

## Denied Panic, Defense Rests, In Shepard Murder Trial

LARAMIE, WY (NP) — "The defense is, in effect, either a temporary insanity defense or a diminished capacity defense, such as irresistible impulse, which are not allowed in Wyoming," wrote Judge Barton Voigt in rejecting Aaron McKinney's defense counsel's use of the so-called "homosexual panic" strategy against charges he murdered Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard a year ago.

Just a few hours later, the defense rested its case, having presented a total of only seven witnesses, two of whom testified to having been angered at sexual approaches by Shepard, one of whom testified to having heard McKinney's girlfriend say he told her Shepard had made a pass at him. Closing arguments are scheduled for this week.

Despite months of pre-trial conferences, McKinney's defense attorneys had sprung their "homosexual panic" defense on Judge Voigt without warning in opening statements on October 25. Their contention was that a childhood experience of being forced to perform oral sex, a "confusing" teen sexual experience with a male cousin, and his use of alcohol and methamphetamine, all combined to send McKinney into a few minutes of emotional "chaos" when Shepard allegedly made a pass at him. According to McKinney's own recorded confession to police, he and his friend Russell Henderson had already planned to rob Shepard before he got into their truck and allegedly grabbed McKinney's leg.

Voigt first confronted the defense about the "homosexual panic" strategy on October 27, requiring them to provide legal justification for it. Clearly he was dissatisfied with their arguments, writing in his ruling that, "What the Defendant is trying to do is to raise a mental status defense that is not recognized by Wyoming law, and of which there has been no notice and no opportunity for the Court or opposing counsel to consider before trial. Even if relevant, the evidence will mislead and confuse the jury." Voigt wrote, "Defense counsel have tried valiantly to convince the Court that their defense is not a homosexual rage defense. But what they hope to do is to present testimony that, because of homosexual experiences in the Defendant's past, he flew into a rage and killed Matthew Shepard, without specific intent to kill, but voluntarily in a sudden heat of passion. This is the homosexual rage defense, nothing more, nothing less. The fact that the Defendant attempts to raise it through lay witnesses [like the two men who testified to their anger at being approached by Shepard], rather than through experts, is inconsequential."

Defense counsel, before opening their case on October 29, had said they would hold off on presenting expert testimony pending Voigt's ruling, but would

present lay witnesses to facts. Voigt did leave the door open for some consideration of McKinney's history in the penalty phase of the trial, should McKinney be found guilty, but wrote that the jury could not consider McKinney's history of homosexual experiences "on the issue of whether there was sufficient provocation [by Shepard] to reduce the crime to manslaughter" from capital murder.

Jeffrey Montgomery, executive director of Michigan's Triangle Foundation and a steering committee member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, said that for Voigt to have found otherwise "would have carved out a special, unique and tailored defense for McKinney. That is not how justice works."

The Human Rights Campaign also applauded Voigt slamming the door on what it called a "blame the victim" defense. Communications director David Smith said, "This decision is a victory for justice because the actions of the alleged perpetrator, not the innocent victim, are once again the focus of this trial. The judge rightly concluded that a referendum on attitude towards Gay people had no place in determining McKinney's degree of guilt." Smith continued, "Whether or not Shepard made a pass is irrelevant because it never justifies violence or murder. From the beginning, the defense was nothing more than a sham which intended to let fear stand in the way of fact."

A defense witness presented on October 29, Michael St. Clair, had testified to being offended by an advance from Shepard within hours of the fatal attack, although St. Clair couldn't exactly hear the proposition he believed Shepard had whispered to him. While this witness was at least testifying to Shepard's behavior on the night of the assault, he had to assent when prosecutor Cal Rerucha noted that St. Clair could have hurt Shepard but chose not to. A second defense witness harked back several months to an incident in which he had hit Shepard twice, allegedly because Shepard would not cease his sexual advances.

Stripped of the homosexual panic defense, there was little left except the drugs and alcohol. Both McKinney's girlfriend and the girlfriend of his friend Russell Henderson (who is currently serving two life sentences after an April plea bargain in the Shepard case) had previously testified for the prosecution that he did not appear to be high or drunk on the night of the murder, although the defense presented a witness who had seen McKinney take some methamphetamine before the killing. On November 1, the defense presented an expert witness on methamphetamine, toxicologist Dr. Robert Lanz. He noted that methamphetamine can lead to violent be-

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## Bob Walkup Elected Mayor Proposition 200 Overwhelmingly Rejected



Mayor Elect Bob Walkup shown speaking to a group at IBT's last Friday

TUCSON (ON) — More than 40% of registered Tucsonans went to the polls Tuesday, November 2, to select a new Mayor, three City Council seats, and decide four ballot propositions in the last election of the millennium.

First-time candidate, Republican Bob Walkup, was elected the new Mayor of Tucson, succeeding George Miller. He defeated the Democratic candidate, former City Councilmember Molly McKasson and the Libertarian standard-bearer, Ed Kahn. Walkup is Tucson's first Republican Mayor since 1987.

In the City Council race in Ward 1, incumbent Democrat Jose Ibarra, won another four-year term, defeating the Republican candidate, former City Councilmember Ramon Castillo and independent candidate, Val Romero.

Democrat Carol West won the contest to succeed outgoing Ward 2 Councilmember Janet Marcus. She defeated the Republican candidate, Rick Grinnell, who had sought the post previously in 1995.

## HomoVision '99 Best Fest - Success

By Joe Saracco

TUCSON — They came. They saw. They loved it.

The Fifth Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is being heralded as a huge success for many reasons. The diversity of films shown which represented so many segments of our community, the use of new venues, and the number of queer folk attending.

Incumbent Ward 4 Councilmember Shirley Scott was unopposed.

Tucson's Mayor and Council received a \$500 a month pay raise when voters approved Proposition 100. Tucson's Mayor will now receive \$42,000 a year, with Councilmembers getting \$24,000 annually.

Proposition 101, which allows greater freedom in scheduling Tucson council meetings passed by a wide margin.

Proposition 200, one of the hottest issues on the ballot, which would have extended the Water Consumer Protection Act was not approved.

The Rio Nuevo Multi-Purpose Facility District proposal, Proposition 400, was approved by voters in Tucson and South Tucson.

With 175 out of 175 precincts reporting in the City of Tucson:

MAYOR - Bob Walkup (R), 45,165 53.74%. Molly McKasson (D), 33,145, 39.44%. Ed Kahn (L), 4,709, 5.60%. Undervote, 799, 0.95%.

WARD 1 COUNCIL - Jose Ibarra (D), 40,300, 47.95%. Ramon Castillo (R), 35,383, 42.10%. Val Romero (I), 3,302, 4.70%. Undervote, 4,316, 5.14%.

WARD 2 COUNCIL - Carol West (D), 42,068, 50.05%. Rick Grinnell (R), 37,234, 44.30%. Undervote, 4,628, 5.51%.

WARD 4 COUNCIL - Shirley Scott (D), 56,200, 66.87%. Undervote, 26,735, 31.81%.

PROPOSITION 100 - Yes, 46,572, 55.41%. No, 28,402, 41.20%.

PROPOSITION 101 - Yes, 51,449, 61.22%. No, 28,924, 34.22%.

PROPOSITION 200 - Yes, 31,796, 37.83%. No, 51,375, 61.13%.

PROPOSITION 400 - Yes, 50,293, 59.84%. No, 30,414, 36.19%.

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# UPDATE

## SAAF Receives Federal Prevention Grant

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has been awarded a federal grant for \$249,000 for each of the next three years to fund an HIV and substance abuse prevention program for at-risk youth.

The program is a collaboration between SAAF and the Tucson Urban League, Luz Social Services, and Pima Prevention Partnership. While recruitment for youth participants will focus on the Luz and Urban League charter schools, other youth from Tucson's south side will be included.

The project's purpose is to reduce the level of substance abuse among ethnic minority youth and to reduce behaviors that place youth at risk for contracting HIV. In addition, the project seeks to increase the capacity of local agencies to provide integrated HIV and substance abuse prevention programs.

Major project activities will include 1) providing ethnic minority youth with intensive training about known risk factors for substance abuse and HIV transmission; 2) training youth to carry the positive messages to their peers; 3) conducting a media campaign that reinforces these messages; 4) completing a thorough evaluation of the project; and 5) disseminating results to other providers.

"This project will bring a risk reduction message to a population at high risk for HIV - youth who are at risk for substance abuse in communities of color," stated Alan Nyitray, Director of Prevention Services at SAAF. "The project will train youth to take positive messages to their peers who would otherwise be more likely to become infected with HIV."

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

## TLGA Donation Meeting November 9

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be conducting a meeting on November 9, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, to accept information on charitable organizations to donate a portion of the proceeds collected from beer sales from OUToberFEST.

In order to be considered, an organization must meet the following criteria: 1) They must be a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. 2) They must serve the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Your presence and participation is required at the November meeting in order for your organization to be considered.

## Positions Open At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking individuals for the following positions.

**Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist:** Energetic individual sought for half-time (20 hours/week) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communication skills. Salary range: \$8,500 - \$10,500.

**Gay Men's Health Project Coordinator:** Experienced prevention specialist sought to coordinate an HIV prevention and health promotion project for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and prevention program implementation. Salary range: \$25,000 - \$29,000; excellent benefits.

To apply for either position, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 375 South Euclid or call (520) 628-7223 to have them faxed to you. Both positions open until filled. AA/EOE

## Wingspan Young Adult Group Meeting Changed

TUCSON — Wingspan's Young Adult Support Group is moving to a new day and time, Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., beginning November 4.

The group meets at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. The group is for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people from age 20 to 30, and provides a confidential forum to gain support and information from peers on: coming out, relationships, friendships, socializing, sexuality, health, work/career family relations and school/education.

Trained facilitators help maintain the discussion and group guidelines. Drop ins are welcome. For more information, call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

## Upcoming Events At Antigone Books

TUCSON — Antigone Books is hosting Book Party and Benefit, Friday, November 12, 7:00 P.M. to celebrate the release of local author Kenneth Ray Stubbs' new book, "Male Erotic Massage: a Guide to Sex and Spirit" (\$17.95).

This illustrated book of massage techniques for Gay men is a safer-sex guide with a strong spiritual undertone. Twenty-percent of the proceeds will be donated to SAAF and Wingspan, co-sponsors of this event.

On Friday, November 19, Merle Yost will read from his new book, "When Love Lasts Forever: Male Couples Celebrate Commitment" (Pilgrim, \$39.95). This beautiful anthology shares stories and photos of fourteen couples who have been together between ten and forty-five years. Yost's book shows a "tradition and history of Gay couples that has been largely hidden from view."

Antigone Books is located at 411 N. Fourth Ave. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

## GLBT Commission Seeking Persons To Serve

TUCSON — The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Commission (GLBT) is seeking persons interested in serving on the GLBT Commission. Potential Commissioners will include the following:

1) Persons who are committed to the purpose and function of the Commission. 2) Persons who are knowledgeable about issues and concerns of importance to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community. 3) Persons who are able to make a time commitment to the work of the Commission.

The Commission is seeking to reflect the community ethnic/racial composition and encourages all interested individuals to apply.

If interested in serving on the GLBT Commission, please forward a resume (also indicating any work, either volunteer or paid you have done in the GLBT community), and a cover letter (stating how you are committed to the mission of the commission and what kind of work you would like to participate in as a member of the commission), to the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210 by Friday, November 12. Applications may be delivered by mail (postmarked by November 12), in person or by fax (520) 791-5140.

Application materials will be reviewed by members of the GLBT Commission Nominations Subcommittee. Selected applicants will be interviewed the evening of November 29 and December 2. The Nominations Subcommittee will make recommendations to the GLBT Commission. The GLBT Commission will make recommendations to Mayor and Council for ratification.

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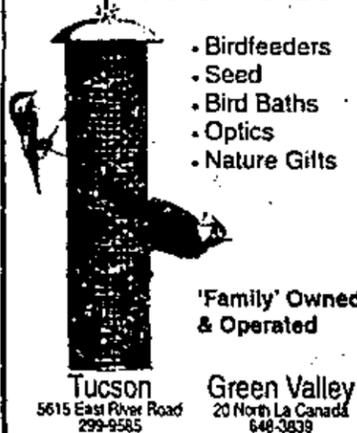
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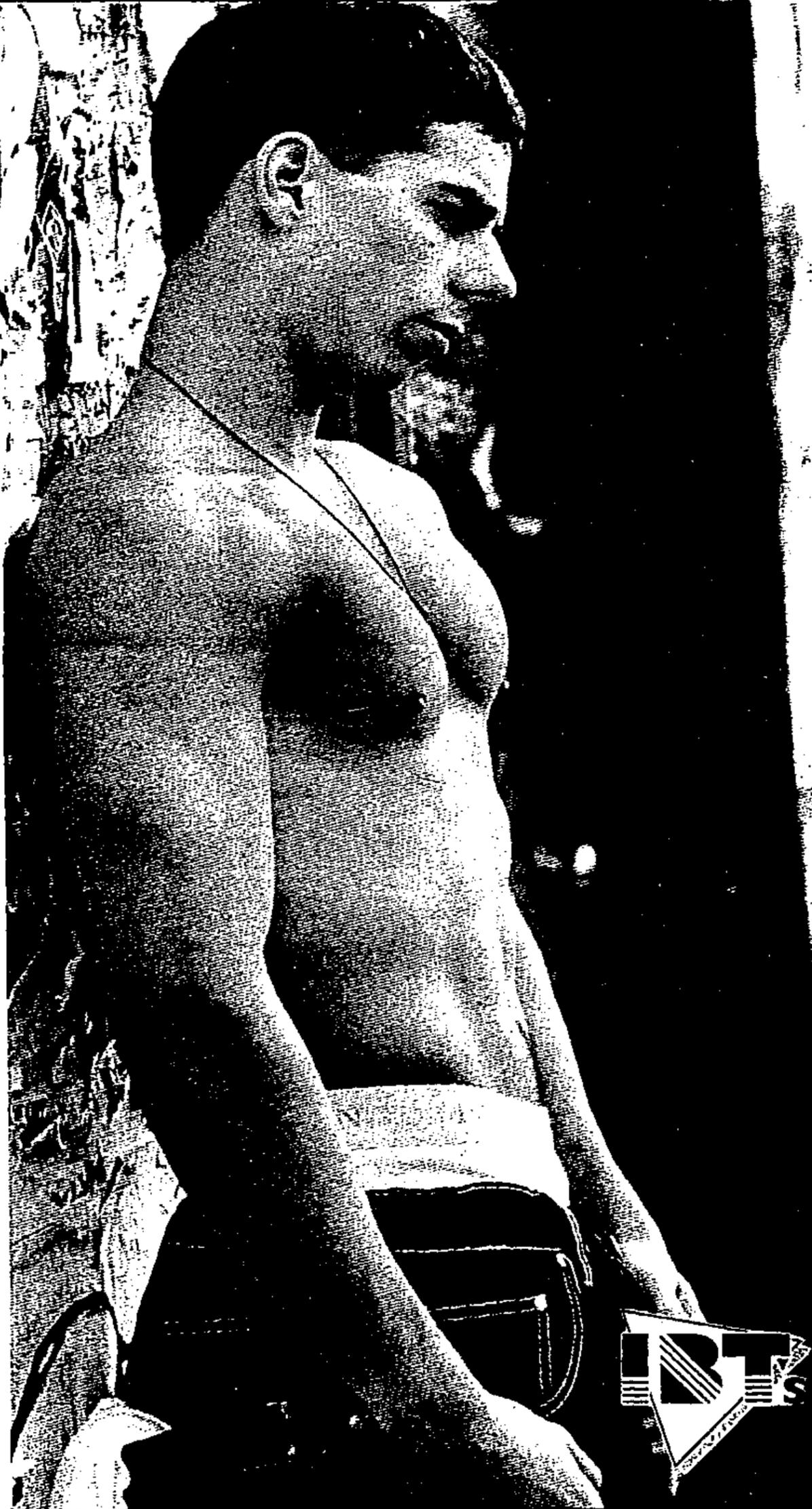
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the Gay community, but to the City of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

The most incredible site was Friday, October 22, at the Loft Cinema. The stopping of traffic on Speedway Boulevard, as over 500 women of our community stood in a line, wrapping around the cinema building, patiently waiting to enjoy the screening of "Better Than Chocolate." It was said, "There were more 4x4's and pick-up trucks in that parking lot, then at a barn raising." It was the first time the Loft Cinema has ever been totally sold out. We did it. You did it. The crowd was so large, the film was held for 40 minutes to accommodate them. This delayed the men's film "Beefcake" by almost an hour, but few minded. The 300-plus gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed "hobnobbing" in front of the Loft on a beautiful Friday night awaiting a film of fun, frolic and fever. A true evening of pride.

The Festival continued successfully all weekend long at the International Arts Center (IAC). A great new venue, right in "our own backyard" that has offered the festival a new home. Film goers were able to leave between film programs, stroll Fourth Avenue, enjoy dinner, drinks, coffee, and return for more queer film entertainment. The halls of the Center and artist studios were full of beautiful artwork displayed by many members of our community.

The strongest film programs were screened at the IAC with special guest speakers and panels. EsterMarie Hillman of Team Arizona hosted a discussion on Women in the Gay Games and the sports climate nationally and internationally, part of the "Kiss My Kleats: Women in Action" film program. Ms. Hillman told of stories from the last three Games where she was awarded medals representing Arizona in Track and Field. Mr. Morris Kight of Los Angeles was the honored guest for the Heritage Program which included the premiere of the film, "Life and Times of Morris Kight: Liberator" along with "Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100." Mr. Kight entertained the crowd with an anecdotes about coming out and the early struggle for equality. His presence and warm personality earned him several standing ovations from the audience.

Another "first for the fest" was an actual review of one of the Festival's films by a mainstream newspaper. That was the Arizona Daily Star and Gene Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong, with much sensitivity, wrote of the film "Del Otro Lado," our

AIDSWALK special feature presentation on Sunday, October 24. This film was free to participants of the AIDSWALK and those HIV+ or living with AIDS. After the film, a powerful discussion forum was held with professional representatives from the Arizona AIDS Education and Training Center in Tucson. The focus was on issues brought up by the film, such as: HIV in third world countries, immigration law substandards and "crossing the border" to U.S. for treatment.

The Festival ended with a small film titled "I Know A Place," part of the "Not Kansas Anymore: Hometown Headlines." This story of how one man's basement was the Gay center for a small town in Ontario for decades. This man's home and heart offered a refuge for a community: a place to turn when in crisis, a place to celebrate our lifestyle, a place for simple support - when it wasn't offered anywhere else. Not splashy, not full of stars, but a true look at where most of us came from and how we were supported and mentored. A very important part of our Gay history.

The last deed to be done was the announcement of the Wingspan Awards for the Favorite Films voted by audience members. Best Feature went to "Edge of Seventeen," Best Short film "Maid of Honor," Best Documentary was "Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis@100," and the Audience Favorite was "Better Than Chocolate." The film makers will be notified and shipped their awards.

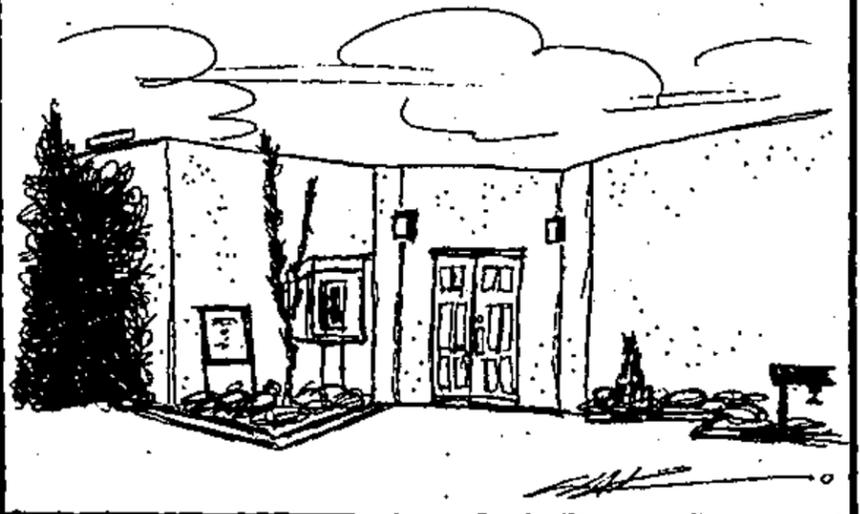
So the curtain comes down on HOMOVISION '99. A success due to hard work and strong support from various businesses and organizations in our community. We look forward to a bigger and more diverse festival in 2000. If you would like to join the festival committee, please call Wingspan (520) 624-1779, or check out the Web site at: <http://members.aol.com/tucson.1999>.

Thanks to you, the film goers, for your support and a very successful Film Festival.

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## Canadian Census To Include Gays And Lesbians

OTTAWA (CP) - For the first time, Canada's census will ask people about their sexual orientation.

The census, relied upon to describe the makeup of the nation, has never before asked Gay and Lesbian couples to identify themselves.

But in the next national head-count, set for 2001, respondents will be given the opportunity to identify themselves as part of a same-sex couple.

"We had a lot of people telling us they wanted information on this," says Pierre Turcotte, Statistics Canada's chief of housing, family and social statistics.

The federal justice and finance departments, the provinces, academic researchers and insurance companies are among those who are interested in tracking this aspect of Canadian demographics.

"It's so self-evidently appropriate to collect it," says David Rayside, a University of Toronto professor of political science who is outspoken on Gay issues. "The census is supposed to portray social and demographic reality."

Mariana Valverde, a University of Toronto professor of criminology with expertise in Gay rights, says there is still concern that some people will be hesitant to report such information.

Currently, she says, when companies offer benefits to same-sex partners, many employees are still reluctant to make claims.

But Valverde says she believes people will probably have a higher level of trust in the confidentiality of Statistics Canada because "it's a trusted agency."

Statistics Canada is in the process of adding, removing and modifying questions for the census, which is conducted every five years.

The exact wording of the new questions has not been announced but three possible versions have been tested. The agency will recommend a new set of questions to the federal cabinet for approval.

The first option tested for the 2001 census would use the same "other" box as in 1996, but with "same-sex partner" as one of the examples.

The second would be to make "same-sex partner" one of the listed choices in the question. The third version would have respondents to report themselves as common-law couples.

In the last case, the definition of common-law is given as "two people who live together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other. Same-sex partners should report as common-law partners."

This past week, the Ontario government reluctantly passed legislation that gives same-sex couples the same rights and responsibilities as other common-law couples in the province.

### Entertainment Briefs...

After a three-week hiatus during the baseball championships, "Will & Grace" returned Tuesday, Nov. 2 with all-new episodes and a new recurring character. Veteran actor/dancer Gregory Hines will join the W&G cast Nov. 30, playing a successful lawyer who develops a relationship with Will and Grace...

Not to be outdone by the likes of Bette Midler and Barbra Streisand, Sandra Bernhard will also perform on this New Year's Eve. Bernhard will go onstage at 10:00 P.M. in a single performance of a new one-woman show, 2001: A Sandra Odyssey. The venue: Town Hall, the venerable theater just east of Times Square in New York City...

Fox Searchlight's story of Transgender hate crime victim Brandon Teena continued to pack theaters in its first weekend of limited national release. "Boys Don't Cry," starring Hilary Swank, added 19 screens last week (for a total of 37) and scored the second-highest per-screen average of the weekend with \$7,703. Its total gross so far: \$595,961 in 17 days...

"My Best Friend's Wedding" director P.J. Hogan is slated to re-team with Rupert Everett in the murder mystery "Unconditional Love." The film, which traces the hunt for the murderer of Everett's live-in lover, will also star Kathy Bates and Jonathan Pryce. Pryce (of "Miss Saigon" and "Evita" fame) will also sing 10 to 15 songs in the picture...

Toodles for now from Tinseltown!

### Shepard Murder

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havior and to "overkill" -- such as striking Shepard with a gun butt at least 20 times -- and can affect behavior long after the high is over.

Another expert witness testified that Shepard would have lost consciousness as the result of a particular blow to his right ear, and therefore would not have been suffering throughout the nearly 18 hours he was left tied to a fence while the temperature dropped to the 30's (F) until he was discovered. The coroner had previously testified for the prosecution that Shepard may never have lost consciousness at all, although records from the paramedics who first treated him described him as completely unresponsive.

On Tuesday, November 2, District Judge Barton Voigt gave instructions to the jury. In his instructions, Voigt gave a lengthy list of instructions in advance of closing arguments. About 70 people were in the courtroom, including Shepard's parents.





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Estuvimos en la celebración del 6to. aniversario del Proyecto Salud es Poder, disfrutando de la comida que se sirvió y sobre todo de la camaradería que existe entre los voluntarios del mismo, de verdad que fué una tarde de pachanga y buen humor... Quedando pendiente la carne asada para los voluntarios para el día sábado 13 de noviembre en un parque de la ciudad, Ernie lo hará saber en esta semana y esperamos contar con su presencia...

En lo que respecta a SIDA AL DIA: Hasta junio de 1998 se habían producido 1.6 millones de casos de SIDA en Latinoamérica, según la OPS. Aproximadamente un 19% o 304.000 casos de mujeres. Estudios realizados en Argentina indican que el VIH es más prevalente entre mujeres y heterosexuales que viven en zonas urbanas y tienen bajos ingresos. Sólo un 60% de los paciente con SIDA han terminado su educación primaria, según las Naciones Unidas. Además, el número de niños infectados por VIH está aumentando.

Las tasas de transmisión heterosexuales del VIH están aumentando también, particularmente entre mujeres. Además las mujeres y los neonatos sufren mayores complicaciones en presencia de otras enfermedades de transmisión sexual (ETS) que permiten el acceso del VIH. Las ETS son endémicas en Latinoamérica y el Caribe, y existe una relación entre la alta

**Columna Abierta** by Dr. Eleazar García

prevalencia de VIH y la propagación del SIDA. Las ETS pueden provocar condiciones potencialmente fatales para las mujeres, como peritonitis, embarazo ectópico, cáncer cervical, infertilidad, aborto, mortalidad perinatal e infección congénita.

EL crecimiento de las tasas de ETS, incluyendo el SIDA han provocado cambios positivos en el activismo comunitario, los derechos humanos y la sexualidad y el género en toda la religión. Estudios realizados en Brasil hallaron que se han implementado programas de educación sobre el SIDA en las escuelas, pero que se necesitan programas para prevenir otras ETS. Brasil ha prometido además tratar a todos los infectados con SIDA, lo que supone \$700 millones en asistencia. El costo per cápita del tratamiento antirretroviral en Latinoamérica es de \$6.

Aún queda mucho por hacer para reducir los problemas de salud de las mujeres de Latinoamérica y el Caribe.

\*qué hacer respecto a la violencia doméstica y dónde buscar asistencia para ello;

\*entender las causas de los problemas de salud mental como la depresión y donde obtener asistencia;

\*entender los peligros del abuso de alcohol y drogas y del uso del tabaco.

\*cómo obtener acceso a atención prenatal y obstétrica, salud reproductiva y servicios de planificación familiar;

\*la importancia de una buena alimentación y un buen estado físico para evitar la obesidad y trastornos relacionadas como diabetes y enfermedades cardiovasculares; y

\*dónde obtener tratamiento y otro tipo de asistencia para ETS, incluyendo VIH/SIDA.

Además de la importancia de proveer educación sobre la salud a las mujeres, un factor crítico es implementar (o reforzar) una infraestructura de salud que incluya mujeres y que ofrezca servicios de salud a quienes los necesitan. Es más, es necesario poner un mayor énfasis en incorporar la perspectiva del género en los análisis de salud para que sirvan para asistir a confrontar las barreras sociales e institucionales subyacentes y poder mejorar la salud de la mujer.

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**POLITICS 1999**  
by Mark R. Kerr

**"Must Not See T.V."**

Baseball's playoffs and the World Series had preempted everything good (the little there is) the networks are offering on their schedules. No Will & Grace for three weeks!

While suffering through the inevitable, the New York Yankees winning another championship, this reporter, a San Francisco Giants fan, tried to find something else on the "idiot box" of note to watch.

After channel surfing and buying some nicknacks on QVC, this reporter came across a show that could be entitled "Two White Guys. . ." It wasn't the show on ABC, but the first debate, chat, duel to the death between Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, the contestants in "Who Wants to be the Y2K Democratic Presidential Nominee."

The forum was a lackluster affair, with Bradley policy-wonking and Gore trying to score princess points by nit-picking.

During the debate, Gore and Bradley responded to two questions about Gay rights from an audience member.

Bradley was asked, "Can't we do better than the military's 'don't ask, don't tell'?"

After calling for an end to the ban

on Gay military personnel, Bradley said, "I am against all discrimination. I'm against discrimination on the basis of race, gender, and sexual orientation, and the place to deal with that is the 1964 Civil Rights Act, adding sexual orientation to the list of protected classes. I also think that it's important that we can talk about Gay Americans and realize that they are our neighbors, they are our bosses. They're no different in many ways than all of us. And we have to get to a time in America where we can see beneath skin color, eye shape, or sexual orientation to the individual. Because that is when we're going to be able to achieve the dignity that I think America stands for."

Gore was asked for "your thoughts and feelings...about the legalizing of same-sex marriage."

The Vice President responded, "Bill and I have the same position on that. I'm for domestic partnerships, [which] have legal protections but not the same sacrament, not the same name, because I favor protecting the institution of marriage as it has been understood between a man and a woman. But I think that a partner should have legal protection and contractual rights and health care and the rest."

Expanding his remarks, Gore then said, "I thought Bill was very eloquent" on the broader question of Gays in society. "I think that the story of our country is, in part, an unfolding of the American dream with a deeper meaning in each generation," Gore said. "We have taken the inner meaning and power of our founding documents and the spirit of America, and breathed new life into them, in each new generation. And the time has come for Gays and Lesbians to be recognized within the circle of human dignity."

Since "Family Guy" on Fox has been deep-sixed, this reporter looked for "Stewie Substitute" on television the next day, and Steve Forbes, what Stewie would look like grown, hit the mark.

During a televised forum with the Republican presidential wannabees, sans Dubya, Forbes said in response to a question that he would not hire a Gay person who wanted "to make a political statement about a lifestyle."

Forbes, who has reversed the moderate positions he held during the 1996 campaign in order to court votes from the religious right, said he would "hire people who are qualified for the job, people who can do the work at hand."

Forbes added that "if a person wants a job to make a statement, they're not going to get it. If a person wants a job because they're qualified and have the same principles, the same philosophy, they will be actively considered for it. And in my campaign, again, I believe in equal rights for all, special rights for none." Forbes's father, Malcolm, also a close friend of Liz Taylor, from whom he inherited much of his fortune, was outed as a Gay man after his death.

After watching all this that transpired, the question came to mind, "what channel was this on?"

It was the Cartoon Network. . . .

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By Paul S. Lotsof

State Representative Joseph Smith has introduced a bill which would ban the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicles from issuing drivers' licenses to know homosexuals.

The Mesa Republican told reporters that saloons are the centerpiece of the homosexual lifestyle, and if enacted into law, his measure would tend to discourage immorality. Smith added that homosexuals are known to use bars as venues for recruiting newcomers to their sinful lifestyle. He further pointed out that as homosexuals return home from taverns they frequently caused alcohol related auto accidents. Keeping those people off the road would reduce highway casualties.

For my fictional, right wing legislator, I intentionally selected the name of the man who in 1830 founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This church is commonly known as the Mormon Church but the religion's leadership doesn't like that name. Regardless of what you call it, the Mormon Church is a powerful force of homophobia and a major stumbling block to Gay rights.

I believe that I first heard about Mormons when I was in about the fifth grade. The American history textbook contained a few paragraphs on the founding of Utah, and for some reason I still remember how a passage of the chapter was worded. The book explained that the Mormon Church originated in New York State but its followers were forced to leave both New York and Illinois because the newly formed religion advocated "unpopular social practices." Apparently the authors of the book thought that polygamy wasn't an appropriate topic for the mind of a ten-year-old. It was only after the church denounced those

"unpopular social practices" that Utah was allowed to become a state in 1896.

After graduating from school, the subject of Mormonism was of little concern to me. All that abruptly changed in 1983 when I started a business enterprise in Southeastern Arizona. I then quickly became aware that Cochise and Graham Counties give Utah a run for its money in terms of Mormon power and influence. The past seventeen years have been quite an eye opener and I'd like to share some of my observations.

**SOME MORMON BELIEFS**

Although the primary purpose of this article isn't to delve into Mormon theology, here are some of the more bizarre teachings of the L.D.S. Church:

Shortly after he was crucified, Jesus came to America and preached to the Indians. The American natives he encountered were of Jewish heritage.

The United States Government was founded with divine intervention but Uncle Sam isn't to be trusted.

The souls of dead people need regular attention from the living and it is possible to convert the dead to the Mormon faith. Several years ago, millions of victims of Hitler's death camps suddenly became Mormon. The dead can also be baptized and the dead can even get married provided, of course, they are of opposite sex.

Such weddings are known as sealings. Mormons are very preoccupied with genealogy and many claim to be able to trace their family trees hundreds of years.

Heaven is divided into three tiers ranging from best to not as good. Which part of heaven you go to depends on how obedient you have been. Going to heaven is the dominant motive for being a good Mormon.

The use of alcohol and tobacco are highly sinful. So is caffeine. Faithful Mormons don't drink liquor, coffee or even such soft drinks as cola.

The role of a woman is to have babies and the more the better. Families with ten or more children are common. No wonder Utah is one of the fastest growing states in the nation. The goal is to flood the world with Mormons and increase the power of the church. The six billion population figure for Planet Earth is not an important consideration.

The practice of homosexuality is a sin of major proportions. Even if they happen to be Mormon, Lesbians and Gays are also undesirable because they rarely produce ten children.

Although these characteristics are probably not strictly founded in Mormon theology, here are some other interesting attributes of the church and its membership:

It is quite possibly the most money oriented religion in the world. The church has vast business holdings worth many billions of dollars. One recent estimate has the church's assets totaling 25-to-30 billion dollars. This includes ownership of a bank, an insurance company and a million acres of agricultural land. Because the church doesn't publicly disclose its holdings, we all inadvertently make contributions to the Mormon Church every time we purchase something from a firm in which the church has an interest. In Tucson the church owns National Bank of Arizona and it also owns the 22-story Bank of America Plaza on the southwest corner of Stone and Pennington, across from the main library. In Mesa, the church owns a factory that makes spaghetti sauce. It also owns radio and TV stations from coast to coast. For the most part, these stations program mass appeal entertainment rather than religion. All these business enterprises generate revenues that are used to further the objectives of the church including its political agenda.

The church's history is filled with the concept of white supremacy. Until 1978 blacks were barred from the priesthood, not that many self respecting blacks would want to have any part of Mormonism.

The church seems to encourage public places to be named for prominent Mormons. A case in point is Kartchner Caverns State Park which will soon be opening near Benson. In 1998 the Arizona Parks Department acquired the land indirectly from members of the wealthy Kartchner family who live in the Mormon settlement of St. David. The sales contract requires that the park be given the Kartchner name. In November there will be a grand opening celebration the likes which

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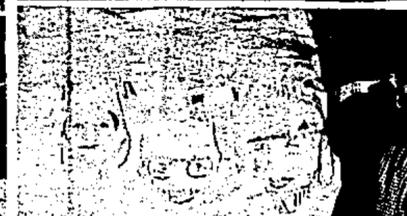
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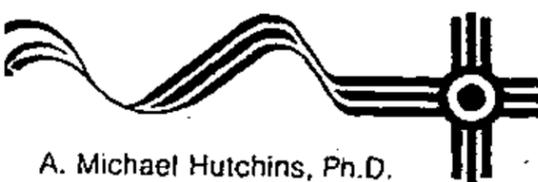
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## MCC Delegates To Attend California Conference

TUCSON — Delegates from Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (MCC) are representing the local church at a Southwest District Conference at the Whittier Hilton in Whittier California on November 5 - 7. The delegation will be lead by the Pastor, the Reverend Joyce Cook, and the church's lay delegate Michael Scamans.

The focus of the Conference is "Love in Action: Love + Action Equals Church Growth." Feature seminars by well-known MCC leaders from San Diego, Los Angeles and Colorado Springs include "Integrating our Spirituality and Sexuality," "Music as Healing Therapy," "Wholistic Stewardship," "The Blessings of becoming a Tithing Church," and other additional seminars. Concerts by Marsha Stevens and Jallen Rix, and the annual Business meeting follow.

Water of Life MCC of Tucson is a

member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). Water of Life MCC is a member congregation of the Southwest District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Water of Life MCC meets for worship each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road.

In the absence of the Pastor the Rev. Cook, the special guest speaker at Water of Life MCC on Sunday November 7 will be Staff Clergy the Reverend Lynn Hallett (retired). Rev. Hallett's messages are delightful and entertaining, and filled with humor and poignancy. The church is honored to have Rev. Hallett speaking on both Worship Services on November 7.

For further information please contact the local church office at (520) 292-9151, or email WOLMCC@aol.com.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Sometimes I sit before the computer screen and wonder what I should write about for this article. I try to think of clever ways to tell each one of you how great I think God is and how easily he could be the focus of your life as well. Sometimes I'm particularly struck by his grace in my life when I've done something really mean or thoughtless and then am reminded of how much God loves me. There have also been many times when I've pondered what I could say about Jesus, God's Son. After all, its only been since I "gave my life to him" that I have had true purpose and felt like I was heading in the right direction. Jesus takes a bad rap at times because some people who claim to be Christians (Jesus Followers) have set such horrible examples. Its no surprise that people think Jesus isn't worth following.

Yep, that's me alright, just sitting

and staring at a blank screen praying for just the right anecdote, figuring out how I can focus the attention on Jesus, and at the same time keep whatever I say short and to the point. I sometimes refer to a passage of scripture because I believe the Bible to be God's Word. What could be more satisfying than, "come to me all you who are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest," or "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whomsoever shall believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (I'm a whomsoever!) Yes, I can always get an idea from the Bible that's for sure.

Well, look at that. It appears that I'm almost out of room already. I guess I'll keep those great ideas and witty remarks for next time. Let me just simply close by reminding you, each one of you, that God does love you.

## YOUR REAL ESTATE CONCERNS ANSWERED

By Peter M. Sittig

DEAR PETER:

My lover and I are thinking about buying a house together, but the whole process seems so overwhelming and stressful.

Being a Gay couple and "out" our entire lives, I hate to think that we now must hide our sexuality in order to accomplish this big task of buying a home together. How are we going to explain all those embarrassing questions that will come up, such as having been roommates so long, or the combined income thing or why would two guys buy a house together anyway. Do you have any help or suggestions for us?

Signed,  
Stressed Out

DEAR STRESSED OUT:

Yes, I do have some suggestions and tips so that you and your lover can relax and have the American Dream too. Buying a home can be a stressful and overwhelming process however there are many things that you can do to help eliminate some of these concerns.

The first thing that I would suggest is to find a Realtor who is Gay, so that

you and your lover can deal with this Realtor and be comfortable talking to him or her. Whatever you do, don't try to deal with a Realtor if you feel that he or she is homophobic in any way, because issues will come up later during the buying process which could be embarrassing to you and your lover if you try to hide things up front.

Some Realtors use primarily Gay people through out the entire buying process. From the Realtor and their office, to the loan officer, to the title company. This type of Realtor will do their best to make you feel comfortable and not make you feel as if you must try to hide your lifestyle.

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**Perspective: L.D.S. - A Powerful Homophobic Foe**

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Southern Arizona hasn't seen in a long time. The Kartchner's are presently planning a shopping mall across the highway from the state park. Mormons will reap plenty of publicity.

The church encourages its members to get involved in the political process and the church's agenda is ultra-conservative. In particular, members are encouraged to serve on school boards and in all facets of government. The purpose is to enact church values into law and to vigorously oppose anything that conflicts with Mormon dogma. Last January, the Arizona Daily Star reported that nearly 20 percent of the Arizona Legislature is Mormon, even though church members comprise only about six percent of the state's population. How the church manages to wield this power should be of paramount interest to the Gay movement. Stay tuned.

David Peterson, Senator Tom Freestone, Representative Karen Johnson, Representative Dean Cooley, Representative Wayne Gardner, and Representative Marilyn Jarrett, all of Mesa. Also, Representative Jake Flake of Snowflake, Representative Michael Gardner of Tempe, Representative Tom Gordon, who lives near Kingman, Representative Joe Hart of Kingman, Representative Sylvia Laughter, who lives on the Navajo Reservation, Senator Ken Bennett of Prescott, and Representative Barbara Blewster of suburban Prescott.

Blewster seemingly is trying to equal Mecham when it comes to making insensitive remarks about minority groups. Early this year, she proclaimed that homosexuality leads to bestiality and cannibalism. Representative Steve May is Mormon but if his political future rests in the hands of Mormon voters, his days as a lawmaker are numbered. With only one exception, all of the Mormon delegation are Republicans. The sole Democrat is Senate Minority Leader Jack Brown of St. Johns. U.S. Congressman Matt Salmon is also a Mormon.

Although nearly all Mormon politicians are ultra-conservative and homophobic, in all fairness it should be pointed out that there has been a notable exception. The late Morris Udall somehow got away with being a liberal Democrat.

**HOW THEY DO IT**

Mormons support each other like crazy! They go out of their way to patronize each other's businesses. Those who own businesses go to great lengths to employ fellow church members (and discriminate against everyone else). Nowhere is this mutual support more evident than at the ballot box. When a church member runs for office, the other members turn out in droves and they vote for fellow Mormons with a religious fervor. The result is that if multitudes of Mormons live in any town or district, it is nearly impossible to defeat the Mormon candidate. Mesa is a Mormon stronghold and that explains why Mesa contributes so many ultra-conservative members of the state legislature.

**CONCLUSION AND DISCLAIMERS**

It is my hope that a better understanding of this rich and powerful church will offer useful insight in how to deal with its right wing objectives. If any church faithful happen to read this article they will undoubtedly dispute my claims about what the church advocates. Some statements in this article may also be deemed as politically incorrect and I certainly make no claim to objectivity. To learn more about the L.D.S. church from a Mormon bias, check out its Web site: [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org). It presents a sanitized version of Mormon beliefs with nearly all controversial facets omitted or down-played.

**MORMON POLITICIANS IN ARIZONA**

Very likely the most notorious Mormon ever elected in this state was a Glendale Pontiac dealer named Evan Mecham. Mecham became governor in January 1987 and was impeached and kicked out of office in February of 1988. He served as the state's chief executive for just over a year, but in that brief period he managed to offend nearly every minority group in existence. Mecham often referred to his power base as the Mormon Militia.

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# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Millennium madness is beginning to take hold of us in November as insane Mercury retrogrades and redirects with impunity. Which politico can safely navigate us through Gay Y2K? Cast your vote for the rainbow coalition compadres, and avoid the stuffed turkeys, unless of course they are roasted on your plate with a couple of yams.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Proud Rams are ready to take on the world this November. The question is, is the world ready for your pearls of wisdom? With retrograde Mercury screeching through the cosmos for most of the month, your pearls may be tossed before swine. I suggest that you hold back on pontificating some of your best laid plans until after Thanksgiving. Then, sing it Out loud and proud!

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

If the path of true lust is strewn with thorns and rocks this November, blame it on incorrigible retro Mercury and give your randy patoot a rest. Gay Bulls are tempted to pitch and woo but can't seem to get their romantic missives to the desired ears. Why not concentrate instead on professional aspirations? They do say that power, prestige and money are, ahem, alluring.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins are caught between partner's issues and the job. Blame the strain on retro Mercury which exacerbates any lapses in communication in these two areas. Before you become a piece of Styrofoam bobbing between home and work, think of some escape routes. Maybe it's time to take that long needed vacation? Return to tackle all hanging issues after the 25th.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

If you are feeling a little under the weather, blame the energy drain on retro Mercury which kicks the stuffing out of you for part of November. Queer Crabs can't seem to get things at work under control either, folks are either not listening to you or are misinterpreting what you say. Don't despair. You'll be feeling your oats and happily cracking your whip after the 25th. Ouch!

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud, regal Lions may think they are the life of the party, but the rest of the party begs to differ. Retrograde Mercury cramps your personal style and your message doesn't seem to translate correctly. Why not fade into the background this month and quietly enjoy the festivities from the sidelines? There will be plenty of opportunity after the 25th to make up for lost face time.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Expect minor confusion around the house as retrograde Mercury upends domestic plans. Gay Virgins may be tempted to pour their frustrations out on family but avoid, avoid, avoid. Don't enter into any sensitive discussions now; wait until the end of November before you draw your line in the sand in any situation. In the meantime, think happy thoughts cousin.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Diplomatic pink Libras may actually experience some communication gaffs when retro Mercury fogs up your thoughts and speech. There is nothing worse than being misinterpreted or ignored but you should be more forgiving at this time. Channel your frustrations into long neglected home projects. Sometimes there is nothing quite as reassuring as moving some furniture around.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Keep this little ditty in mind: A fool and their money are soon parted. Even though it seems like everyone and their idiot brother are making millions on ipos and dot coms, when Mercury goes retrograde, queer Scorps are advised to keep their money in the bank and off the street. Another ditty: If it seems to good to be true, it usually is. There are so many ditties to remember!

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Clumsy Gay Archers feel at home this November when retro Mercury has them bumping into things and people. You're not going to make the best first impression now so try to avoid important meetings with folks you barely know. Don't sweat it too much though cousin; you are usually so genuine and friendly that no one can stay mad at you for long. Just long enough.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Ignore those little voices in your head this November. Retro Mercury causes static on your psychic hotline. Even your good Gay deeds seem to go unnoticed or unappreciated. That doesn't mean that you should stop your charitable efforts, queer Cap. It means that sometimes we don't always get the credit we deserve. Don't worry; You'll feast on your just desserts after the 25th.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

There are times when you just can't figure out your friends. November will be one of those times as retro Mercury causes misunderstandings among compadres. Try not to jump to conclusions now. Aquerians are well advised to channel their considerable social skills to different areas of endeavor now. How about stumping for a favorite rainbow cause? I'd vote for that.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Your professional path may hit some unexpected barriers when retrograde Mercury confounds communication. If you're entering into a new job, check out all paperwork and all acceptance points. If you're cruising along in your current career, avoid any major political stand now. Skillful Guppies can out swim any shark if they keep their ears and eyes open and their mouth shut.

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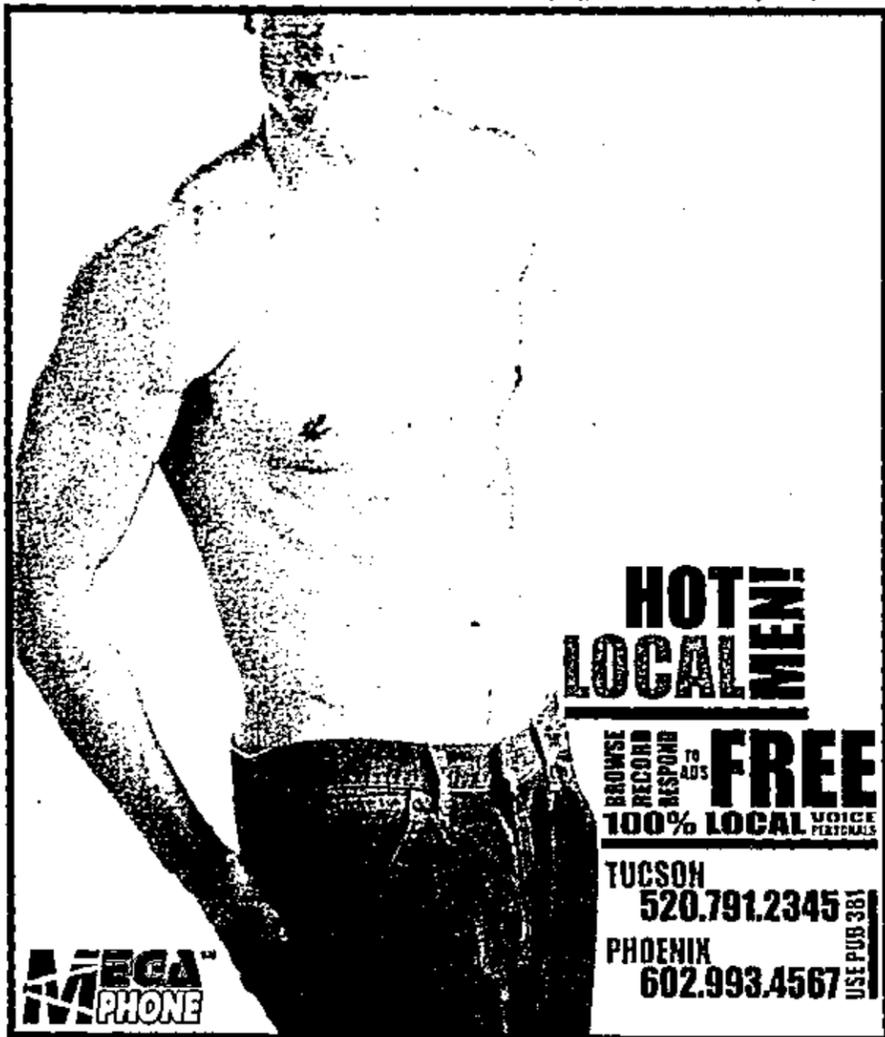
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Bear, Pig & Tongue	10.5	17.5	.375
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Republic were among countries represented for the first time. The Federation also established a scholarship program to help people from previously under represented countries to attend the quadrennial Gay Games, next scheduled for Sydney, Australia in November 2002.

Fédération Sportive Gaie & Lesbienne (CGPIF) of Paris, the International Gay & Lesbian Ice Hockey Association and the International Gay Figure Skating Union joined the Federation board after the requisite two-year application period. Tom Cracovia, a director since the Federation's founding in 1989, retired from the board to become an Honorary Life Member. Cracovia led the successful bid to bring Gay Games IV to New York City in 1994.

Sydney 2002 announced its new slogan "Dreams Do Come True." The Gay Games VI sports, cultural and registration plans are already further advanced than previous Games. After an encouraging reception by Federation directors, Sydney 2002 left the Berlin meeting on a promotional tour to London, Paris, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Modifications were made to the bid process for the 2006 Gay Games, and representatives of potential bidding groups from Atlanta, Chicago and New Orleans were in attendance to learn about the Federation and meet the directors. Three finalists will be chosen from among all bidding cities and selection of the 2006 host will take place in late 2001.

Continuing work initiated at its Montreal meeting in April, the Federation decided to explore restructuring the board. Currently the board is comprised of both individual directors representing their own background and experience and organization directors representing Gay and Lesbian groups ranging in size from several dozen members up to 3,000. The Federation will examine possible ways to function more effectively and efficiently.

In other elections, Gene Dermody (Wrestlers WithOut Borders) became vice president, former treasurer Pam Duys (individual director from Denver) was re-elected after a one year hiatus, Charlie Carson (International Gay & Lesbian Aquatics) was elected secretary, and Joseph E. Pasquarella Smith (Team Seattle) was elected recorder.

Team Berlin hosted the week long board meeting, held at the Rathaus Schöneberg, site of the West Berlin city government prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Mrs. Ingrid Stalmer, the Senator for Education, Youth and Sport, welcomed the Federation directors and guests to the city at a reception in the Berliner Rathaus, site of the former East Berlin city government.

Next year's board meeting will be held in Sydney to give Federation directors an opportunity to assess the progress of plans for the 2002 Gay Games, much of which will be held in the Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush Bay. For more information on the Federation and the 2002 Gay Games in Sydney, go to the Web at [www.gaygames.org](http://www.gaygames.org).

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High Average - Mary Poppers, 519; Keith D., 209; Heather H., 161.

High Series Scratch - Keith D., 676; Heather H., 520; Mary Poppers, 1644.

High Game Scratch - Heather H., 207; Keith D., 295; Mary Poppers, 627.

High Series Handicap - Noel F., 703; Lois Y., 680; 16 LB Balls, 1969.

High Game Handicap - Fran K., 255; Keith D., 295; 16 LB Balls, 734.

### Gay Games Elects New Officers & Directors

BERLIN, Germany — Susan Emerson and Bill Wassmer were elected co-presidents of The Federation of Gay Games at its annual meeting.

In addition, a Gay and Lesbian athletes' group in Paris, France and organizations representing ice hockey players and figure skaters were elected to the Federation's board of directors.

Wassmer, of Team Seattle, announced ambitious marketing plans to raise the Federation's profile.

"People still don't have a clear idea who the Federation is apart from the Games themselves," said Wassmer. "We're somewhat like the International Olympic Committee. Our mission is to guarantee that the Gay Games happens every four years. As the Gay Games becomes more well-known, sponsors who are interested in the Gay and Lesbian community will seek us out in greater numbers, and it's the Federation's responsibility to ensure continuity from Games to Games."

Emerson, of the British Gay & Lesbian Sports Federation, is the first European woman to be elected co-president of The Federation of Gay Games. "Berlin was a fitting site for our last meeting of the millennium, as it represents new contacts between east and west," she said. "About 50 observers joined the 44 Federation directors, including many Eastern Europeans who've never had a chance to attend the Gay Games, or even to get involved with the Gay and Lesbian movement."

Outreach was a major theme of this year's board meeting. Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, Russia, Latvia and the Czech

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**DISCUSSION**

**Slowing Down And Taking Time For Ourselves**

Slowing down and taking time for oneself is usually more difficult for people than it sounds. First, there's the problem of making time in our lives for ourselves. But once we've done that, what do we do with the time?

I was recently visiting Washington, D. C. and stayed with a good friend of mine, Greg. Greg is a talented, articulate professional guy in his 30's. He's recently left a position with a corporate consulting firm where he traveled a great deal for work and put in long hours. As we visited in his living room Saturday morning, he told me a bit about his new job. "I think the most difficult part of the new job," he said, jesting, "is that I'm really done at 5:00! I can't remember when I was able to leave work on time and only put in 40 hours a week. I have so much time on my hands. I'm not sure what to do with it all."

In truth, I know that Greg is putting that time to good use. He's working on a few improvements on his home. The weekend I was there, he planned a party with his friends. "It's great to have time to invite people over. I haven't been able to do that much," Greg told me as he showed me the invitation he created on his computer.

Many people have difficulty filling spare time once they have it. It's often easy to fill it busy activities or to find ways of creating more work for oneself. There's also the solution of filling time by hanging out for endless hours on-line, talking about not much of anything in chat rooms or endlessly surfing the web.

It's my experience that many people find themselves bored when faced with free, unstructured time. Few of us learned how to engage ourselves in other ways than work or spectator entertainment. If there's not work to be done or entertainment to occupy us, what are we going to do?

Healthy, integrated personal and spiritual growth require that we learn to quiet ourselves inside and learn to be still. Learning to quiet the heart and mind does not come naturally to us. We've learned to be thinking people, using our minds to stay tuned to what's happening around us. Our emotional connections to people and activities draw us out of ourselves. When thoughts or emotional contact is gone, what is left?

Being quiet and still inside allows us to experience life in a different, very subtle way. It is through inner quiet that we are able to let go of the excess baggage that clutters our lives, explore creative endeavors, and bring a different shape or context to our lives. But the quiet and stillness startles us or sometimes makes us fearful at first. We can't tell if there's anything there at all. Or worse, perhaps it seems like the only thing inside is pain.

The practice of slowing down, allowing ourselves to be quiet inside, opens us to a depth of inner life that is both healing and renewing for us. As with anything new, we sometimes find inner quiet uncomfortable or unfamiliar. But with time, what starts as uncomfortable can become a good habit that makes us richer, fuller people.

Over the next few weeks, I will explore some aspects of inner quiet, what the experience is like, and why it's impor-

tant for us. The first step toward inner quiet is simply taking the time. Greg was lucky: his job change unexpectedly gave him more space in his life. Many of us need to go the harder route and consciously claim free space for ourselves in our busy days.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). Just bring your favorite dish to share with others at our potluck. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Three artists in the group open up their studios for a special MSN tour. Bob & Don work with paint & drawings, Maurice does pottery, and Richard works with fabric and paints. For information, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

2. 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.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

12:30 p.m., Tucson Prime Timers luncheon at ELLE restaurant, Broadway and Country Club. Call 584-0280

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to Zeman's Ethiopian Restaurant. 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 548-7539.

2. 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 Peter at 615-6974.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 p.m. join the crowd for a Book Party and benefit at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. The event is in celebration of Local author Kenneth Ray Stubbs' new book "Male Erotic Massage: A Guide To Sex And Spirit" (\$17.95). The illustrated book of massage techniques for Gay men is a safe-sex guide with a strong spiritual undertone. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to co-sponsors Wingspan and SAAF.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host 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 Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at Carrows, 2660 N. Campbell. Call 584-0280 for details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 a.m. Join Gene for a Birding Expedition to Aqua Caliente. It's a good chance to see Wood Ducks and maybe even some Falcons. For details, please call Gene at 625-8109.

2. 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. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. Join Bob for a Motorcycle Day Trip to parts unknown. For details, please call Bob at 888-2527.

2. 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.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:30 p.m. Tucson Prime Timers luncheon at Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone. Call 584-0280 for details.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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. Francis 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, November 15.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Merle Yost will read from his new book "When Love Lasts Forever: Male Couples Celebrate Commitment" (\$39.95). This beautiful anthology shares stories and photos of fourteen couples who have been together between ten and forty-five years. Great writing, wonderful stories. This book makes a great gift.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizzas Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizzas offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, November 18 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).

## Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

VALENTINA'S - The doors re-open at the site of the old Hours (3455 E. Grant Road). They'll be open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Come by, meet the new owner, Cherie (whose mother's name is Valentina). Check it out.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

IBTS - Tucson Weekly's "Personal Call On The Road" 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Get a free personal ad in the Tucson Weekly just for showing up!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 p.m. to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

IBTS - Another big Sunday here! Benefit Beer Bust / Bar-B-Que (or PFLAG 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Taste mom's home cookin'. Also Karaoke on the Patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Tucson's answer to the Gay Tea Dance). Following Karaoke, join the Bud Team on the Patio. Win prizes and play some hot games! Then at 9:00 p.m., Back by popular demand, "The Men Of IBT's" male revue. Come see the hottest talented guys show off for you!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Boyz R Us" drag comedy revue starts at 10:00 p.m. Get there early!

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

IBTS - The Grief Show featuring Lucinda Holiday, Ajia Simone, Bunny FuFu and Deora Le Blanc. It all begins at 9:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Desert La Cage" starring Crystal Abrams. 10:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Christina de Alexis presents a pro-Thanksgiving/Christmas Show for Rudie's Kids. 10:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 p.m. to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Sabra" - Live One-Woman Dance Band. 9:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Happy Thanksgiving! Free Dinner. Turkey or Ham and all the trimmings plus dessert. 5:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Join the gang here for a festive feast. They'll provide the meat and you bring your favorite side-dish. It's also the opening day of the 1999 Arizona Fellowship Run which runs through Sunday. V-N will be headquarters but the crowd will be traveling around to all the bars.

### THURS, FRI, SAT, SUN, DEC. 9-10-11-12

VENTURE-N - Venture-N's Anniversary Party and Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details. A nomination form is in their ad this week.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as it is guest-hosted by author, Merle Yost. Merle is in town to promote his new book, and he'll take time out to lead our discussion. For any questions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 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, NOVEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner / Meeting at Carrow's, 2660 N. Campbell Ave. Call 584-0280 for details.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. There's no reason to spend the holiday alone-join your gay family for a potluck Thanksgiving Dinner. A traditional dinner with turkeys, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, and much more are just waiting for you. It's a fun day to spend with family and new friends. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 548-7539.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Les for his annual Turkey Movie-a film so bad you may be sick! This year join us for the "Mystery Science Theater 3000" presentation of "This Island Earth".

## Daily Bar Calendar

### Sunday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney 2-6 only. Schnapps 1" 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 824-8805.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. \$1.25 Tomato Juice Cocktails, Boilemakers. Beer Bust, BBQ and Drink Specials. Football on big screen. 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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 6-midnight.

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

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Football game Bud & Bud Light longnecks \$2. Hot Dogs w/chips 75¢ Popcorn \$1. Corn Dogs \$1. VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Football on big screen. Food & Drink Specials.

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

### Tuesday

AINT 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 Stanskee & 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.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Beer Bust during Pool Tourney Pitchers \$1.75, Glass 75¢. If no tourney Beer Bust 7-10. Flavored Stoli 50¢ in Stonewall.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. 2-4 1-s 7-10

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. \$2 Well drinks and longnecks 8am-12:30pm; Makers Mark \$2 shot. First Tuesday of every month TKO Spaghetti Feed

### Wednesday

AINT 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.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Any flavor Schnapps 50¢ 1" 10 minutes of every hour 9-12. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7pm: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool. Dance Mix.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Salsa Morning! \$2 Well & Longnecks 8am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Western Nite Drink specials in Cowboy attire.

### Thursday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy 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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. In the Stonewall Homies shot or mix \$2 from 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool. Dance Mix.

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

### Friday

AINT 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 5:30-9:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. Flavored Stoli in the Stonewall 50¢ discount 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. 2-4 1 from 7 to 10. Variety Dance Mix.

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

### Saturday

AINT NOBODY'S 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.

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 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney Beer Bust 2-6 only. Bartender's Choice 9-12. Stonewall opens 9pm. Schnapps 1" 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. 2-4 1 from 7 to 10. Drag Shows. Dance.

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

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere.

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 NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join.

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

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 f (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1820 or write P.O. Box 45910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month.

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 858-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2540 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eline 561-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail lyan@thehot.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. Desert Girlz (MTT) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

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, 8523 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

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

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 615-1897.

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 Mirie Stone, 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 624-8768.

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. Germaine (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9469 or Roy at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 899-7299.

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 8:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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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.

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 St Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Flecker in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Dec 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, religions 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, FMB 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 824-0348 (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 64565, Tucson, AZ 85718-9988. Tele 520-577-3760. 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join! 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. #385, 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 890-8565 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 Barba 318-3415

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am 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. 629-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weekdays for fun runs. For more information call Mich at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuz@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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. 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 584-0290, 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 625-7223.

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 MESSAGE 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 Holman 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 325-8676 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, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Serrano 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 (evallen@ix.netcom.com)

PERSONALS

CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.movo.com 805

ATTENTION - ATENCION - ATENCION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista extrajudicialmente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 800

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 800

ROOMMATES

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