffe held firmly that anti-Gay slurs should not be tolerated, just as racist and other remarks would not be, he viewed the situation of a servicemember wanting to report anti-Gay harassment as legally challenging. In theory, such a report should lead to investigation of the harassment rather than of the sexual orientation of the victim, but Wolffe admitted there was a risk of discharge involved for a victims who were not extremely careful about their statements.

Overall, SLDN found the situation at Lackland last year to be much more complex that it may have appeared superficially to either the watchdog group or the Air Force itself, and offered 14 recommendations for improvement. Wolffe, who had participated in their investigation, described SLDN's comments as thorough and thoughtful. SLDN in turn sent a letter of praise for the turnaround at Lackland to Air Force Secretary Whitten Peters on National Coming Out Day.

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POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

Hate

Hate was victorious last week.

The second Matthew Shepard murder trial was underway.

Another Gay man was attacked in Wyoming.

During the same time, a House-Senate conference committee dropped the Kennedy Amendment to the Commerce-State-Justice appropriation bill.

Kennedy's amendment was the language of the 1999 Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Despite calls from many elected officials, groups and 70% support in a recent Gallup poll, the provision was stricken.

"I'm disappointed that the provision was not included in the final conference report," U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, said. So are we.

The amendment would have added sexual orientation, gender and disability as categories protected under federal hate crimes law, as well as expanding federal authorities' ability to investigate and prosecute hate crimes of all kinds. The U.S. Senate had approved the amendment by acclamation this summer.

Senator Edward Kennedy, D-MA, who sponsored the amendment, said in a statement, "We must stop acting if somehow this fundamental issue is just a state and local problem. It isn't. It is a national problem, and it's an outrage that Congress has been missing in action for so long."

Anti-Gay bias crime is a growing national problem, and the figures back that up.

This past week, the FBI released its latest statistics on hate crimes for 1998. Anti-Gay hate crimes went up by more than 12%, making up one-sixth of all hate crimes reported and the third most common after those based on race and religion.

Tell that to Senate Majority Leader, Trent Lott, R-MS, and Republican Presidential hopeful Texas Governor George W. Bush though.

A spokesperson for Lott stated in an interview that the Senator believes that "all crimes are hate crimes and that it was unfair to treat some crimes of violence differently from others."

When reached for comment, Ron Passarelli of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, summed it up, "every crime is a hate crime is the Republican's 'party line.'"

During the recent of the Texas Legislature, Bush, preparing for a presidential run, said people who "commit crimes have hate in the hearts."

Bush expressed his opposition to a state hate crimes bill, because it included sexual orientation as a protected category.

Recently, the Texas Governor said in an interview with a conservative group that he would not hire individuals that were openly Gay.

Political aspirations and doctrine aside, some tried to cover their tracks of hate with stupidity and disregard.

One of the lawmakers directly responsible for cutting the hate crimes amendment, Senator Judd Gregg, R-NH, out of the appropriation bill said the issue "was too complex." "That was one elephant too much for this boa constrictor," Gregg said in an interview.

Was it too complex for the three Gay men who had their throats slashed in the parking lot of a Phoenix Gay bar recently?

Congress is preparing to adjourn for this year for the Christmas holidays. Chances for any passage of a hate crimes measure are slim for this year.

Hate was the victor again. . . .

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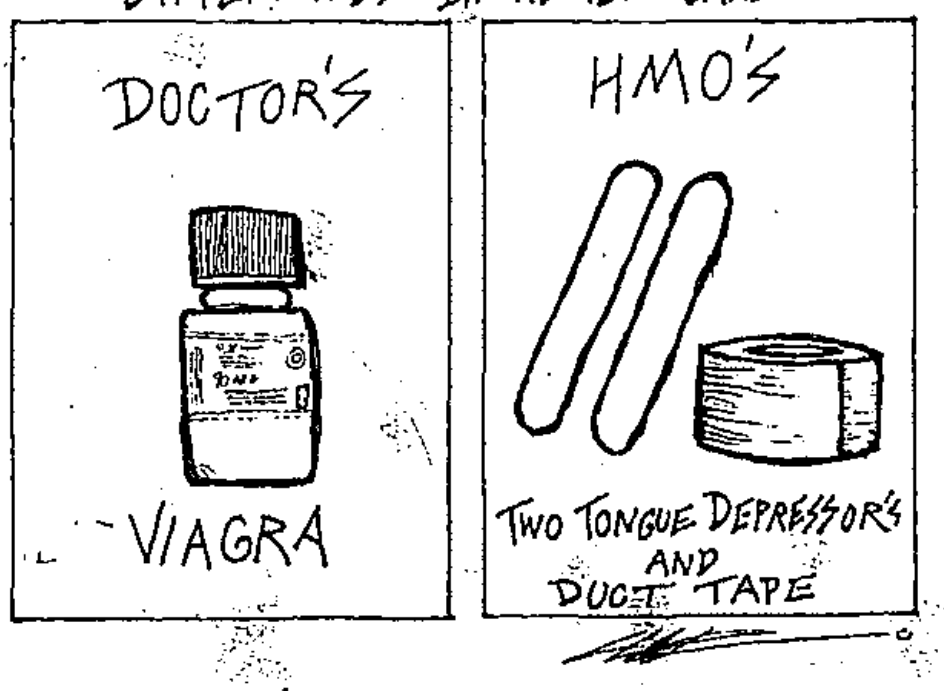

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NEW YORK, NY (GFN) — Is it time for the Gay community to boycott the world's number one supplier of online services? America Online Inc. (NYSE: AOL), ostensibly the inventor of the chat room, including exclusively Gay venues, has been targeted by Gay activists for going after its Gay membership for describing themselves in ways that violate AOL policy.

According to NationalGayLobby.org, an AOL subscriber recently received a terms-of-service violation in his AOL record because the online service considered language he used to describe himself in his user profile as objectionable.

NGL, an Internet-based Gay and Lesbian lobbying organization, charges AOL with putting user-agreement violations in its Gay users' permanent records, saying AOL "apparently allows its presumably heterosexual members to place suggestive references and terroristic statements aimed at Gays in their own profiles with impunity."

At its site, NGL notes that other profiles by presumably heterosexual AOL users would seem to violate a "code of decency," as well. The users describe themselves as having hobbies that include "fag shooting" and "queer bashing," as well as anti-Semitic and racist ones, like "killing Jews" and "killing blacks, Jews and Asians."

The profiles were found by John Aravosis, founder and president of Wired Strategies, an Internet-based company that helps groups lobby more effectively through electronic means.

NGL also accuses AOL of reinforcing anti-Gay stereotypes, for example, by allowing an online thesaurus that included the words "fag" and "sodomite" as alternatives to "homosexual."

Aravosis, who holds a law degree, championed the cause of Timothy McVeigh, the navy officer outed when an AOL employee confirmed that McVeigh owned the "Tim in Honolulu, Hawaii," user profile, a profile that lead to discharge proceedings against McVeigh for engaging in homosexual acts. The AOL employee revealed the information without a court order.

The McVeigh case ignited a firestorm of controversy not only over Internet-privacy rules but over the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward Gay service members as well.

The case was settled in 1998, with McVeigh receiving full military pension benefits, reimbursement for legal fees and an undisclosed sum from AOL for damages for violating his privacy.

The McVeigh case and the current scuttle over policing user profiles go to the heart of privacy issues on the Internet, Aravosis said. "You have a sense of security and a sense of community when you are on AOL."

A spokesperson for AOL couldn't reached for comment over the latest controversy.

Other organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, and political Internet-consulting guru Aravosis have called on AOL to clarify its policies — thus far to no avail.

At stake aren't just AOL's policies regarding member profiles, but its members free-speech rights as well. How AOL determines which information is permissible and what criteria AOL uses to determine that is key to the issue.

According to NGL, the question is what to do about the situation. "We think {a boycott} is a good idea and one that is long overdue.

"But before such a major undertaking can or should be launched, it is necessary to find out where the [Gay] community stands on the issue."

To that end, NGL has posted an opinion poll asking AOL members and nonmembers alike to comment on whether the Gay community should target AOL for a boycott.

Postings at NGL's electronic bulletin board suggest that a boycott overwhelmingly would be supported by the Gay community. While postings revealed that most were strongly in favor of a boycott — if necessary — few BBS participants had additional comments on the issue.

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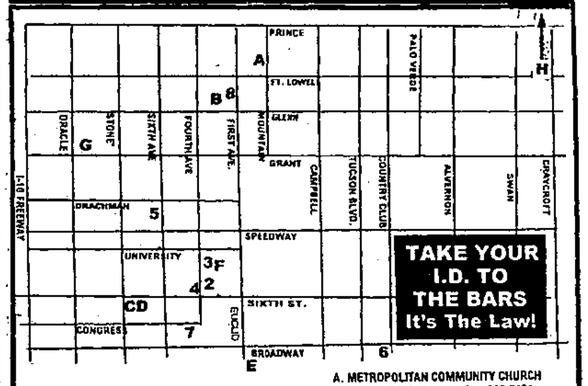

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Desert Vision

by Louis F. Kavar, PhD

An Ounce Of Prevention

Each month I page through various glossy covered Gay-related national magazines. As I read articles on subjects ranging from global news to the latest styles in apparel and music, I can't help but notice the advertising. Some of the advertisements in these magazines are among the most captivating to be found anywhere. They're bright, innovative, and, yes, sometime provocative. The photography, layout, copy and design really are amazing pop culture art forms.

Because the ads are so well designed, it's sometimes easy to forget the reality behind the ad. Of course that's true. The purpose of the ad is to entice the reader to buy the product. However, sometimes advertising has a way of presenting part of an image that looks a bit different when put in the context of the whole picture.

I'm not attempting to point fingers or suggest that anyone has malicious intent. However, having recently paged through several magazines, I couldn't help but notice the ads for HIV/AIDS treatments. I wondered what impression these ads convey to most people as they page through the magazines.

Let me begin by clearly saying some things. I fully believe that drug companies have a right to advertise their products. The FDA has established guidelines for such advertising to assure that no false claims are made and that side effects of treatments are available to the consumer. I am in no way suggesting that any drug company is doing something in shouldn't be doing.

Yet, I wonder: what impression does the casual magazine reader have when seeing these multi-paged ads for treatment of HIV? Could it appear to people that HIV/AIDS is now easily treated? Does it seem like all a person with HIV needs to do to stay healthy is to take a few pills and life goes on as normal? While there's been no research on this subject, my best hunch is many Gay men have developed a false sense of security about what treatment can do for HIV partially because these ads make treatment look so easy and effective. I am fearful that a significant number of people have the impression that HIV can be treated as easily as many other less complex chronic health condition.

In August, the Centers for Disease Control announced that the rate of deaths related to HIV/AIDS was no longer declining. While The Observer and other papers reported this news, I'm not sure how much most people noticed. A few months ago in this column, I mentioned that many of us working with people with AIDS had begun to see the limits of the new treatments. As with the treatment of many diseases, drugs have a certain period of time when they are effective. Then, after a person has taken them for a period of a few years, the drugs seem to not be as effective.

In terms of current treatment for HIV/AIDS, the current drug treatments do work well for many people. They don't work well for everyone. Further, a significant number of people find it difficult to follow the complex medication schedules required for some of the drug combinations. If that's not enough, there are also side effects.

In the last six months, it's become clear that many treatments for HIV-infection work for a time but eventually loose their effectiveness. Sometimes, drug combinations can be effective in helping a person maintain a high level of health.

In the end, the best treatment for HIV/AIDS is to not get infected at all. Prevention is the best answer for HIV infection.

Many Gay men have a fairly accurate understanding of basic ways to reduce the risk of HIV infection. Who doesn't know that it's important to use a condom for anal sex? But what about the risk of oral transmission? Or what about your favorite activity? How safe is it? If you're not sure, perhaps you need to call SAAF and get more information from the Gay Men's Health Project.

Information isn't enough. If knowing what was harmful really got people to change behavior, no one would smoke cigarettes. Information alone doesn't change our behavior, but it is the necessary first ingredient. Once you have the information, it's important that the new information becomes part of your life. Some people can make behavioral changes easily and others can't. For some, making safer choices about sexual activity will require attending a few sessions of a support group, individual counseling, or even in patient treatment of alcohol, drug, and sexual addiction. Our sexual behavior is one of our most intimate behaviors. It's related to many other parts of who were are.

With all the treatment advancements for HIV in recent years, with even better treatments on the horizon, it's clear that what remains true about AIDS was true ten years ago: an ounce of prevention is worth far more than a pound of cure.

Remember: you can help keep issues of HIV and prevention visible and dynamic by your participation in Sunday's AIDS Walk. Let's keep walking together and working for a cure!

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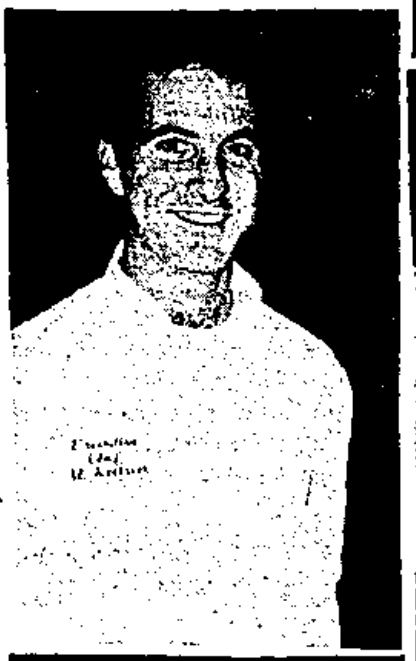

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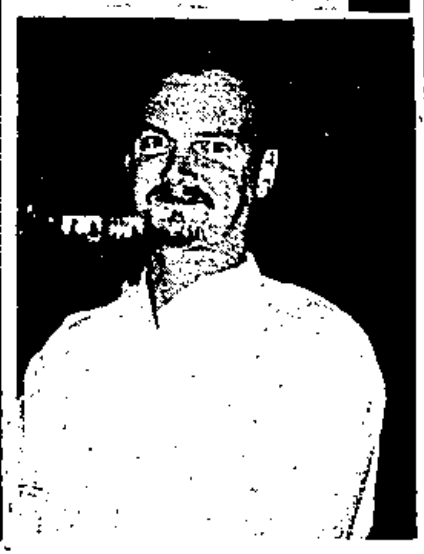

Second Annual LLEGO Conference Held

SAN DIEGO, CA (NP) — In a meeting subsidized by government health agencies and AIDS-drug companies, about 1,000 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Latinos gathered in San Diego, California and in Tijuana, Mexico, for the seventh national convention and the second international conference of the U.S.-based Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Organization (LLEGO).

Three days of meetings were held in San Diego, attended primarily by U.S. delegates. Two days of meetings were held in Tijuana, attended by delegates from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela. There were also numerous dances, parties and other social events.

"The [U.S.] Gay Latino community has a lot of priorities which are particular to it," said Benjamin Sheppard, LLEGO's media man. "Immigration is a big part of it, be it immigration for health or immigration for economic reasons, or for spousal reasons, for lack of a better word. We have to deal with these matters amongst ourselves. The mainstream cannot relate.

"There are also health issues," Sheppard said. "A lot of people who try to come to the U.S. from the Latino LGBT community do so for health reasons – and, of course, there's also very political reasons. Latino Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender folks are isolated within their own community, not just for being Gay, but for not following some of the traditions. In my country, Panama, there is a level of tolerance for Lesbian and Gay folk ... as long as it doesn't turn into something permanent. One of the sayings many mothers of Gay men have is, 'He got stung by a bug and he'll be over it soon.' So we have to, in our own voices, tell our own families and our own countrymen that this is not something that is going to go away, this is who we are and we'd like to be accepted that way."

LLEGO Executive Director Martin Ornelas-Quintero said the U.S. portion of the conference was also about confronting racism.

"The manifestation of racism within the LGBT movement clearly has shown that issues that are important to us as Gay, Lesbian, Bi and trans Latinos are not included [in the mainstream Gay agenda]," he said. "Within the Gay movement there is an attempt to separate our [Gay and Latino] identities, as if that would be possible. Other organizations don't recognize our uniqueness in any way, form or fashion."

Workshops in San Diego dealt with everything from AIDS treatments, immigration and working the media to "Why We Don't Talk About Sex?" "Transgender Psyche," and "Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know about Sex Toys."

The Tijuana event tackled fund raising, self-acceptance, asylum laws and transvestism, among other matters. In a keynote address, openly Lesbian Mexican Congresswoman Patria Jimenez spoke of recent advances and problems of the LGBT movements in Mexico and elsewhere in Latin America.

"The LGBT movement is constantly getting bigger and our horizon is being diluted but hopefully this will result in our gaining our rights and becoming citizens like everyone else," Jimenez said.

"Discrimination based on any human condition has no reason to exist, and I think that 20 to 30 years of work by activists has put us in a position of tremendous strength."

At a well-attended Tijuana press conference, LLEGO Board Co-chair Nicole Murray Ramirez said "the entire LGBT Latino/Latina movement across the world is realizing the importance of getting involved politically."

"The entire U.S. seems to be focusing on the growing Latino population," he said. "This speaks well for the Latino LGBT movement in Central and South America because as we get empowered in the United States, as we grow more and influence the politics of the United States, we will be influencing the politics of immigration and other issues facing Central and South America."

LLEGO also staged a special one-day summit in San Diego specifically for Latinos who live in California. Organizer Murray Ramirez said California LGBT Latinos need "to develop our collective response against the Christian right's courting of the increasingly influential California Latino voter."

Next year's LLEGO confab will be in New York City. For more information, phone (202) 466-8240.

OUToberFEST

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Arizona, BGALA, the Gay and Lesbian student group held events on the campus to mark National Coming Out, including:

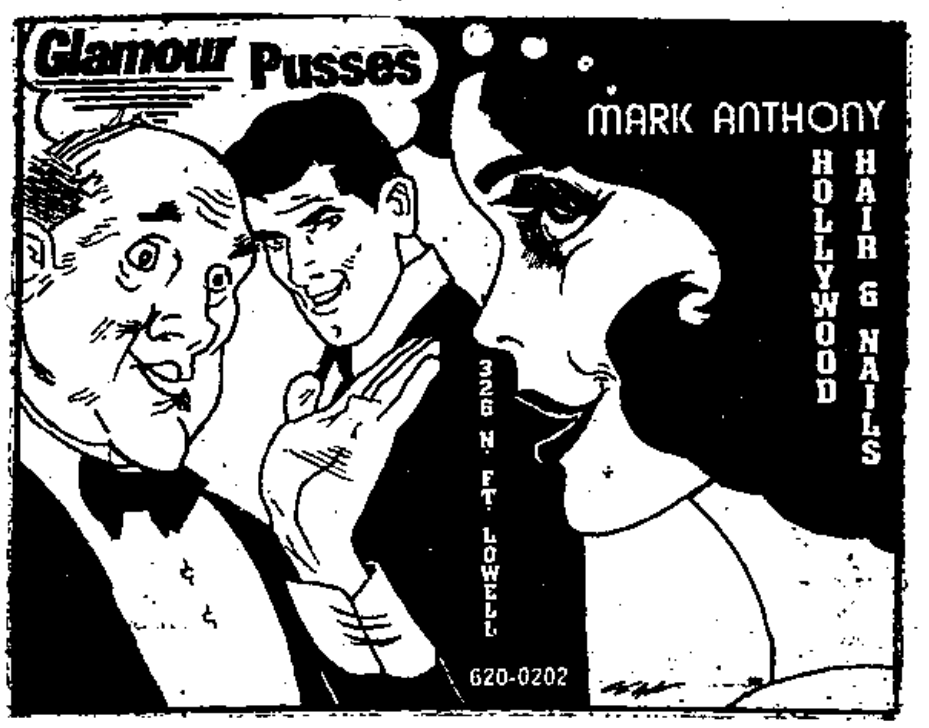
The "Rainbow Closet Door," where students can elect to come out by walking through the door as a symbolic gesture, a Day of Silence, a poetry reading, and the annual drag show, where Kenneth Blake and Bunny FuFu performed on the University Mall.

Colorfully lettered posters filled with facts and statistics about homosexuality decorated the lobbies of residence halls as part of a programming campaign sponsored by the University of Arizona Department of Residence Life.

Matt Helm, Residence Life coordinator for multicultural education, said in an interview that the campaign aimed to educate dorm dwellers about other cultures and lifestyles.

The United Students at the Pima Community College held activities on the Desert Vista Campus for National Coming Out.

Speakers from the Arizona Human Rights Fund, Wingspan, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Queer Youth spoke to several Pima College classes about Gays, Lesbians, diversity and tolerance.



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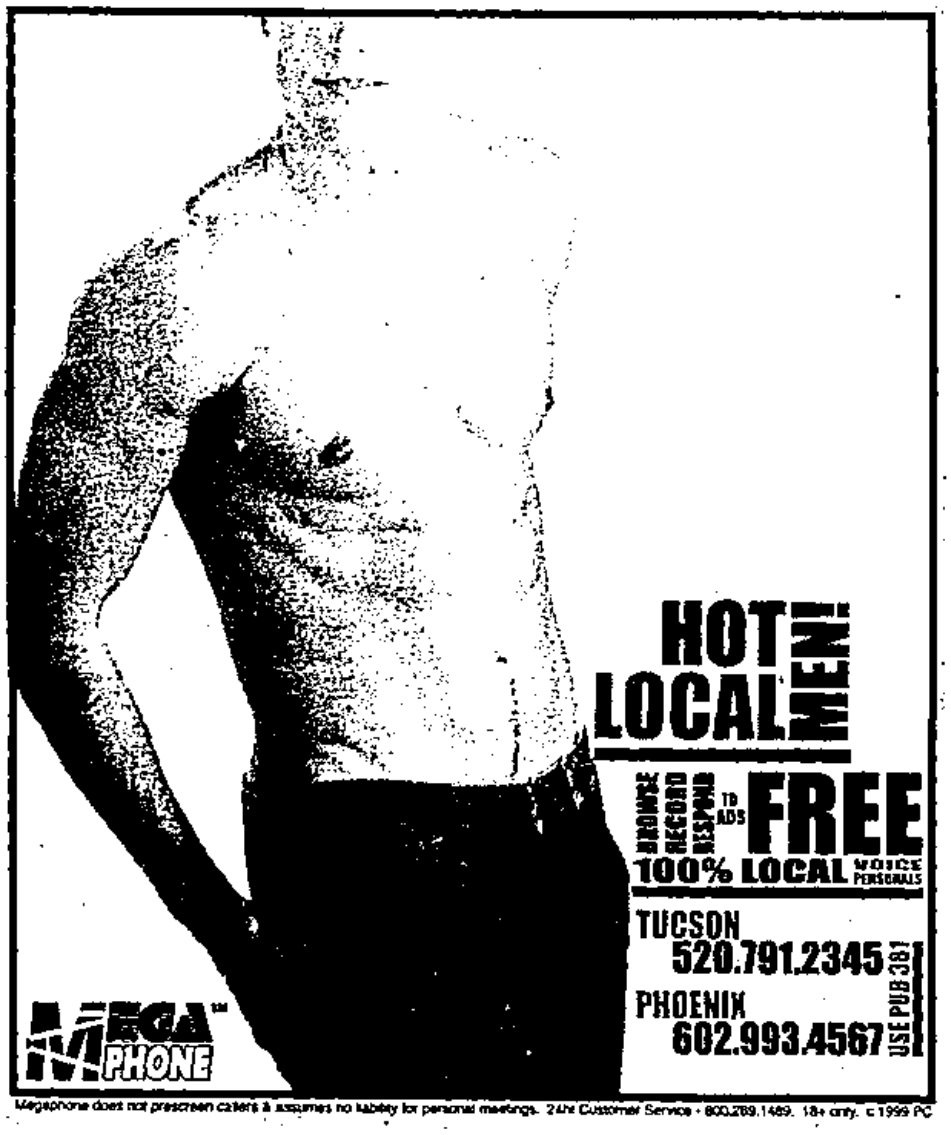

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Protests Help 'Angels' In Texas

KILGORE, TX (NP) — Renowned Gay playwright Tony Kushner's 1993 Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning "Angels in America Part 1: Millennium Approaches" played to sold-out houses at Texas' Kilgore Community College this past weekend despite – or more likely because of – weeks of protest from local churches and legislators.

Kilgore College productions don't usually play to full houses. On opening night October 14, there were about 30 protesters outside the theater, some bearing placards with the "God hates fags" signature message of Topeka, Kansas' Fred Phelps; there were also counter-demonstrators supporting the play. Although additional security guards were placed at the theater and patrons were required to pass through a metal detector, the show was not disrupted and protesters remained peaceful.

Kushner sent a personal letter of support to those involved with the production. He said there had been hundreds of college performances of the show with perhaps a dozen protests, but no cancellations. "Angels in America" portrays several Gay men including the late Roy Cohn, a closeted Gay attorney who served as Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at the behest of the infamous Communist-hunter Senator Joe McCarthy in the 1950's; Cohn died of AIDS in 1986.

The first evidence of protest against the play in the East Texas oil town was a petition with hundreds of signatures which charged that, "This play is absolutely full with vulgar and explicit scenes, including one with two men embracing and kissing." In fact director Raymond Caldwell had cut the nudity and some graphic scenes from the play before the controversy began.

Some clergy railed against the play from local pulpits. The First Baptist Church of Kilgore posted on its marquee the message, "We too say 'no' to the play at KC"; that church's pastor Mark McClelland said he'd read the play and found it so "dirty" he wanted to bathe afterwards. Attorney Glenn Phillips bought up 150 of the 264 seats for opening night hoping to ensure a weak turnout, but instead those seats were distributed to those on the waiting list. Most of the demonstrators were from Kilgore's Heritage Baptist Church according to one report, although Kilgore Community College President William Holda believed that most were what he called "professional protesters" from out of town.

Gregg County commissioners and Kilgore city councilmembers threatened to withdraw grants to the two-year college's drama department of $50,000 and $15,000 respectively. Both grants were directed towards the school's annual Shakespeare festival. Kilgore Mayor Joe Parker charged that Christians' rights were violated by the staging of the play.

Nonetheless Kilgore Community College's Board of Trustees voted to allow the play to go on, although not unanimously. College President Holda never wavered in his support, telling a local television station that, "I do not want the legacy of this institution to be that we sacrificed principle for dollars." Director Caldwell, who praised the play as not only well-written but as one of the most moral works he'd ever read, accused the politicians who threatened the school's funding of "political blackmail and emotional hostage-holding."

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High Game Handicap - Fran K., 255; Mark K., 277; 16 LB Balls, 734.

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UPDATE

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Music will be live by SABRA, a local Tammie Award winner. She recently entertained at the Stonewall Eagle and Downtown Saturday Night. Playing a mixture of rock, romantic, and country/western, Sabra "packed the place" when she played the Valentine's Dance this year at Water of Life MCC. Many of you will remember how good it was and the ones of you who missed it, will have your chance now to come and enjoy!

Get your picture made with Hercules and Xena or as Hercules and Xena—costumes are optional. Tickets to local concerts including Desert Voices and Jamie Anderson; videos including Lilies and When Night Is Falling; a set of CD's by local artist Lisa Otey; a therapeutic massage; and T-shirts are some of the prizes for those who come in costume. Everyone is welcome to come dance and enjoy a safe and happy evening. And no tricks—just delicious treats for your eating enjoyment. Tickets are $5, and are available at Antigone Books 411 N. 4th Ave., at the church at (520) 292-9151 and at the door. Don't be scared—just come have fun!

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads, was founded in 1970 as an early member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). Water of Life MCC worships each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. and at 11:15 A.M. All church activities are open to the public. Pastor Cook and the congregation of Water of Life MCC invite everyone to come and join with us for this Halloween Dance. For additional information, please call the church office at (520) 292-9151 or e-mail WOLMCC@aol.com

GMHP Conducting Focus Groups

TUCSON — On Tuesday, October 5, the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) conducted a focus group to find out about the "rational" thought processes around sex and sexual health.

This group was very productive. Of course, sexuality is not only an activity. Much of what we may experience is emotional, perhaps even spiritual. These feelings can influence our thinking around sexual health issues.

To help us learn more about this other side of sexuality, GMHP will conduct a second focus group on Monday, October 25, at 6:30 P.M., asking what sex means to you! Your responses will help in developing new HIV prevention programs.

This focus group is open to sexually active Gay or bisexual men, 21 and over, who did not attend the October 5 focus group (there will be some overlap in questions). All responses will be confidential, and participants will be paid for their time.

Contact Darrin Brightman of GMHP at 628-7223, x269 for further information. This group is limited to a maximum of twelve participants, so reserve your space now!

Wingspan Raffle

TUCSON — A pair of free airline tickets for travel on American Airlines (AA) is being raffled off by Wingspan to raise money to assist the Wingspan Youth Support Group.

The pair of tickets, donated by Full Spectrum Travel, provides completely free travel from any domestic AA origination city to any AA destination in the 48 U.S. States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, Bahamas or the Caribbean. Advance reservations, holiday blackouts and other restrictions apply.

Raffle tickets are $5 each, or five for $20. They will be available at the Wingspan and Full Spectrum Travel booths at OUTober/FEST and at each session of the Wingspan Film Festival. They will also be available at the Wingspan Center, Antigone Books, Desert Pride and the Rainbow Planet Coffee House. Raffle tickets may also be obtained by calling Full Spectrum Travel, (520) 577-0645 or mailing them at 3801 N. Swan Road, Tucson, AZ 85718.

The drawing will be held at the final session of the Film Festival, 7:00 P.M., Sunday, October 24.

Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20 - SUNDAY, OCT. 24
HomoVision, Tucson's 5th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival! Nearly 50 films will be shown during the 5 day period at varous venues and times. Check for the schedule elsewhere in this issue.. Your chance to view some of the most positive, interesting, unsettling, uplifting and exotic- erotic films of interest to the Gay and Lesbian comunity. Plan to attend a few of those of interest.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at ELLE, 3048 E. Broadway. Call 584-0280 for details. 12:30 p.m.

Poz Cafe providing a delicious free lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon, activities last until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Fracis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, October 18th.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce as he hosts Game Night. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. This is also a themed potluck-and tonight's theme is Turkish/Greek food. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
AIDSWLK '99 at Rillito Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, receive a walker packet or just get involved call 791-WALK(9255)

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner/Meeting at Chad's, NW corner of Ft. Lowell and Swan. Call 584-0280 for details.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
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 features an episode each of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Avengers". For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
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 Gerry at 219-3507.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry for a Topic of Discussion about feeling welcome in a new community. Just moved to Tucson? Come and share your thoughts. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Dan and Richard as they host a Chili Cook Off. Bring your best recipe to try and take top honors. If you can't cook, there's also a need for judges. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6.30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Be scared silly with a special Halloween Video presentation. The main feature is the delightfully silly "Arsenic & Old Lace". We'll round it out with two short, scary features-"Amelia", starring Karen Black, and a segment from "Tales From the Crypt" starring Joan Collins. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Naomi Knight and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Noche Latina with DJ Eduardo 9:00-closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
IBT'S - On the patio, Greg Stickroth will present "You, Me and Sondheim" a musical review of Broadway's own Stephen Sondheim on the patio beginning at 7:30 p.m. Accompanist is musical director David Craig and special guests Take Five. Tickets are $10 with part of the proceeds to benefit AIDS Walk.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que for Reveille Gay Men's chorus from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. plus Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then stick around for the "Men of IBT's" Male Revue. 9:00 p.m. Hot men put out for you! Get there early for a good seat.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - 'Goddess' Starring Mr. Kenneth Blake. Angelica West and special guest. 10:00 p.m.

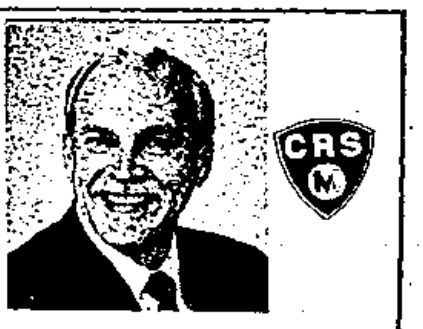
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. a special Halloween 'Girlie Show' starring Phaedra, Tori Novel, Kenneth Blake and Deora Le Blanc.

FRI - SAT - SUN, OCTOBER 29-30-31
IBT'S - Halloween Weekend. Costume Contests all three days! Watch out and mark your calendars.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
STONEWALL / EAGLE Live from Las Vegas "The Feather Show" Roberto Ruiz and his Ballet. (NOT A DRAG SHOW). Tickets $10.00 in advance ($12.00 at the door) For reservations call 624-8805.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
STONEWALL / EAGLE - 2:00 p.m. Spooky Pool Tournament. Monthly Birthday Party. TKO's Food Fairy presents "The Owl's Nest" Pumpkin Carving Contest - Carve one of their pumpkins or bring your own. (No entry Fee). Entry deadline Oct. 29th at 5:00 p.m. Later a costume contest. Cash Prizes!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Happy Halloween Mystery Show 10:00 p.m. Costume Contest 11:30 p.m. Cash Prizes! Best of show $100. Scariest $50, Widest $30 and Dumbest $20.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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.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Pool Tournament & Sirloin Burger Bust 2-6pm. Karaoke 8pm-close hosted by Billy Dee. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 624-8805. Snack Bar open til midnight

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

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

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

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VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! $2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots $2 (w/juice $2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas $1.25. Snack Bar open daily 'til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Dance Studio professional dance lessons with Ira & Becky. This session Country & Western 7pm

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark $2 shot. First Tuesday of every month TKO Spaghetti Feed

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas $1.25. Snack Bar open daily 'til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite; 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close. Western Nite Drink specials if in Cowboy attire.

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

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

STONEWALL\EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas $1.25. Snack Bar open daily 'til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas $1.25. Snack Bar open daily 'til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8-close. Drink specials every half hour..

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

STARS - Open 3pm. Piano by the incomperable Danielle

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 open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, $1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

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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.

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

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX . For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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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 Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm, of every month. All meetins take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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

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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 Mirio Slone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 859-7298.

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

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

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

NOTICES

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9058 (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. 743-4600.

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 446-5123.

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.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religious and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

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

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED Young Adults Support Group for people ages 20 to 30 meets for sharing, support and information . Meetings are every Saturday from 11am to 12:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779.

GAY SUICIDE PREVENTION. P.O. Box 64665, Tucson, AZ 85718-9998. Tele 520-577-3760. 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join in!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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 690-9585 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 318-5415.

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 299-6647.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuez@worldnet.att.net

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 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. 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?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS 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 584-0260, 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.

NOTICES

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 Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 529-7542 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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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

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, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

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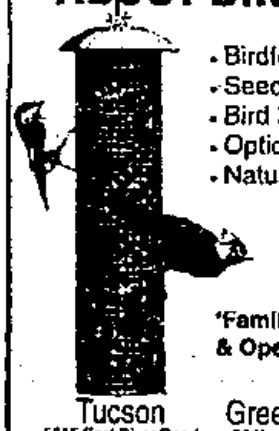

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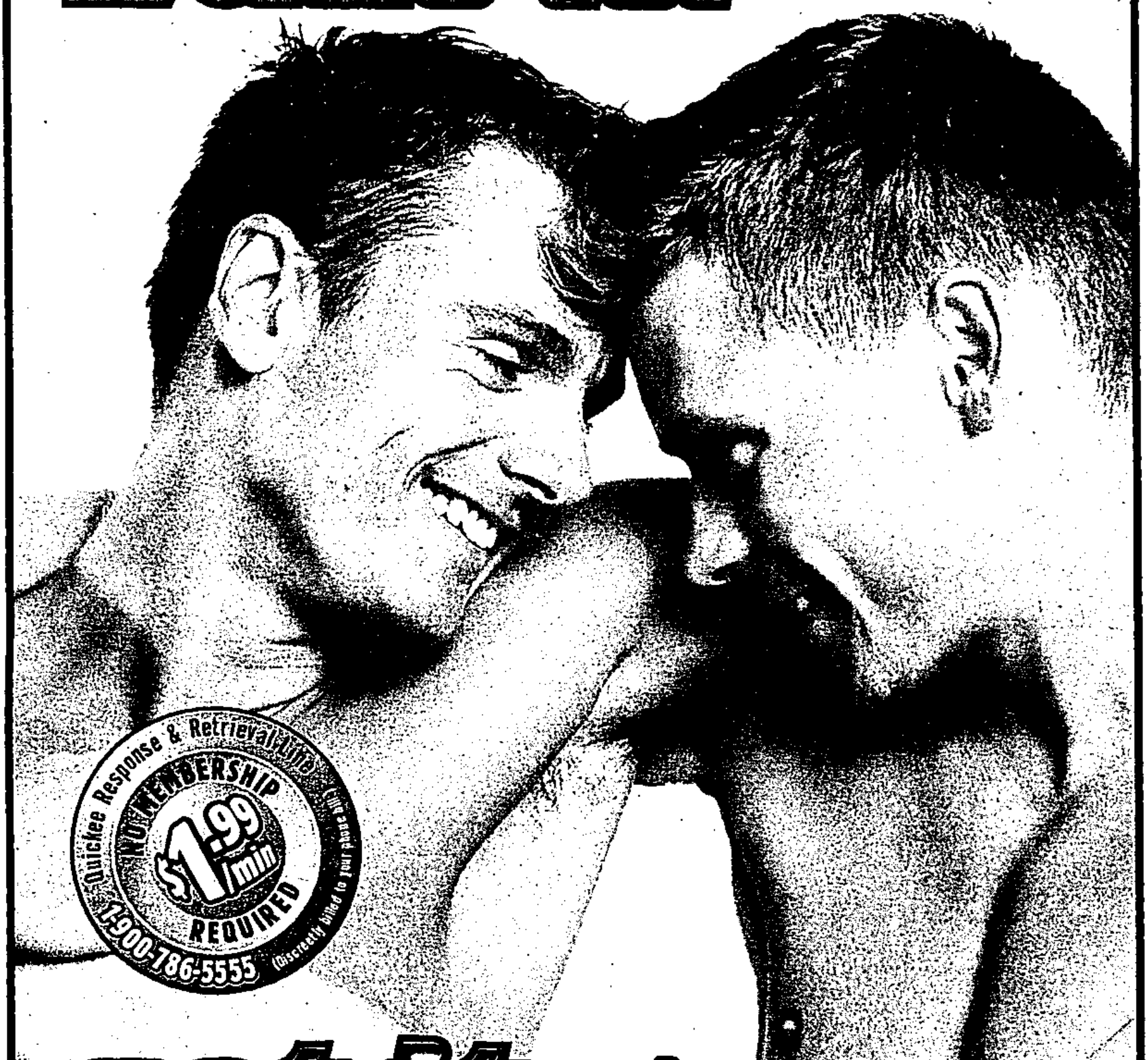

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