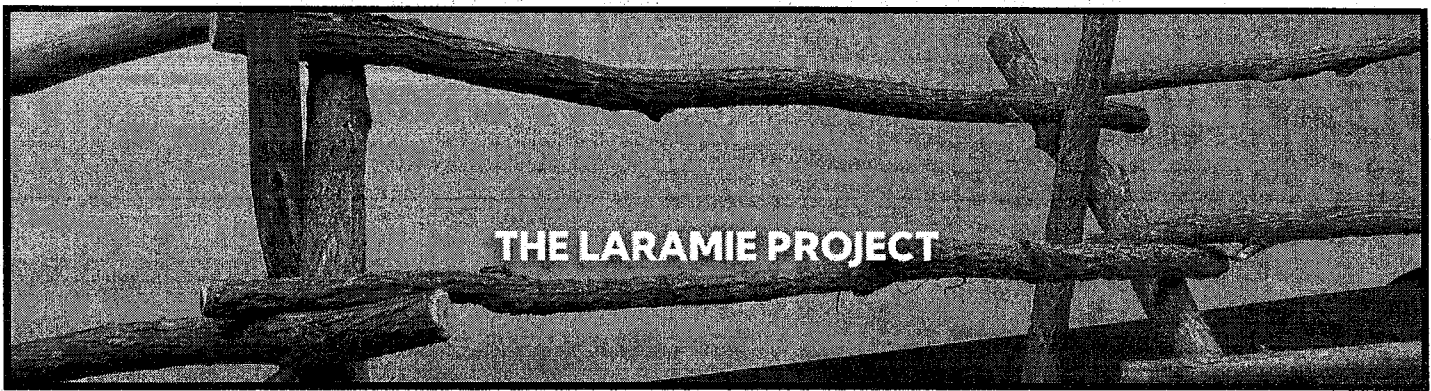


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FEBRUARY 3, 2023 -- [PHOTO FROM OLD TOWN PLAYHOUSE (OTP) PROMOTION], saying that HATE CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE.

The OTP, in February 3, 2023 advertising of "The Laramie Project," says: In October 1998, 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, an openly gay college student, was brutally beaten and left to die on the plains outside Laramie, Wyoming. A play based on more than 200 interviews with the people of the town, The Laramie Project is a breathtaking collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable. Note: Includes adult language and situations.

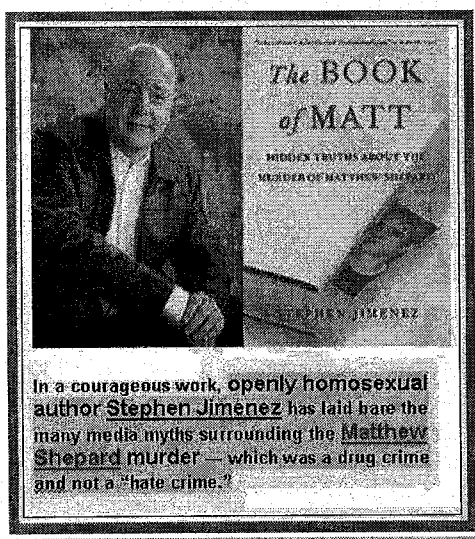
What follows are excerpts compiled by www.TCFamily.org Founder Bill Wiesner to show how the bottom line goal of Old Town Playhouse's "The Laramie Project" is to promote homosexuality to Traverse City youth and to silence anyone who disagrees with them by labeling them as "Haters," (no matter how sincere the OTP staff & actors and audience may be in their false foundation beliefs.) [... We'll be handing out this Flyer (plus our "About TCFamily.org & 'LGBTQ' Flyer which you can read here: www.TCFamily.org) outside of each of the 10 shows.]

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EXCERPTS FROM:

REMEMBERING JESSE: The Deviant Homosexual Rape-Murder of Young Jesse Dirkhising

SEE ENTIRE 5000 WORD REPORT HERE: <http://americansfortruth.com/2014/09/26/the-deviant-homosexual-rape-murder-of-young-jesse-dirkhising/>



In a courageous work, openly homosexual author Stephen Jimenez has laid bare the many media myths surrounding the Matthew Shepard murder — which was a drug crime and not a "hate crime." ... Now the evidence continues to mount that the entire foundation of the Shepard story underlying Gregg's tendentious thesis is bogus and its true lessons have nothing to with hate or "gay tolerance" — but rather the dangers of meth addiction, drug and alcohol abuse, family breakdown, reckless living and even the effects of homosexual molestation. (Ironically, the Dirkhising story teaches some of those same lessons.) Jimenez documents

(HIV-positive) Shepard's repeated sexual aggressions, and the book ends with this shocking revelation: "Matthew Shepard was a victim of sexual abuse and molestation as a boy and as a teenager... Apparently, his wounds from being sexually victimized also manifested in another common, but tragic pattern: The victim becomes a perpetrator himself... At age fifteen Matthew was arrested for molesting two eight-year-old boys in his Casper [Wyoming] neighborhood... Matthew's juvenile arrest record had been quietly concealed."

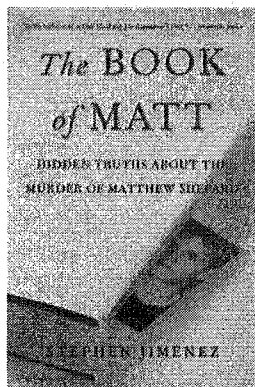
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2013-11-13 Special Note from AFTAH President Peter LaBarbera [regarding Matthew Shepard] EXCERPTS -- from AmericansForTruth.com: <https://americansfortruth.com/2013/11/13/marxist-hate-group-gay-liberation-network-protests-aftah-banquet-but-they-got-their-facts-wrong/#more-16142>

3) ...YES, our keynote speaker, Sandy Rios, claimed that the (media-hyped) Matthew Shepard "story was a fraud," but she did so only after interviewing this writer on her AFR Talk program. "Sandy Rios in the Morning." We discussed the findings of an amazing book by openly homosexual author Stephen Jimenez, *The Book of Matt: Hidden Truths about the Murder of Matthew Shepard*. In the book Jimenez reveals that, YES, pretty much the entire, convenient "Matthew-Shepard-was-murdered-just-because-he-was-

gay" story was fraudulent. And what a coincidence: this "hate crime" tale was cynically exploited to demonize religious conservatives and link defenders of traditional sexual morality with "hate" and even violence toward homosexuals.

The bogus Matt-Shepard-hate-crime story was also repackaged as a tendentious play (*The Laramie Project*) that has been used to propagandize hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren and young adults in the same false "gay"-activist narrative. In fact, exploiting the false Matthew Shepard story has become big business on the Left.



4) So, indeed, YES. Sandy and I have publicized Jimenez's well-researched findings that Shepard's tragic 1998 death was very much "drug-related" — and hence was not a "hate crime." Jimenez reveals the following about Shepard and his killers, fellow Laramie, Wyoming residents Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, and the circumstances of the case:

- McKinney and Shepard knew each other (as opposed to McKinney meeting Matthew for the first time on the night of the murder);
- McKinney and Shepard were both involved in using and dealing drugs, especially methamphetamines (meth);
- The two had partied with each other and possibly even had sex with each other as part of the same Laramie drug and social scene; and
- Neither McKinney nor his accomplice and friend, Henderson (both are in jail for life for murdering Shepard), were known for hating homosexuals. (In fact, Henderson's girlfriend's mother was in a lesbian relationship and Russell lived with her for months and "there was no evidence whatsoever of Aaron or Russell expressing anti-gay feelings," Aaron's father, Bill McKinney, told Jimenez [p. 48].) Compare that to the liberal media/LGBT-promoted story line that McKinney and Henderson — somehow fueled by Religious Right homophobia, which fostered a "climate of anti-gay hate" — murdered Shepard "just because he was gay," after the latter made a sexual pass at McKinney. [To order Jimenez's fascinating book on Amazon, go [HERE](#).]

5) Lastly, NO, Sandy Rios never asserted that there was some kind of "pro-gay" conspiracy — a "plan by liberals to kill Matt to use him as 'propaganda' for LGBT acceptance." This is sheer GLN nuttiness. Nobody in his right mind (pardon the pun) would suggest that liberal activists are so diabolical that they would plot to kill the young homosexual Shepard to create a "gay" martyr and thus advance the LGBT agenda! But within hours of

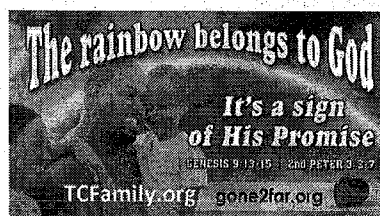
the bloody assault, as the Wyoming college student was fighting for his life in a hospital bed, the crime was quickly seized upon — first by close friends of Shepard, then by homosexual advocates, then by the media — as an alleged crime of "anti-gay hate." Thus it became a pivotal "moment" in America for the Left to advance the LGBT agenda while stigmatizing moral-minded Americans as dangerous bigots. (Jimenez also reveals that even some Laramie police officials joined in promoting the "anti-gay hate crime" theme, perhaps as opportunists caught up in the gay-liberal media spin, or maybe to draw attention away from Laramie's criminal drug culture.)

Truth is more complicated than leftist "hate" politics. Homosexual author Stephen Jimenez has brought truth to the highly politicized Shepard murder case.

Matthew Shepard lived a troubled and reckless life filled with drugs and promiscuity. (Jimenez documents Shepard's penchant for making unwanted sexual advances, and reports that Shepard — himself a victim as a boy of a homosexual predator — was arrested for molesting two eight-year-old boys when he was 15 [p. 349].) But he did not deserve to be brutally murdered. In the early days after Shepard's death, as the "hate crime" story line was taking hold in the ("gay"-lobbied) media, I and every major pro-family leader and organization condemned the murder.

No true Christian wishes hatred or violence on anyone. But the "hate crime" narrative surrounding Shepard's murder has become so useful to "gay" militants like GLN that they can't seem to give it up — even when a fellow homosexual who has devoted more than a decade of his life to digging out the real Shepard story comes forward (bravely) with much inconvenient truth surrounding it. [See this [press release](#) by the Matthew Shepard Foundation, that again makes the fallacious claim that Shepard was "murdered because he was gay."]

Lies beget more lies. For more than a decade now, homosexual activists have used the false "hate" narrative surrounding Shepard (and other tragedies involving homosexuals) to foment hatred against Christians and spread lies about well-meaning people who simply believe homosexuality is wrong. This is typical of LGBT activists, who often rely on emotional manipulation and misleading, easy polemics rather than reason. "Why do you hate gays?" they presumptively ask critics of the homosexual agenda, including "gay marriage." It is an abrupt and accusatory question that immediately puts people on the defensive. (I usually respond by asking if they "hate" me, or Christian conservatives in general, because we disagree with them.) Moral disagreement is not "hate."



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