

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., Oct. 22-23-24-25

TUCSON — The time has finally come for the long anticipated, Fourth Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, premier fund raiser for Wingspan, October 22-25.

The celebration begins this Thursday, October 22, with the Opening Night Reception to be held at the Historic Rialto Theatre, 318 East Congress. The gala will include a "Festival Fiesta" with hor d'oeuvres from Tucson's finest eatery's and musical entertainment from "Take V" of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

There will be screening of the film festival promotional video, as well as "Barney Frankly on ENDA." The feature film will be the hysterical and touching documentary "We're Funny That Way . . .", a laugh riot, filmed at the First International Lesbian and Gay Comedy Fest in Toronto. This piece left them standing and cheering at the SF G/L Film Fest, as well as LA Outfest '98. The film includes 11 of the funniest queer comics from around the world, including: Lea DeLaria, Kate Clinton, Bob Smith and Karen Williams. In addition, there will be the screening of selected "short films" featured in the festival programs. There also will be a cash/host bar offered in this unique "cabaret" setting. Tickets for the opening night will be \$10 in advance or at the door, or admittance with a "Producer's Pass," which is a one-time \$25 ticket which allows viewing for all films and festival programs.

The University of Arizona's Gallagher Theatre in the Student Union will be the host venue for Friday, October 24 full length features. The women's feature that evening, 7:00 P.M., will be "Out of Season," this year's Lesbian film favorite at festivals across the country. The tale of two women, secure in their sexuality, who find a love and relationship in the most unusual place. This film resists stereotype and attempts to speak in a real voice. Canadian film maker John Greyson's ("Zero Patient," "Uncut") intriguing and beautifully filmed "Lillies" will be screened at 9:15 P.M. "Lillies" paints an intriguing story of male love, fascination and deceit, considered by many as the finest Gay film made, elevates the Gay and Lesbian filmgoer to new levels. Winner of the Best Canadian Film Award.

The Screening Room, 127 East Congress, is the venue for October 24 and 25. Saturday's matinee, 4:00 P.M., starts with the "Coming Out: Q-Youth Xperience." A collection of five short films, some poignant, some hysterical, dealing with the stigmas, feelings and adventures of coming of age. Also on Saturday, 6:00 P.M., will be the Lesbian short film program. "Women's Briefs: Stories that Bind," six short films including a claymation piece, as well as the Tucson-produced works, "Melt" and "Mommie Queerest."

Get out your boas, your press-on nails and size 13 pumps for the most out-

rageous program of the festival, "Drag-a-Rama: A Drag Celebration," 8:00 P.M., Saturday evening. The feature film is "Dragtime," a hilarious trip with the likes of Lady Bunny, Lypsinka, Charles Pierce and many more rouged and raucous prima-donnas. Full of touching interviews, fabulous musical numbers and plenty of chic-hugging ensembles. This one is sure to please. It will be preceded by two, short independent jewels, "Avant Toi" and "Get that Girl."

"Leather Jacket Love Story" described as "a rarity . . . an erotic Gay movie, with an engrossing and emotionally involving story" - NY Pride Magazine. Our late feature on Saturday, 10:00 P.M. and midnight encore, will be this tender and sexually charged story dealing with a young man of 18 years and his first love with a 29-year old stud of the leather "discipline." Film against a background of camp humor, we are given a clear look at ourselves, our community and what is our nature. The Bay Area Reporter states, "Size Queens will leave this one smiling."

Sunday, 6:00 P.M., again at the Screening Room, will be the "Queer Chaps: Celebrating the Gay Western Lifestyle" program. It will feature "Horse Dreams in BBQ Country," a wonderful and humorous look into the lives of a Gay couple who are horse ranchers deep in the heart of Texas and "Unsung Cowboy," the story of a rodeo dude who finds the Gay rodeo circuit and the changes it inspired.

Sunday's last program, 7:30 P.M., will be R-Pixs: Festival Favorite, a replay of the piece that was best received by the audiences and the screening of the Award Winning Dallas Access channel sitcom, "Edna Jean and Pitiful Show."

The new darling of the Gay and Lesbian film festival circuit, "shoulda...coulda...woulda..." has been added to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Film Festival's "R Pixs - Festival Favorites," for Sunday, October 25.

The debut film from Hollywood writer/director Sean Michael, premieres at the Festival, Saturday, October 24, with an encore performance at the "best of the festival" presentation the following day. Sean Michael will be in attendance at the screenings, as well as members of the cast, and famed cabaret singer Charley Geary, who performed the film's theme song.

With sequences in both black-and-white and color, this 34-minute film takes a comedic look back at three separate moments of truth in one man's look-but-don't-touch-coming-out years. This light hearted tale weaves us through what Josh (Paul Katani) shoulda...coulda...woulda...done if he had it all to do over again.

Tickets for the opening night will  
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## AIDS Walk '98 Sunday, Oct. 15

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Tucsonans of all ages: straight, Gay and people living with HIV/AIDS will lace up their walking shoes, gather their pledges and head to Rillito Downs for AIDS WALK '98.

People will gather this Sunday, October 25 for the tenth annual AIDS WALK. Some will be walking in memory of or to show support for: a lover, friend, son, daughter, brother, sister, a parent, and for people living with HIV/AIDS.

According to Matthew Palmer AIDS WALK '98 coordinator, a total of 2,500 is expected to participate. Palmer said that the goal for this year's event is to raise \$125,000. He added the event has come a long way since its beginnings in 1988. Ten years ago, Palmer said, the first walk was held in Reid Park with just 80 walkers, raising \$4,000 and exceeding the goals set by 33%.

AIDS WALK '98 is the annual fund raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). AIDS Walk is run largely by volunteers, and is southern Arizona's biggest annual fund raiser for local AIDS services.

## Over 800 Attend Matthew Shepard Memorial At UofA

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — More than 800 students, faculty, staff, Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans came together at the University of Arizona Mall (U of A), to memorialize Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student, who was murdered last week simply because he was Gay and lived his life openly.

The memorial, one of many held this past week across the country, was put together by the Gay and Lesbian students, staff, and faculty of the University of Arizona. Candles were lit to honor Shepard and to shine light on the tragedy of Gay bashing.

"As we light these candles, we affirm the love that exists among us as a community, even in light of unexplained, unexplainable violence," UA presents Director Ken Foster, who opened the program, said to those assembled. "We do this in memory of all victims of Gay bashing."

"What we owe to Matt and his family is that something can be changed through his death," Foster said. "Although Shepard lived in Wyoming, his death affects everyone."

"The fact that Shepard was a 21-year-old student is especially significant," he said. Foster said Shepard's age and status added a special "resonance and meaning" to the memorial. "It's as though

Proceeds from AIDS WALK '98 will go:

to provide housing for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS;

ensure food and care supplies for persons living with HIV/AIDS;

cover costs for counseling and volunteer peer support for individuals with HIV and;

prevent the spread of HIV by maintaining and extending education and support programs for teens, young adults, families, and others.

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

Even with the medications, new infections, especially among young people, are rising dramatically. Added in is the cost of these life saving medications.

With all that, the need for services that AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) such as SAAF are as great as ever.

someone in our own community was murdered," Foster said.

Foster said personal responsibility begins with speaking out for other people's rights. "When we hear jokes and laugh it off, this encourages this sort of thing to happen," he said.

Those in attendance wept and hugged each other as music played and songs were sung by the Reveille Gay Men's and Desert Voices choruses.

Sandra Taylor, U of A vice president of campus life, said indifference is "the greatest sin," adding that "not to do something about evil is to participate in the evil."

"We need to remember what we've learned from the Holocaust and the lynchings," Taylor said.

Two politicians were present for the Memorial, Tucson Mayor George Miller and State Representative Herschella Horton, D-Tucson.

Rep. Horton said she is proud Arizona has a hate crimes law. She added that it took a long and hard fight to get the law approved in 1997.

"We've taken a step in the right direction" as far as hate-crime legislation,  
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# UPDATE

## IGRA Rodeo Finals In Phoenix Oct. 22-25

PHOENIX — The twelfth annual International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) Rodeo Finals will take place at the Corona Rodeo Ranch, 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Baseline Road, October 22-25 in Phoenix.

AGRA, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association are the hosts for this year's event. In addition to the Mr., Ms. and Miss IGRA Pageants, twelve rodeo events will also take place.

Proceeds from the IGRA rodeo finals will go to AGRA, who will in turn, donate the funds to local Arizona charities and other worthwhile organizations.

IGRA was formed in 1985. The organization has 21 member associations representing 25 states, the District of Columbia and two Canadian Provinces.

For more information, call the AGRA Hotline, (602) 265-0618.

## Wingspan Seeks Volunteer Coordinator

TUCSON — The Wingspan Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Center is in need of a Volunteer Coordinator.

The duties for the position include being responsible for the orientation and scheduling of volunteers, assist with training and procedure development and compliance.

This is currently an unpaid, volunteer position requiring flexible hours. Previous supervisory experience required. Computer literature preferred. Submit resume and/or application to Wingspan, Attention Steve Hall, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705.

## Gaslight Theatre Benefit For TIHAN Oct. 31

TUCSON — For the third consecutive year, the Gaslight Theatre is hosting a special benefit performance for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) of "Secret Agent Man," Saturday, October 31, 7:00 P.M.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the programs and services of TIHAN, a non-profit, volunteer based organization committed to preventing the spread of HIV infection and providing compassionate care for those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

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

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

Raffle tickets are on sale now: Three chances for \$5.00. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of TIHAN. The drawing will be held Saturday, October 31.

Benefit tickets are \$17.50 per person, and may be ordered by calling the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

## Desert Voices Unmasked Oct. 30-31

TUCSON — Join Desert Voices as they start off their 1998-99 season with "Desert Voices... Unmasked!" on October 30, 31 in the Recital Hall, Pima College West, 8:00 P.M.

"Unmasked!" is a cabaret-style performance by small groups and soloists. Members of Desert Voices and a few of their friends will be telling stories, reciting poetry, dancing and singing to music, ranging from: traditional Celtic to Blues, Broadway show-tunes to vocal jazz.

Desert Voices will also be holding their inaugural silent auction. Items include many CD's, jewelry, a men's diamond cocktail ring, valued at \$1,800, a Ventana Canyon Resort getaway as well as other wonderful items.

Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 for seniors, students and children. Concert tickets are available at Antigone books. You may order tickets by using your Visa/Mastercard by calling the Desert Voices office, (520) 791-9662.

## TIHAN Looking For Volunteers

TUCSON — Volunteers are needed to join the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) team and make a difference.

Congregational volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of options through TIHAN, ranging from CareTeams, newsletter help, office support, public speaking, assistance with fund raising events, information booths and more.

Orientation sessions will be held Wednesday, October 28, or Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. An overview TIHAN and its volunteer needs will be addressed. Attendance at one of these two orientations is required prior to the actual training.

The training session will be held Sunday, November 8, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a \$15 registration fee for the training session (to cover materials and lunch). All sessions will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 225 North Country Club.

For more information, call (520) 299-6647.

## First GLSEN Chapter Forms In Tucson

TUCSON — At a recent organizational meeting, a group of teachers, school administrators, parents and community representatives committed to forming a Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) chapter in Tucson.

GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community are valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who share this philosophy. The organization's national office is located in New York City.

The Tucson chapter plans to begin its outreach by sponsoring educational programs that will positively affect the way Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students and staff are treated in our schools.

The next meeting for GLSEN-Arizona-Tucson will be Thursday, November 5, 4:30 P.M., at the Wingspan Offices, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson. Anyone interested are invited to attend.

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### Thursday, October 22

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7:00pm  
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### Friday, October 23

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9:15pm  
Feature: *Lilies*

### Saturday, October 24

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Q-Youth Experience  
*Boy Next Door*  
*A Good Son*  
*Shaulda-Woulda-Coulda*  
*School Fag*  
Adam  
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6:00pm  
Women's Briefs:  
Stories that Blind  
*The Lesbian Topes*  
Pom  
Lisa Lisa  
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*Mommie Queerest*  
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8:00pm  
Drag-a-Rama: A Celebration  
*Avant Tal*  
*Get That Girl*  
Dragtime  
Feature Presentation

10:00pm  
Man-oh-Man Feature:  
*Leather Jacket Love Story*  
Midnight Encore  
Man-oh-Man Feature:  
*Leather Jacket Love Story*

### Sunday, October 25

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6:00pm  
Queer Chaps:  
Our Gay Western Lives  
*Horse Dreams In BBQ*  
*Country*  
*Unsung Cowboy*  
with Matinee Western

7:30pm  
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**OUToberFEST Draws More Than 7,000**



**Mom sends a heart-warming message at OUToberFEST '98**

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — More than 7,000 persons attended OUToberFEST '98, the annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Fall festival marking National Coming Out Day.

OUToberFEST was the twenty-second Gay and Lesbian celebration to take place in Tucson (including the June Pride Picnics). The festival took place at the Southwestern corner of Reid Park.

A full day of music, food, libations and soft drinks, vendors touting all types of merchandise and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered information booths marked this year's event.

Some of the groups present included the Men's Social Network, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), PFLAG, Arizona Association of Public Safety Professionals, Tucson's Rainbow Radio, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Water of Life-MCC, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, BGALA - the University of Arizona Gay and Lesbian student group, Desert Voices and Cornerstone Fellowship.

Gay and Lesbian owned businesses had booths as well, some of which: Dukart Chiropractic, Unique on Central, Full Spectrum Travel, Centra Realty displayed their wares.

The Tucson Pima-Public Library, Communication Workers of America #70-26, Ruby Fruit Journal, the Humane Society and American Express had information tables at the event.

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

Event organizers, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), stated the event was open to everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation.

There were three areas of entertainment for attendees to enjoy: A Hi-NRG dance tent, sponsored by IBT's and Stonewall/Eagle; a Country-Western dance tent sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and; a live entertainment stage, sponsored by TLGA.

TLGA's live entertainment stage featured notable entertainment throughout the festival, including: Comedian Rob Nash, seen recently on the Comedy Central special, "Out There in Hollywood"; Jess Hawk-Oakenstar, guitarist and singer-songwriter; a folk singer, Angela Motter; guitarist Mitzi Cowell; an electric-Celtic band, Morrighan and; LeeAnne Savage and her band, Shockadelica.

The Cut-A-Thon, where Tucson's barbers and cosmetologists gave attendees a cut or a trim to make them look special, with the proceeds going to SAAF, took place. Long lines of people waited throughout the festival to get a SAAF cut.

A rally/parade of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered organizations, speeches by TLGA officials and performances by Reveille and Desert Voices began the day.

Incumbent Congressman, U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, and former Tucson Mayor and current Congressional Candidate, Tom Volgy, D, followed with speeches.

A female impersonator show, hosted by Mr. Rodney Shanks took place. Included in the line up: David Zinke, Shaundriana - Miss Gay Pride, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone, Christina De-Alexis, Victoria DuPuis, Bunny Fufu, Faith, Sabrina, Truly Fabu, the Teen King and Queen - Cameron and Janec Starr, the Phoenix Pride Royalty, and a Rock and Revue, Tommie and the Marlettes performed to appreciative crowds.

The King and Queen of Pride 1998 were crowned at OUToberFEST. Two

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As usual, Gays and Lesbians make "good copy" for the bungling, broader press, intended or otherwise, and this past Saturday at OUToberFEST, it happened again. Obligatory pictures, and footage of drag queens or leather clad individuals with various piercings by chance? Two political speeches and one tirade were the cause. Go figure.

The speeches were given by the candidates, incumbent Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe and his Democratic challenger, former Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, now combatants for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for CD-5, which most of Tucson is in the district. The race, which hadn't registered the proverbial blip on the radar has taken on a life a few days prior to the election, thanks to us creative folk. So what was said?

During his limited, prepared-political stump speech with a twist, Kolbe called for tolerance and urged people to speak out against hate. He wouldn't make any political statements, but said "the events in Laramie remind us of how much farther we have to go. When we are mute when others spread a message of hate, we are as guilty as those who do those things." Kolbe then left the TLGA-sponsored event, due to his campaign schedule. Politics, ain't it a bitch!

Volgy, during his address, accused Kolbe of failing to speak out against Gay bashing or pushing for laws protecting the rights of Gays and Lesbians. Despite Kolbe's urging to the crowd to speak out against hate and discrimination, Volgy said Kolbe was mute when his own Republican party (Remember Trent, Newt and Delay from this past summer?) leaders engaged in Gay and Lesbian bashing.

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**POLITICS 1998**  
By MARK R. KERR

**'A Mixed Bag'**

Volgy, Shannon Cain, took the podium and berated Kolbe for his "anti-Gay voting record" and his support for the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act prohibiting same-sex marriages. She also criticized Kolbe for never having appeared at a Gay and Lesbian celebration, pride event, until this year, when Kolbe faces his toughest challenge in 14 years as a Member of Congress.

Kolbe's reaction? In an interview, he said, "Volgy doesn't know what he's talking about." About allegations that he hasn't supported Gay rights are "distortions and lies." According to the Human Rights Campaign, Kolbe's voting-rating in the last three Congresses has improved from 50% to 67%.

Kolbe, in the same interview, stated he led an effort to defeat the Helley amendment, that would have voided a presidential order prohibiting employment in the federal workplace against Gays and Lesbians. He added that he also cosponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and this year's Hate Crimes Prevention Act, both of which are gathering dust in Newt's Congress.

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which the death of Matthew Shepard has put a national focus on the measure, Kolbe urged passage of the bill, in an interview in the October 14, 1998-edition of the afternoon fish wrap, marking his first public comments about the proposal.

In the morning fish wrap, Kolbe

said he had never appeared at the event before because he wasn't aware of it until a few years ago and that he just gotten word of the invitation Thursday, October 15. According to Deb Whalen of TLGA, the typed invitation was delivered to Kolbe's campaign office on September 16. (Note: Volgy approached TLGA about speaking at the event.) In the afternoon fish wrap, October 17-edition, the incumbent Member of Congress, Kolbe said he had never received an invitation. Oh, really?

The event itself, OUToberFEST, should have been, according to Kolbe, an opportunity to "celebrate and honor the memory of Matthew Shepard." Small problem Jim. The Tucson memorial for Shepard took place Thursday, October 15, at the U of A Mall, and was in all the papers, television and radio news. So why didn't you attend or at least send a representative for you? Being mute? The question also goes to the other Member of Congress representing Tucson, Democrat Ed Pastor who was also a no-show!

Volgy's record, as "the Old Pueblo Alcalde," is limited. The Tucson Mayor and Council just can't do much, thanks to their charter. Volgy was the first Tucson Mayor to officially proclaim a "Gay and Lesbian Week," but wasn't the first Mayor to read the proclamation at the event. That honor goes to the current officeholder, George Miller. Volgy helped to get a municipal hate crime ordinance adopted. Yippie-skippiel

So the fur flew. When did Kolbe fire back? At a forum on Sunday at the Jewish Community Center, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council. I wonder how many Gays and Lesbians were present at both events? Can we say none?

Kolbe suggested Volgy was being hypocritical for to call for an end to hateful speech while incorporating the rhetoric of hate in his own political campaign. "He said publicly that I am hateful, unfair, uncaring, corrupt, a fraud and a scam artist," Jimbo said. Volgy denied calling Kolbe names.

Name calling aside, what of the accusation that Kolbe just doesn't see the Tucson and Southern Arizona Gay and Lesbian community as a constituency? He

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**TUCSON PUNK**

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## Over 800 Attend Matthew Shepard Memorial At UofA

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but there is more to be done, said Horton, a Democrat. She called for a federal hate-crime law, saying "hated cats and destroys people's lives."

Horton told the crowd that we all, one day, will reach a point where we accept everyone for whom they are.

Miller offered to meet with leaders of the Gay community in an effort to "do more." He said examining Gay issues and hate crime is important, but education must be more functional.

"I'm not talking about studying it," Miller said. "I want suggestions for work-

ing in the direction of stronger help."

A similar attack in Tucson about 22 years ago led to the mobilization of the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community to the passage of the city's anti discrimination ordinance in 1977. Tucson was one of the first cities in the nation to adopt an ordinance protecting the rights of Gays and Lesbians.

A city hate-crime's ordinance was passed by the Mayor and Council in 1991. A statewide hate crimes ordinance, which

increased penalties for crimes motivated by bigotry was approved in 1997.

The Tucson non-discrimination Ordinance was enacted because Richard Heakin, a student visiting from Kansas, was attacked and murdered June 6, 1976, exiting the Stonewall Club. His four assailants, male high school students, were given probation for the crime.

Karmen McQuitty, Juan Acevado and Cecilio Dimas of the UA's Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Association, said hate

crimes can happen anywhere.

"The U of A is a fairly tolerant community, but you still wonder what's lurking out there," said McQuitty. "I think it's important to show we support Gay people everywhere."

Acevado told the crowd that they must relay the message that "we're all human and we can love and feel regardless." Dimas ended their speech by adding that "we are all the same, regardless of sexual orientation."

David Bucchiere of Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community center said that this crime could happen to any Gay man or Lesbian. Bucchiere added that if we lived our lives as Matt did, the world would be a better place.

The Rev. John Hooker of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church brought a religious perspective to the ceremony, encouraging everyone to recognize Gays rights in memory of Shepard.

Hooker encouraged people to pressure denominations to recognize Gays as equals.

"Left to their own devices, every denomination in this country thinks that we (Gays and Lesbians) will go away if they just ignore us," he said. Hooker urged those assembled to show those groups who ignore Gays and Lesbians that we are here and we deserve our rights.

At the end of the service, those assembled place their candles in front of a picture of Shepard in a dirt flower bed making the Mall and hopefully the world a much brighter place, keeping Matthew's and Richard Heakin's memory alive to move forward.

# ARIZONA HUMAN RIGHTS

## 1998 VOTER GUIDE

for the GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

This guide has been prepared by the Arizona Human Rights Fund, through its volunteer Community Action Network, to assist you in identifying those candidates that are friends who support freedom and justice for gay and lesbian citizens - not in a special way, but equally. We hope it will encourage you, your families, and your friends to vote. Each race identified with an endorsement is critical to our community. Each one could be won or lost by one vote. Yours could be the deciding vote between a friend being elected over a foe... **SO VOTE!!!**

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On the day of the event, Mr. Volgy arrived at 11:00 A.M., told me his schedule had changed and he was able to speak at the rally. Mr. Kolbe arrived around 11:30 A.M. or so, and he too was able to speak during the rally. I am juggling the schedule once again when Ms. Cain came up to me and asked if she could speak after Mr. Volgy. It was my mistake to say okay, I was not thinking. The rest of the business of censorship. I did however, ask her to leave the stage, when it was felt her statements were being made at an inappropriate place and time.

nated, performed or purchased to make our efforts so successful.

Congratulations to the Blue Team, Queen and King of Pride '98, Lucinda Holliday and Kirk-O-Rama.

It was Alotta work and Alotta fun. Special thanks to Alotta people, you know who you are.

"Unity with Diversity" is more than a passing slogan, it is our way of life.

Peace,  
The Purple Team  
David and Victor

DEAR OBSERVER AND TUCSON COMMUNITY:

It is with much gratitude that we thank the Board and membership of AGRA-Tucson Chapter for their generous donation of \$1,000 to benefit the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). We were very honored to be selected as one of the beneficiaries of proceeds from AGRA's successful fund raisers.

As requested, we have earmarked these funds for our upcoming food program, in which TIHAN will be providing a lunch meal along with a social event on a regular basis. As you know, many people are benefitting from new medications and are feeling better, but still want opportunities to get out and meet others and enjoy some social time. Our new meals program will help meet this need by providing healthy, nutritious meals and at the same time providing a social event to bring people together and have fun.

As our members of our Board of Directors personally conveyed at the AGRA meeting at the Stonewall/Eagle on Sunday, "thank you" for your donation. We'll make sure it makes a difference directly upon the lives of our brothers and sisters living with HIV/AIDS.

To all the Board and membership of AGRA-Tucson, and to Pat Terry and the hard working members of the fund raising committee, we're grateful for your ongoing support. See you in Phoenix for the IGRA Finals Rodeo.

With gratitude,  
Scott Blades and the TIHAN  
Board of Directors

TLGA is and remains a non-partisan group. We do not endorse any particular candidate. I knew it was important and necessary that all political parties should be invited to attend, but I did not realize there should be a protocol on what is being said.

Once again my most sincere apologies to all who were upset by this. I have learned several things. One of the first things I intend to do is sit down with the board and develop a written policy on political speech protocol at OUToberFEST.

I hope that the media, and the politicians (especially whomever wins the election), will not forget us next year. I also hope that we do not lose sight of what this Festival was really all about. I am also disappointed that the Arizona Daily Star chose to only cover this event from a political standpoint, and I would like to thank Channel 9, for covering our event as a Pride event, and did not mention the politicians.

Sincerely,  
Deb Whalen  
TLGA Board Member  
Co-Director of Entertainment

P.S. I would like to thank all those who helped with the entertainment, especially my partner and Co-Director Janet, and Beth Ferguson. I will be writing an entire letter of thanks to all the people involved in next week's issue.

THANK YOU TUCSON:

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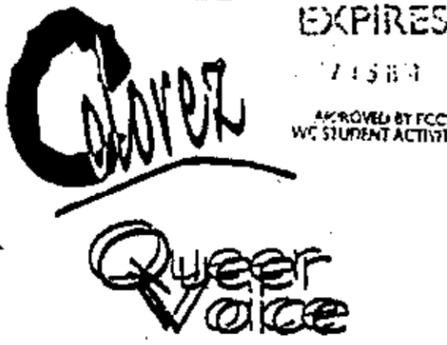
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## AGRA - Tucson Chapter Presents \$6,000 To Local Organizations

TUCSON — The Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association presented local Tucson organizations checks totaling \$6,000.

At their monthly general meeting, held October 18, AGRA-Tucson President, Scott Weidamoyer presented the checks to local organizations from funds raised in the AGRA Tucson 1997-98 rodeo season.

The following organizations were chosen for this year's disbursements and what the donation will be used for.

**Wingspan - \$1,000:** Earmarked for their Youth Leadership Development Program. The purpose of this program is "to aid young people in the community in acquiring the personal, political, organizational and public speaking skills which will help them transition successfully to adulthood and become community leaders."

**Wingspan Domestic Violence Project - \$1,000:** The funds will be allocated to their printing budget. They are

"currently getting ready to print a 64-page resource booklet as well as updating and printing all brochures, flyers and posters in English and Spanish. Creating and distributing printed material has been a major asset to the Project's goals of increased public awareness, education and visibility of services." The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project is a vital resource in our community. Victims and survivors of same-gender domestic violence have a safe, reliable and competent place to seek help, advocacy and safety."

**PFLAG-Tucson - \$1,000:** Will be earmarked to help in the purchasing of educational videos and literature to expand their visibility in Tucson as well as in the local schools.

**Desert Leathermen - \$1,000:** Through PFLAG to be earmarked for the Desert Leathermen's Holiday Gift Basket project. This project distributes holiday gift baskets to Tucson PWA's that contains shampoo, canned foods and other sundry items. Last year, the Desert Leathermen distributed close to 200 baskets and with this contribution they are looking to be able to prepare an additional 50 baskets for holiday giving.

**Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) - \$1,000:** Earmarked to aid in funding the TIHAN Nutrition program for those in Pima County living with HIV.

**Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) - \$1,000:** The donation is to be earmarked for the Food for Life and Emergency Financial Assistance program (Share Bears Fund). The Food for Life Pantry enables SAAF's clients to live independently during difficult periods of their illness by providing food bags to an average of 60 people living with HIV/AIDS per month. The Emergency Financial Assistance Program provides limited emergency financial assistance to clients for expenses not covered by other funding sources.

AGRA would like to congratulate and thank all of the organizations for their hard work and dedication to the Tucson Community. We look forward to working with you in the future and we wish you all the best of luck in the use of the donations provided.

For more information on AGRA, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact our office at POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717 or give us a call at (520) 323-0805 or E-mail us at agratucson@aol.com.

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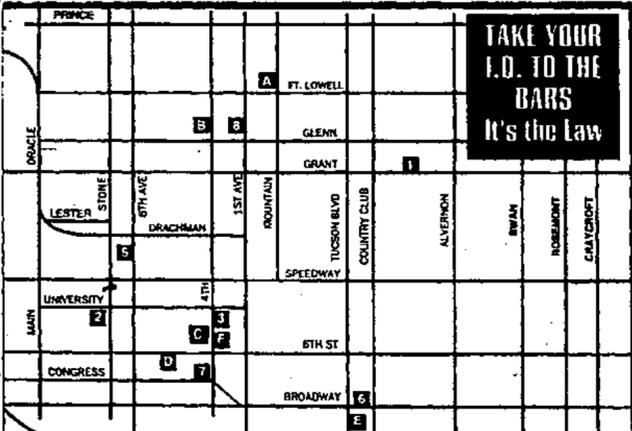

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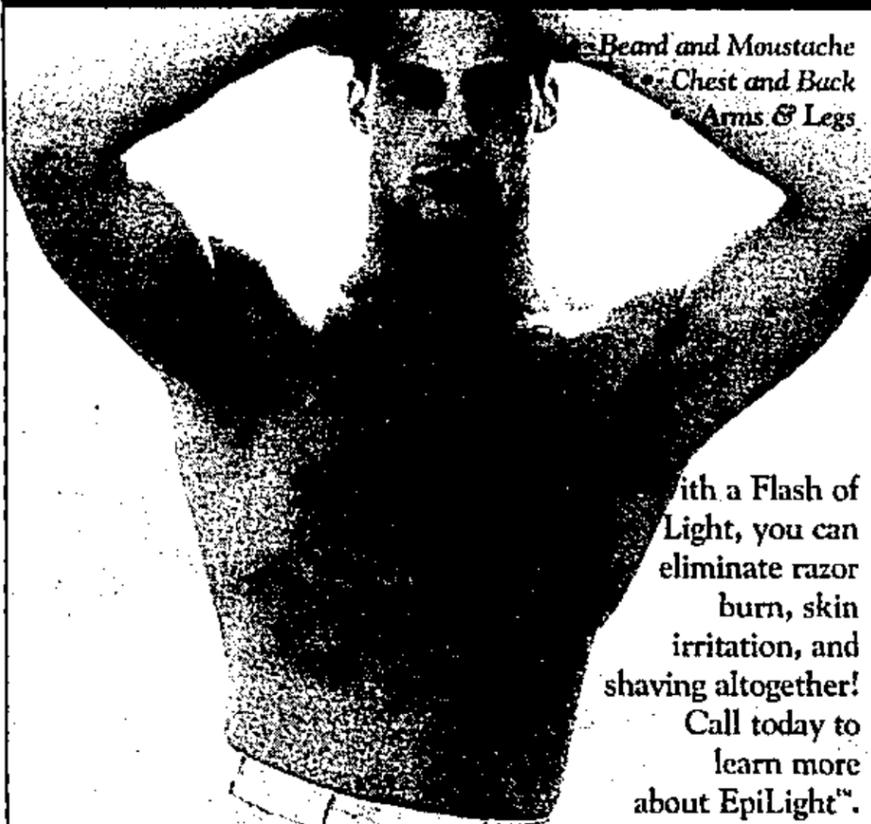
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Saturn, the planet of whips and chains, "retrogrades" back through Taurus into Aries. Did you think you had a particular set of problems? Surprise! Prepare for some old demons to reemerge and give you one last bite on the butt. Let's hope one or two of them are vegetarians. . . .

nothing can be gained when you're under pressure. Saturn clamps your nipple in a vise. Hey, some people like it like that.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You may prefer to remain slothful when retro Saturn backs into Aries. Strenuous exercise may not have the desired effect now so give your tootsies a leg up and spare yourself the strains and pains. The day-to-day job may become more onerous than usual as well. It's hard to be the queen bee when Saturn conspires to make you a dispensable drone. Plan a revolution in the spring.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

It's difficult to celebrate when retro Saturn wants to rain on your party. Proud Archers usually have a pretty good sense of humor, but now fun is simply too much trouble. Don't despair, cousin; this serious old sod will soon double back into Taurus and you can recharge le ben temps to full Gay tempo. In the meantime, sit this dance out, sister.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Retro Saturn has a way of dredging up the foul family issues that you thought were past history. Just when you thought your closet was open and emptied, a relative tries to shut the door. Gay Goats needn't change a thing with their life in order to achieve familial harmony. Maybe the answer is to agree to disagree and leave it at that. Don't make their problem your problem.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Perhaps its best not to put your thoughts into words when worrisome Saturn retrogrades back into headstrong Aries. Aqueerians are best served by keeping their ill-conceived ideas to themselves and not bleating them to any and all. Thankfully this phase will soon pass but not before you try to put a rather large foot into your comparatively small mouth. Chew well.

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Filthy lucre will be hard to acquire and even harder to hold when Saturn retros into Aries. Pink Fish are advised to stick to conservative investments and avoid risk. It's possible that despite best efforts, some financial retrenchment will still take place but you can soften the blow if you do your fiscal homework. Bears and bulls make money, but pigs lose their shirts.

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## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

A flash of self-confidence is dampened by retrograde Saturn Prepared to feel a little at odds with anything and anyone new; Things could start off on the wrong foot. As with everything, this dreary transit shall eventually pass but not before proud Rams manage one final public exposure. Forewarned is forearmed, I say, so avoid crotchless pants until early spring.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

As Saturn begins its backward blitzkrieg into Aries, queer Bulls can't help but imagine all sorts of heinous behind the scenes goings on. Some of it is in your mind, but for those times where you can actually see the dark forces descending, don't be afraid to take up arms and oppose them. But sometimes the worst fears are what we conjure, not what we conquer.

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Retro Saturn revives the old motto, "A friend in need is a pest." Gay Twins are all too willing to help a pal in distress, however Saturn now teaches you the limits of charity and patience. There is nothing more appalling than so-called friends who guzzle the milk of human kindness and move on when another source looms large. Saturn posts these thieves on your milk carton.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

One rung on your ladder of success has been sawed through. Who is the culprit? Blame retro Saturn for the one step forward I two steps back in your career now. Pink Crabs need to take a deep breath, take stock of their position and slowly, carefully build anew. All is not lost cousin; in fact, your next climb up will be based on a more solid foundation.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Your next vacation may be the trip to hell if retrograde Saturn has anything to say about it. Proud Lions may wish to avoid any extensive travel at this time: bags get lost, reservations screwed up and you may wind up sharing your room with a retired insurance broker from Idaho. (Then again, that could be your thing.) Remember, it's hurricane season in Key West.

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Saturn has a way of tossing a pot of cold water on your hottest front burner when it retrogrades back into Aries. Pink Virgins are apt to become a tad frustrated with all the false starts and sudden stops in the sex department. But never fear cousin; this too shall pass and before you know it you'll be cooking on all four burners. Be careful of burn marks. . . .

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Avoid any arguments with partners when stern Saturn retrogrades back into domineering Aries. Pressure will be placed on any one-to-one relationship and a meeting of the minds may not take place. Any unreconciled issues can resurface now but

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Se les saluda con el mismo animo de siempre, deseandoles lo mejor de lo mejor... Y como siempre, "de carrera" ya que hay algunos compromisos que cumplir, ya que esta semana será de "mucho alboroto", como les comenté la semana pasada, tenemos la visita de los Secretarios de Salud de los dos países: de México el Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente y de los EE.UU. Dra. Donna Shalala para este sábado 24 de octubre en Nogales Sonora, así es que si les interesaría ver a estas dos personalidades de la Salud, la invitación está hecha para que estén con nosotros desde las 9:00am en la Plazita Hidalgo de Nogales, Sonora, si no puede asistir, ya les informaré de los detalles de esa reunión... Además tenemos el compromiso de hacer los arreglos para la recepción del grupo planificador de ese encuentro, que se llevará a cabo el día viernes 23, el "nuevo" Día del Médico.

Además estaremos en la reunión de los Co-presidentes de los Consejos Binacionales de Salud de la Asociación Fronteriza Mexicano/Estadounidense, de Salud en la ciudad de Tijuana B.C. los días 11 y 12 de noviembre; después les pasaré los detalles...

Lo que no quiero pasar de comentar es que el "pic nic" del parque Reid para celebrar la semana conmemorativa del Stonewall, de verdad que cada año se cuenta con mucha más participación de los diferentes grupos sociales, y de las diferentes organizaciones, se pudo notar el gran interés que mostraron los candidatos políticos en sus intervenciones dentro del programa que se desarrolló... Desde luego que Salud es Poder tuvo su carpeta con información donde estuvo: Ernie Pérez, Victor, Javier, Brain, y otros voluntarios del mencionado proyecto atendiendo al público y sobre todo gozando del buen clima que nos acompañó...

En cuanto al comentario de salud: La Dra. Rachel F. Tyndales en su recién estudio publicado en Nature (25 de junio) afirma que 1/5 de los no fumadores tienen

un gen identificado que protege a algunas personas de la adicción a la nicotina, considerando como el segundo de un complejo sistema que afecta el riesgo de adicción a la nicotina. Neal Benowitz, un investigador de la Universidad de California en San Francisco especializado en adicción a la nicotina, manifestó que el hallazgo tiene sentido, ya que no se sabe por qué sólo un tercio de los jóvenes que empiezan a fumar se vuelven adictos al tabaco. Otras investigaciones señalan que otro gen envuelto en el sistema de comunicación de la dopamina cerebral afecta también la adicción a la nicotina.

También, un estudio ha probado que los niños prolongan la vida de quienes los crían, revelando el misterio de por qué las mujeres viven más. EL nexo entre hijos y longevidad nunca se había demostrado. Ha bastado, sin embargo, con reunir datos sobre 10 primates, hombre incluido, para comprobar la hipótesis, publicada en la revista: Actas de la Academia Nacional de Ciencias. La pista la dieron dos especies singulares: el titi y el mono nocturno. No son las hembras sino los machos, los encargados de acurracar a la prole, y de enseñarles a sobrevivir, algo que sólo ocurre en el 1% de los mamíferos. Las hembras de chimpancé son tan promiscuas que provocan el rechazo de los machos hacia las crías. Por eso, son las madres las que cargan con todo el trabajo pero viven un 40% más que sus compañeros. Entre los humanos, la mujer vive un 8% más que el hombre.

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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## Gay Men's Health Project News

Mike Henry, Director GMHP

Gay Men's Health Project will hold a community forum to discuss Post Exposure Prevention (PEP) for sexual exposure to HIV on October 21st, from 6-8:30pm, at the University of Arizona, in Room 111 of the Economics Building.

The forum will include a panel of individuals talking about PEP. The panel will include Dr. Kevin Carmichael and Sandra Trisdale, PhD., of the El Rio Special Immunology Associates, Dr. Jennifer Hallum of Pima County Health Department, and Alan Nyitray, MS.,

SAAF's Director of Prevention.

The forum's main purposes are 1) to begin a community dialogue on PEP, 2) to give local practitioners an opportunity to share their views and knowledge about PEP, 3) to hear the questions of the community members on this emerging issue, and 4) where possible to answer questions about PEP.

If you miss the forum please call Mike Henry, Coordinator of GMHP for more information at 322-6226, x 22

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the first comments which many people make upon arriving in Arizona is something like "I wish it were a little more green. Back home in (wherever), we have lots of green trees and green grass. Whenever I hear someone say this I usually try to convince them that we really do have lots of green growing things. "Look at all the palo verde trees and green bushes. Everywhere you look, there are oleanders. Many houses and businesses

have grass. And all the cactus is green! How can you say there are no green growing things?" In spite of all the examples I give to try to convince the person that Arizona really does have lots of green growing things, the person's response is usually "But it's just not the same. The trees aren't the same and neither are the flowers."

Most people who live in Arizona really appreciated the varied plants that grow here. Since many of us are originally from somewhere else, usually "back east," we do enjoy seeing green growing things. Why is it, then, that on any given weekend, many of us are in our yards pulling up, digging, or cutting back green growing things? That's different you say? If I don't pull up the weeds, they will take control of my whole yard! If I don't keep my bushes cut back, before long, I will have a jungle in my back yard! I find it very interesting that while we do like green, growing plants, we want the plants to be the kind we enjoy, growing the way we want them to, and if they don't, we pull them up or cut them down! (Just in case you are wondering, I spent this morning pulling up and cutting back!)

As I thought about this strange phenomenon, in which people who claim to enjoy green, growing things spend a great deal of time and energy destroying green, growing things, I came to this conclusion: No matter what we humans have, it's not what we want! And because this is true, not just about our foliage, but about life in general, we are a very discontented and therefore very unhappy people! Is this the way life was meant to be? Absolutely not! We are told in Hebrews 13:5 "... be content with what you have ..."

Are you doing this? I confess that I am not always content! As a Christian, however, I should be, because I have this promise: "... because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you ...'" the rest of verse five. Jesus says I should be content because he will always be with me. What a thought! That should be enough for me to always be content!

What about you? The book of Hebrews was written to Christians, so Jesus' promise to always be with you applies to you only if you are a Christian. If you aren't, you can become one today, just by acknowledging that you aren't perfect (that's what a sinner is, someone who isn't perfect), and that Jesus is God's only son who died to take the punishment you deserve. When you ask him to be your savior, he will come to you and live with you forever. Then, no matter what your environment, you can always be content!

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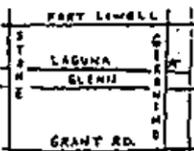
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# Politics

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was outed in 1996, after his vote on the Defense of Marriage Act. He has addressed Phoenix Gays and Lesbians (Log Cabin in particular), events and such, more times than he has in Tucson. The interview last week and his speech at OUToberFEST mark only his second and third comments on Gay and Lesbian issues.

What about Volgy? He issued the first "Gay Pride" proclamation in 1987 as Mayor but never read the proclamation to the community at the Pride Picnic and such during his one term in office. He helped to get a municipal hate crime's ordinance passed and promises to push for a federal version. A promise from a Democratic politician? Oh puh-teeze! The Democrats have dropped us this year more times than dishes crashing at a Greek-Orthodox wedding!

Registered Gays and Lesbians have a mixed bag to choose from in this

political contest in Crapaign '98. All of which will be decided, mercifully on November 3, preempting the Clinton impeachment hearings. . . .

End notes: The morning fish wrap, that virtuous and unbiased paragon of liberalism, didn't cover the U of A memorial for Matthew Shepard. Gasp! Had they reached their "Queer Quota" of stories, in lieu of the covering of National Coming Day on the campus, as several sources told this reporter.

There is a paid advertisement, by the Phoenix-based Human Rights Fund listing their picks in the upcoming general election, Tuesday, November 3. This ad doesn't necessarily reflect the opinions of the Observer, who will list their recommendations for the races and ballot initiatives in next week's edition. Stay tuned! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

# OUToberFEST '98

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teams, Purple - David Zinke and Victor Paoline, and the Blue - Miss Lucinda Holiday and Kirk vied to be the new royalty by raising funds for TLGA to help put on OUToberFEST.

According to TLGA, more than \$6,500 was raised by the two teams and the Blue Team - Lucinda and Kirk raised the most funds and were crowned King and Queen of Gay Pride. TLGA expressed their thanks and gratitude for their efforts in raising funds for not only OUToberFEST, but the Gay and Lesbian community as a whole.

## Film Festival

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be \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Also, there is admittance to Opening Night with a "Producers Pass," which is a one-time, \$25 donation which allows a chance to view all the films and

festival programs. The pass, opening night, and single admission tickets (each film/program is \$5) can be purchased at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse and Antigone Bookstore or you can take a chance and get it at the box office, half-an-hour prior to each film program.

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Damn It H	10.0	10.0
Pretty Balls	10.0	10.0
Miracles Happen	8.0	8.0
Poppin Fresh	9.0	11.0
Three Way	9.0	11.0
Low Ballers	8.0	12.0
Curious George	7.0	13.0
Cocktails for 17	5.5	10.5
Eat at Ed's	6.0	14.0
Ooops!	5.0	15.0

High Average: Just Throw It!, 500; Heather H., 154; Mark K., 194.

High Series Scratch: Heather H., 542; Mark K., 700; It's In Da Hole, 1602.

High Game Scratch: Ken M., 258; Heather H., 202; Poppin Fresh, 577.

High Series Handicap: Brad H., 731; Heather H., 677; Miracles Happen, 2011.

High Game Handicap: Heather H., 247; Brad H., 285; Miracles Happen, 752.

## Desert Coyotes Bowling League Has Spots Open

TUCSON — The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's only Gay and Lesbian bowling league is looking for some bowlers.

There are a couple of openings on two teams in the league. Every Wednesday, the Desert Coyotes bowl, 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

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

## THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22-25

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

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cronies Social Club mid-Month Dinner at Cattletown Steak House, 3141 E. Drexel. 8:30 p.m.

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

'Working Toward Healthy Relationships. Bonnie Brinkman, Tucson relationship therapist will discuss the books "Getting The Love You Want" and "Keeping The Love You Want". 7:00 p.m. at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Nationally known speaker and author Leslie Feinberg will read from "Trans Liberation: Beyond Pink and Blue". Feinberg argues passionately and eloquently for the acceptance of all trans people who s/he defines as all those who blur the boundary of the sex or gender expression they were assigned at birth. 2:00 p.m. at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Film Festival concludes today with two shows at the Screening Room, 127 E. Congress. 8:00 p.m., Feature film "Queer Chaps: Celebrating The Gay Western Lifestyle" and the 7:30 p.m. show will feature Festival Favorites along with the "Edna Jean & Phil Show, a Dallas, Texas award-winning serial comedy. Tickets \$5.00

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held sometime early at somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1852.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. The Annual AIDS Walk will be held at Rillito Downs today. If you'd like to sponsor and/or walk with some of the men of MSN, please call Jorge at 867-4035.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1850.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

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

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

GRADUATE - Beer Bust to benefit the Arizona Angels Softball Team. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "Puttin' On The Lips" Rpsync contest. \$50 first prize. Hosted by Victoria Du Puls and Bessy Fu Fu.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust and Raffle to benefit Pet Watch from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Patio.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

IBT'S - AIDS Walk at 8:00 a.m. at Rillito Downs. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust for SAAF. Then at 8:00 p.m. a Benefit Show for IBT's own Arizona Angels Softball Team. The show will be hosted by Victoria Du Puls and will feature Bessy Fu Fu and Natalie World with Dora La Blanc.

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

VENTURE-N - Patio Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. with Boss Burgers available from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

IBT'S - 8:00 p.m. The Annual "Girly Halloween Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Miss Texas Universe Natalie Would, Victoria Du Puls, Felice Renard, Dora La Blanc and J. D. Ashton Lips Inc.

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latino Men's Health Project 'Sakud Es Poder' Fifth Anniversary Party. BBQ 8:00 p.m. Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - As always, the last Friday of each month is Latin Night at the Biz. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. No Cover.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Manager "Mae's" Going Away Party! 6:00 p.m. Pre-Halloween Costume Contest with cash prizes. Watch the ads

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - This is a ghoulish night at the Biz. A Halloween Bash to be remembered. Costume Contest starts at 11:00 p.m. Must be signed up by 10:30 p.m. First prize: \$200; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25. Plus some incredible drink specials! No Cover.

HOURS - Halloween Costume Contest with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Are you ready?

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Halloween Costume Contest with cash prizes. Check the ads.

VENTURE-N - Halloween celebration here. Jim says, "Like we have never done it before!"

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Arizona Angels men's softball team Spaghetti Feed. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

VENTURE-N - Full Moon Madness! More later!

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Desert Diva/Miss Desert States / NCC Pageant '98. Contestants wanted. (602)868-8525.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

VENTURE-N - Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details.

Gay Men's Discussion Group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Emerald City Grill, 509 N. 4th Avenue. This group meets in a casual social setting to give Gay men the opportunity to discuss what's on their minds. Soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Mike Henry at the Gay Men's Health Project 322-6228.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us as we have a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Perry or Stephen at 321-4387.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Bears of the Old Pueblo Halloween Party, 7:30 p.m. This is a pot-luck gathering. Please bring food and drink to share. Call Bears InfoLine 327-1820 for location and further information.

Halloween Party with music, dancing, door prizes, contests and loads of fun. Hot tub and pool will be open. Starts at 8:00 p.m. and ends whenever! Lesbian, Gay, BI, etc. Huge crowd expected. Exceptional house to host party at. BYOB - refreshments served all night. Location\* between Babes and Sierra Vista. Interested persons should make contact via e-mail: bewaydo4you@yahoo.com or slacy@primenet.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for a night at the theatre as we go to see "Secret Agent Man" at the Gaialther Theatre. This special showing is a fundraiser for THAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network). Tickets are \$17.50. For tickets, please call Dan at 622-8112, or Jerry at 690-9565.

# Daily Bar Calendar

## sunday

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

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

HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. HI energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tournament 2pm w/Zipperman. Buffet for SAAF \$2 a plate. 3-77 Menu changes. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Monero's II opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayman

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

## monday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball Tournament 6pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Cuervo Gold all day.

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

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martial Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight. \$1.50/3.00 pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

## tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 6-close. \$2 2x/\$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-3 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Miller & Miller Lbs \$1.75 Cuervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-noon.

## wednesday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo \$2.25 Open to close.

## thursday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2nd! well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 9pm. Fosters Bottles \$1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-late. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30

## friday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ HILL

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Secks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm.

## saturday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - HI energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

5th The Productions presents 'United Through Music' a new to Tucson entertainment experience. Located at Tucson Grayhound Park Clubhouse, 4th Avenue at 36th Street. Featuring cognac-dipped cigars, dance music and entertainment. Special Halloween Show "Lips and Lashes" featuring Lucinda Holiday, Aja Simone, Kenneth Blake, Electra Blue, Trudy Fabu and Felice Renard. Costume Contest at 12:30 a.m. \$150 first prize and after hours dancing with DJ Michael Lopez at 1:30 a.m. \$5.00 Cover charge. After Hours until 5:00 a.m. For more information call 293-2285.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmeor Building). 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. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Saturdays at various times and places. For more information call Nick at 326-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8668 or write P.O. Box 34264, Tucson, AZ 85748-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0230, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1298 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

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

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 5 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1298 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8805 or write AGRATucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAM, 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 299-6847.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3116 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 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 791-7878.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Jean 742-8968.

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 884-8820, Ext. 408 or Emmott 322-6857 (evolve@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyndy@earthlink.net and request guidelines.

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

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSCENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boys. For information call Gary at 628-8879 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1125. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 682-779-4845.

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

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

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 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elise 581-8858 or Rosa 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (802)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 889-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Germanna (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to all. Call Liz at 525-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hill's 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, 226 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3268 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 3rd Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8543 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bat Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.O.S.A., please contact: Mary 778-9978 or Bertie 518-3415.

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 298-9463.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

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Benefiting AIDS Prevention and Care Services in Southern Arizona

## AIDS Walk '98 Sunday, Oct. 15

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Registration and collection of moneys start the day of Walk at 7:00 A.M., according to Palmer. He added that people who've signed up can turn in their pledges early to SAAF, which will be open 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Wednesday through Saturday. SAAF is located at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211.

Arizona Governor, Jane Hull, will be an honorary co-chair for AIDS Walk '98. Governor Hull joins Lute Olson and Lupita Murillo, who are also honorary co-chairs and strongly support southern Arizona's fight against HIV/AIDS and SAAF's commitment to the clients and families affected by this illness.

SAAF also announced that Judith Light and her husband, actor Robert Desiderio, will be their "Very Special Guests" for the Walk.

Judith comes with an extensive and impressive background as a comedienne and an accomplished actress. Light starred in the ABC-TV hit comedy series, "Who's the Boss?" and the soap-opera, "One Life to Live," for which she won an Emmy for. She has also starred in a number of television films and has recently begun co-producing some of these projects.

Robert's start in television came in daytime drama. (He and Judith met while they were both doing, "One Life to Live.") Desiderio has starred in ABC-TV's "Heart of the City" and "Maximum Security" on HBO, for which he received a Cable ACE Award Best Actor nomination. Many will recognize him as the rival bar owner, Gary, on the former NBC sitcom, "Cheers."

Over the years Judith and Robert have been staunch supporters of AIDS service organizations as well as Gay and Lesbian rights issues all over the country. Both very busy balancing acting and producing with their ongoing support in the fight against HIV/AIDS by serving on several Board of Directors for several Los Angeles and national AIDS organizations.

An interfaith service will take place from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. Robert Desiderio and Judith Light will be the featured guests for the interfaith service, featuring words of inspiration and hope from each of these celebrities. The service is sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN): a coalition of congregations committed to a compassionate and informed response to HIV/AIDS. For more information about the service, please call (520) 299-6647.

Speakers follow the service at 9:00 A.M.

The ribbon cutting starting the Walk, according to Palmer, will take place at 9:30 A.M.

The closing ceremonies will take place at 11:30 A.M., with the announcements of the gross moneys raised and the top three fund raisers in the individual, community, business and school team categories, he said.

There is just one walking course for this year's Walk. Palmer pointed out that people do not have to walk the full 10 km (6.25 miles).

What if a person can't participate

or attend the AIDSWALK? What if they don't know someone who is walking, and they want to pledge? No problem, according to Matthew Palmer. He said that people can send a check, or money order to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211, Tucson, AZ 85716.

Palmer added that they should

make the pledges out to "AIDSWALK '98." He stated that 5% of the moneys raised comes from pledges received after the actual event.

Rillito Downs is located south of River Road on First Avenue. For a packet or more information on AIDSWALK, call (520) 322-9191.

## OnLine Vigil Puts Renewed Pressure On Congress

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — National Lesbian and Gay civil rights organizations joined forces in an online initiative designed to bring renewed pressure on the United States Congress to pass the Federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The initiative, launched by a coalition of organizations including the Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, tapped the tremendous outpouring of national grief and rage unleashed by the murder of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard.

"Because this crime was so vicious, and because he was so physically small and vulnerable, his death was particularly shocking and has become a rallying point," said Elizabeth Birch of the HRC. "But this is about a far bigger issue. It is about the thousands of anti-Gay hate crimes that have been reported to authorities in this decade — and these are only the tip of the iceberg."

Thousands of web sites on the Internet blackened their screens as a memorial service was held in Shepard's birthplace of Casper, Wyoming. He was to be buried there the next day. The online vigil, similar to scores of candlelight vigils that have

taken place in cities and towns across America, was a powerful testimonial to how deeply his senseless murder has touched the nation.

"If there is one way to remember Matthew Shepard, it is with action," said Joan M. Garry, executive director of GLAAD. "I am honored to participate in this event, but cannot tell you how much I wish I didn't have to."

"In the last year, we have been likened to alcoholics and criminals, blamed for the decay of the American nation, and targeted by ads calling for us to change. Well, it is time for a change." Garry said. "We must not lose another life to bigotry and intolerance. It's high time we secured legislation to protect all Americans — regardless of their sexual orientation or identity — from hateful violence."

Participating websites and organizations urged their members and users to call Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott [202/224-3135] and House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich [202/225-0600] to demand immediate passage of Federal hate crimes legislation. The bill, submitted by President Clinton, has laid dormant in Congress for more than a year.