

PERSPECTIVE

One New Justice May Tip Court

By Tony Mauro

WASHINGTON, DC - You had to be listening carefully. It was one of those lines that Al Gore seemed to be racing against the clock to finish during his nomination-acceptance speech. But there it was, as Gore said it: "The last thing this country needs is a Supreme Court that overturns *Roe vs. Wade*."

You might be able to think of some things the nation needs even less than the reversal of the 1973 ruling that declared a woman's right to an abortion. A plague of locusts, perhaps, or a September full of hurricanes.

Or you might think reversing *Roe vs. Wade* would be the best thing that could happen for this country

But whatever your view, Gore's pronouncement set up one of the starkest contrasts between himself and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush. Bush would like to see the Supreme Court overturn *Roe vs. Wade*, and if he gets to appoint justices who are in tune with his two favorites on the court already - Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas - the court will probably do just that

Gore also may have accomplished what no modern presidential candidate with the possible exception of Richard Nixon in 1968 has been able to do: He just might have made the Supreme Court a major issue in the fall campaign.

It's a notoriously tough sell. Law-and-order candidate Nixon railed against the liberal Warren Court, which had been consistent ruling in favor of criminal defendants, but candidates generally have a hard time drawing a clear line between their election and the complexion of the nation's highest court.

To drive his point home, for example, Gore has to campaign against a Supreme Court that does not yet exist. The current court, even though it is dominated by Reagan and Bush appointees, has supported the basic abortion right. In June, it even struck down, by a 5-4 vote, a Nebraska law aimed at partial-birth abortions.

To become the court that Gore wants the nation to worry about, several things have to happen.

First, there is the small point that in order for a president to appoint a new justice, there has to be a vacancy on the court. Unlike Cabinet members, justices

don't submit their resignations when the White House changes hands.

And the nine justices of the current Supreme Court, average age 66, are a hardy bunch. It has been six years since the last vacancy - the longest period of stability since the early 1800s. That might mean a vacancy is just around the corner, but it might not. Not one of the nine seems remotely interested in retiring from the nation's highest court.

The oldest justice, 80-year-old John Paul Stevens, boasts of beating opponents half his age at tennis. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 67, weathered treatments for colon cancer this year and tells friends she has no plans to retire. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 75, just hired a new administrative assistant for a two-year stint.

Even if a justice such as Rehnquist does leave - and many think he might if Bush is elected - that would not change the balance of the court appreciably. Bush would be replacing a conservative with a conservative, and *Roe vs. Wade* would not be in any more peril than it is today. The biggest change on the court comes when a nominee of one political stripe replaces a justice of another.

Of course, a justice's stripes can change over time, another fact of life that tends to blunt the importance of the Supreme Court as a campaign issue. Justices, appointed for life, don't always turn out the way their appointing presidents hope they will. Harry Truman said, "Whenever you put a man on the Supreme Court, he ceases to be your friend"

Court scholar Alexander Bickel once put it another way: "You shoot an arrow into the far distant future when you appoint a justice."

When candidate Bush's father named David Souter to the Supreme Court a decade ago, no one would have predicted that Souter would turn out to be a staunch supporter of abortion rights and a leading counterpoint to the court's conservatives. It is no accident that Souter's nomination is one part of his father's legacy that George W. Bush rarely mentions.

But most justices reflect the preferences or philosophies of their presidents most of the time, as Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe demonstrated in his 1985 book, *God Save This Honorable Court*. So it truly does make a difference who is elected president.

Observer Recommendations For September 12 Primary

TUCSON (ON) - On Tuesday, September 12, voters across Arizona will go to the polls to decide their party's candidate's for offices, ranging from U.S. Senate to Constable. To assist Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender voters in Tucson and Pima County, the Observer has made some recommendation of acceptable candidates for elected office. In many cases, these recommendations are based on the candidate's voting record or statements made, while in other situations, it is based on questions posed by political action groups.

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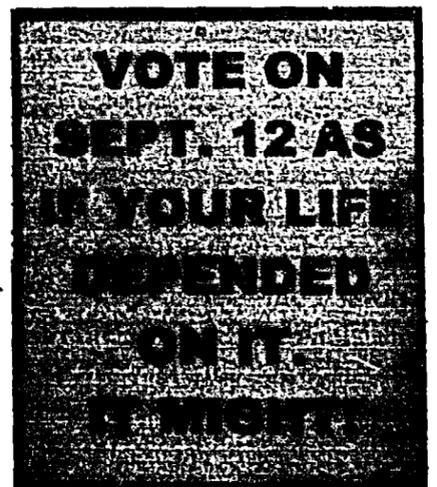
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UPDATE

'Cabaret' At Centennial Hall Sept. 19-24

TUCSON - Broadway's most famous and successful musicals will be hitting U of A Centennial Hall as Cabaret opens. For those of you familiar with the name of the show but not specifically the plot, it's the story of an English woman's romance with an American writer in Germany at the beginning of the Third Reich's rise to power.

This version is British director and Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes' (American Beauty) with staging that "recaptures the shock earlier versions had for theatergoers of the day. It is darker, raunchier, and more disturbing than its predecessors."

Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, will be playing Sally Bowles, a nightclub singer at the Kit Kat Klub. The show has been getting rave reviews, and continues to be sold out in New York, where the production is being performed at Studio 54.

Cabaret will be performing September 19-24. For more information, call the U of A Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

Tucson's Sixth Annual LGBT Film Festival October 25-29

TUCSON - Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community will come together to celebrate ourselves in film, looking back at where we've been and focusing on where we, as a community, are going, with the sixth annual film festival, October 25-29.

Join the Film Festival committee opening night, October 25, at the Rialto Theater for "A Laugh At Ourselves," a riotous collection of shorts sure, from the age-old sperm donor question in Rick and Steve, the Happiest Gay Couple in America to Baking with Butch, to produce a giggle in even the most serious movie buff.

The film festival has added several new features including a little touch of Halloween for opening night festivities with a Masquerade Party. Dress as your favorite GLBT person from history and enjoy the movies and continue the party into the night.

Other movies to be shown at this year's festival include: "Walking the Dead," by John Killacky; "The Pill Ritual," by Mitch Goddard; Roberta Luna's "Desert Hate," "Paragraph 175" by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.

For more information call (520) 322-6742 or 622-2400 or go to their Web site, <http://www.wingspanaz.org>.

GLBT Commission Update

TUCSON (ON) -The Outreach Subcommittee of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) commission will be meeting Monday, September 11, 5:30 p.m., in the board room at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue.

With the recent verdict in the Bell murder trial, the Outreach Subcommittee will be considering ideas on how to create a network with local GLBT groups to inform them and their members about events, trials and other matters of concern.

For more information, call (520) 791-4213.

Phoenix Body Positive & McDowell Healthcare Open House At New Facility

PHOENIX - Phoenix Body Positive and the McDowell Healthcare Clinic have scheduled an open house at their new medical clinic and HIV research and support facility on Tuesday, September 12, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The building is located at 1144 East McDowell Road, (northwest corner of 12th Street and McDowell, across from Good Samaritan Hospital). Parking is available in the lot directly north of the building. Phoenix Body Positive (PBP) is located on the second floor and the McDowell Health Clinic is on the third floor.

Tours of the facilities, refreshments and information will be provided about how funds raised by PBP are used for research in the largest privately-funded clinical trials research facility in the southwest as well as education, prevention, family support, community outreach and wellness.

For more information, call (602) 307-5330.

Reveille Auditions

TUCSON - The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will still be holding auditions for this fall concert block until Tuesday, September 19.

Low Bases are particularly sought, but there are openings in all sections. No experience is required; however, all those interested will need to do an audition.

Those interested should call James Gall at (520) 881-1369 or the Reveille Hotline, (520) 617-3100.

Closet Project: Outing The Violence October 7

TUCSON - The Closet Project: Outing the Violence, sponsored by the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, will take place Saturday, October 7, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street.

Perhaps a friend, family member, your partners or you have been affected by rape, a hate crime, abuse, incest, an assault, domestic violence or murder. For too long: society has shunned, blamed and silenced Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) people about the violence we've experienced and have been asked to stay quiet about the terror we've faced; GLBT society has been complicit in the unspoken wishes of our community - only to talk about what "they do to us," and not "what we do to each other. It's time to end the silence and celebrate our collective strength as survivors through the Closet Project.

The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project encourages all GLBT survivors of the above-mentioned and any other forms of abuse, friends and GLBT family members of GLBT people who've been murdered to participate and make a shirt. White T-shirts and art supplies will be available at no charge. You are also welcome to bring a shirt you decorated at home and contribute it. You can decorate your shirt with pictures, slogans, quotes, or artwork you want. The Domestic Violence Project recognizes that making and viewing the shirts can be an emotional experience, advocates and peer counselors will be available to listen if you need to talk.

While the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project believes strongly in community accountability of perpetrators, for legal reasons, they ask that if you wish to name the person who violated you, please list their first name or initials. The shirts will hang at the Wingspan Community Center for one week, and will then be displayed at OUToberFEST, Saturday, October 14. Volunteers and donations, (white T-shirts, art supplies and metal coat hangers), will be greatly accepted. For more information, call (520) 624-0348.

College Students Campaign Against Nebraska State DOMA

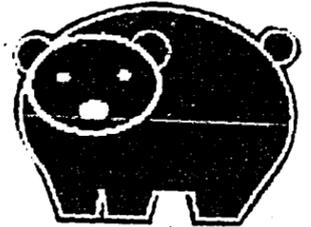
LINCOLN, NE (LDN) - More than 150 college students in Nebraska have joined together to protest a proposed ban on same-sex marriages in that state, which will appear on the November 7 ballot.

Students from UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Nebraska Wesleyan University have joined students from several Gay-straight alliances in high schools across the state to form Huskers Against the Defense of Marriage Amendment. "If this is defeated, it will be defeated by the youth," said the group's student coordinator, Angela Clements. "They don't have the hindrance of social stereotypes."

Former UNL student body president Andy Schuerman said the proposed constitutional amendment, which would define marriage as that between a man and a woman, is a hateful measure. "Gay marriage is already illegal," he said. "This seems like a blatant attempt by a small group of people to make second-class citizens out of Gay and Lesbian people."

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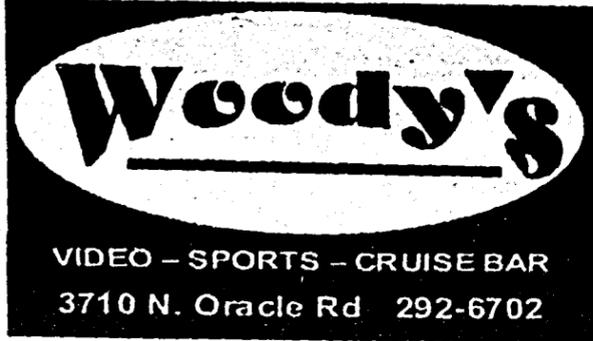
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San Francisco District Hits A Crossroad City's Castro Neighborhood Could Lose Its Gay Culture

John Ritter - USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - As a center of Gay culture, incubator of Gay civil rights and refuge from homophobia, this city's Castro district is well-known.

For three decades the ups and downs of Gay life in America have played out here - from the exuberantly liberating 1970s to the haunting devastation of AIDS a decade later to the mainstream cachet of recent times.

But the new millennium is bringing change of a far different sort to this famous Gay and lesbian enclave, change that longtime residents fear is destroying the Castro's unique character.

Skyrocketing rents and real estate prices are forcing out many lower income Gay tenants. Young new-comers flush with high-tech wealth are paying exorbitant sums for the finely restored "painted lady" Victorians with views.

Many of these new residents are heterosexuals. Well-heeled singles and couples shopping—and partying on Castro Street, moms pushing strollers, mixed crowds patronizing bars that used to be Gay-only - all are evidence of the change.

The new after-hours scene is revealing. Castro bars tended to be dark, dingy and appointed in leather, the exclusive preserves of Gay, white males. Now several have morphed into airy jazz lounges and dance clubs that welcome diverse crowds. One renowned watering hole even hired a straight bartender.

But maybe most troubling to longtime denizens is the intrusion of chain stores and national franchises in a commercial district that had virtually none before. Sprinkled now among dozens of small, locally owned businesses are stores such as The Body Shop, Noah's Bagels and the Sun Glass Hut.

Noe Valley, the Mission, Potrero Hill, South of Market, Twin Peaks and other neighborhoods have not escaped these changes. They've also seen evictions and upheaval fueled by dot-com money, sharply appreciating real estate and chain-store growth.

San Franciscans prize those neighborhoods, too. But none has what the Castro has: a Gay history of international significance and a Gay destination with a cutting-edge social reputation. "There's no major Gay capital other than the Castro," says Lion Barnett, president of the neighborhood residents association. "So a lot of us who are Gay and care about the neighborhood watch with some feelings of protection."

Software developer Cary Hammer and his wife, Nadine Browning, a psychotherapist, worried about fitting in when they plunked down \$500,000 for a house 3½ years ago. They came from a yuppie area south of the Marina, "but within two days we felt so much more at home and welcomed here," Hammer says. Barnett says Gay residents don't resent straight people. They bemoan the market forces causing friends to lose their flats. They see apathy in some of the home buyers toward their new surroundings, an attitude at odds with the sense of community Castro residents had always taken pride in.

"They're cocoon-like," Barnett says, of the new-comers. "Some of them just want a place to live that's only an hour

away from Silicon Valley." Dot-commer is the mildly derisive term often heard to describe them.

With apprehension simmering citywide over the displacement of small businesses by Internet companies, two ballot measures in November will ask voters to slow it down. One would extend a cap on new office space of 950,000 square feet a year and ban dot-com development in parts of the Mission and South of Market. Another ballot proposition, backed by Mayor Willie Brown, would also extend the cap, but because of technicalities, it would allow more development.

This month, the board of supervisors passed restrictions designed to make the Castro less inviting to chain stores. Similar legislation last year protected merchants in the North Beach neighborhood. Some of the city's 15 other designated neighborhood commercial districts are expected to seek protections. The first wave of gentrification in the 1970s, converted declining working-class Eureka Valley, the area's original name, to a bustling, politically charged Gay hub. But if the Castro's lively commercial core seemed 99% Gay, the residential area around it never was.

Straight homeowners relatively safe blocks of row houses desirable. That's still true, but the difference to-day is money. Two bedroom condos sell for \$500,000, single-family houses for \$700,000 and up, Victorians divided into apartments substantially more.

The city's rent-control law protects existing tenants from steep rent hikes. But once an apartment is vacant landlords can raise rents to what the market will bear. A nice two-bedroom can bring \$3,000 a month.

There have been many complaints of illegal evictions, and another fall ballot measure will ask voters to close a loophole used by real estate speculators to get around the city's 200-a-year limit on conversions of apartments to condos.

"It's very threatening to me, says John Gettys, 47, a library technician who pays \$669 for a rent-controlled studio. "If I should lose my apartment, I'd have to move in with someone or leave the city" Liz Pastore, 36, a lesbian who shares a walk-up with two roommates, says the biggest change in the Castro is that there are more men. "They can afford it," she says. "There used to be ~re women but they're all gone. They're priced out~"

Many Gay residents say they have a vague sense that the Castro isn't theirs anymore. Since the completion of the subway line from Fisherman's Wharf to the corner of Market and Castro streets, more "Midwestern tourists come to see live Gay people in their own habitat," Pastore says. The unabashed street-level cruising of earlier years has mostly retreated inside.

"The bar scene is coming into the computer age," says Morgan Gorrone, owner of The Bar on Castro, an upscale remake of the former leather bar Castro Station. "People are meeting online, then maybe meeting somewhere else for a drink"

Tommi Aviccoli Mecca, a tenants' rights activist, says the neighborhood's political edge is gone. "When I came here nine years ago, there were rallies constantly, political activity everywhere, signs everywhere, posters," he says. "The Castro

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POLITICS 2000
by Mark R. Kerr

Why?

Voters across the state, those who didn't cast an early ballot, will go to the polls Tuesday, September 12, and vote for their choice to be their party's standard-bearer for elected offices, ranging from U.S. Senate to Constable.

Of the many political offices up for election this year, one of the primary races that will be closely watched is the Democratic contest, for the state House of Representatives, from Legislative District 13, which covers central and North central Tucson. Both state House seats open due to the current office-holders, Representatives Andy Nichols, (Democrat), and Kathleen Dunbar, (Republican), are both running for the open state Senate seat in this district, equally split on voter registration between (D) Democrats and (R) Republicans, resulting in a free-for-all for the two open House seats.

Jonathan Paton, who ran for the House from District 9 and newcomer, Carol Somers, will be the Republican District 13 House candidates, with no primary contest on the GOP side. That is not the story for the Democrats, as previously reported, with four candidates, Gabrielle Giffords, Ted Downing, Howard Shore and Colette Barajas battling for the two positions on the general election ballot.

That was until Tuesday, September 5, one week before the election, volunteers with Colette Barajas' campaign received the following E-mail message, "I report, sadly, that for personal reasons Colette is withdrawing her candidacy for State Representative in Legislative District 13." Barajas was out of town, unavailable for comment as of press time, but Amelia Craig Cramer, a local attorney and campaign treasurer confirmed the end of the Barajas bid. "She had withdrawn for personal reasons," Cramer said Barajas told her. "Barajas said it was a painful decision and that she had given it a lot of thought and consideration and this is what she had to do," Cramer added.

If that was the case, so why were new signs purchased and posted across Tucson and at various traffic intersections only a week ago? What of the appearances the candidate made at a campaign forum Wednesday, August 30, the NOW Women's Caucus, Saturday, September 2, and being interviewed for a story in the local afternoon daily, Tucson Citizen, which ran Tuesday, September 5, covering the District 13 contest?

Reaction from community activists was one of surprise and shock over the decision, especially so close to the actual election. One of the four people running for the Democratic nod in District 13, Gabrielle Giffords, said she was extremely disappointed about Barajas' decision to drop out of the race. It's the case, especially for those people who had cast their votes for Barajas through the early voting process, who can't get their ballot back to change their vote to a candidate still in the race.

Barajas' decision, just one week from the primary, has thrown a monkey-wrench into the election process. Jessica Funkhouser, Elections Director for the State of Arizona said she wasn't sure whether the ballots will get counted, citing a court decision which left the matter "up in the air." Funkhouser said she has asked the Arizona Attorney General's office to review this situation and make a recommendation.

Funkhouser is currently running computer checks (logic and accuracy tests) with 15 county systems to make sure they are running for the September 12 election, adding that if the computer system has been reprogrammed, removing the candidate's name, prior to the logic and accuracy tests, there won't be a problem. Unfortunately for Pima County, Funkhouser performed the computer tests Tuesday, September 5, before Barajas' withdrawal.

In a previous interview with this reporter about her bid for office, Barajas said that the expectations about running had been met, citing her past political experience and the volunteers, which she described as the best, had helped with keeping things in order, resulting in the best run campaign. Barajas ran as a "Clean Elections" candidate, where the campaign must get \$5 donations, from a certain number of individuals from the respective political district, to qualify for public campaign funding, because the voters approved it.

Was the public funding what led to Barajas' decision? Sources close to the campaign differ on this, with several stating the campaign hadn't qualified for the public funding by not getting enough \$5 contributions from registered Democrats in District 13 (200 were needed), to get \$10,000 from the Clean Elections Commission. Other individuals said that the Clean Elections Commission had intended to challenge Barajas' list of contributors. According to the Clean Elections Commission Web site, Barajas had applied for funding, and was awaiting the money from the Commission.

According to several political consultants, a campaign that has run out of funding, especially so close to the actual election (only seven days in this case), would "suspend" their campaign, ceasing campaign activity until the balloting is completed. Both daily newspapers had rated Barajas' as a good candidate, unfortunately in a field with other strong candidates. Gabrielle Giffords, one of the other candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, said "Colette was an incredible candidate who brought new issues to the forefront." If the Barajas' campaign was the best run, as she said in an interview with this reporter, why didn't they just "ride it out" or was it because of the "Clean Elections Commission," for which she called it "the most frustrating, since this was the first election it was implemented and no one involved in campaigns understood the process?"

In an interview in the Tuesday, September 5, edition of the Tucson Citizen, in a story on the Legislative District 13 House race, Barajas stated that she wanted the Legislature to improve its record on civil rights for Gays and Lesbians. "They spoon-feed us crumbs and they want us to be satisfied," she added. Isn't Barajas' excuse for dropping out of the race, so close to the actual election, an attempt by an individual, a self-described community activist who serves on the boards of the Arizona Human Rights Fund and Wingspan, an attempt to spoon-feed the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community "crumbs and that we, as a community should be satisfied?" Barajas owes our community, and the voters of Legislative District 13, a more thorough explanation about her decision to drop out. She won't accept crumbs and neither will we. ...

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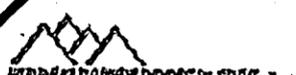
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[The following is a letter to Ed Parker, President of the Tucson chapter of the United Way regarding the local chapter's continued funding of the Boy Scouts.]

DEAR MR. PARKER:

I write in my capacity as a member of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), Arizona's Gay rights organization. As I informed you in my previous letter sent on behalf of AHRF, we consider those who provide financial support to the Boy Scouts of America and its local affiliates to be supporters of bigotry because the Boy Scouts has formally asserted, and the Supreme Court has found, that one of the Boy Scouts' primary missions is excluding Gay boys and men from its programs.

Your local United Way affiliate currently provides both direct and pass through funding to the Catalina Boy Scouts. AHRF has called upon you to cease all funding of the Boy Scouts as other United Ways have done. However, sadly, you have not responded.

Therefore, AHRF is taking action. AHRF has initiated a boycott of the United Way. Unless and until the United Way ceases funding the Boy Scouts, AHRF is encouraging all fair minded individuals and organizations to stop contributing to the United Way.

The United Way's support for the Boy Scouts makes it a supporter of discrimination. And, although United Way contributors can "target" their contributions to specific organizations (including AIDS and Gay organizations), we know that approximately 20% of all contributions to United Way go to overhead and thereby support United Way's contributions to the Boy Scouts. For both these reasons, AHRF considers its boycott of the United Way to be appropriate.

Instead of giving to United Way, AHRF is strongly encouraging its commu-

nity of supporters to donate the same amount (or more money) directly to charities, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other local groups that have non-discrimination policies and that do good works for poor and minority youth (including poor and minority Gay youth).

For those who found the United Way's payroll deduction option to be convenient, we are suggesting that they give their credit card number to their favorite charities for monthly withdrawals or ask their bank to make monthly withdrawals from their account into the accounts of their favorite charities.

We hope that the United Way will soon adopt and enforce a policy of declining to contribute to organizations that discriminate on any basis, including sexual orientation. When and if that happens, AHRF will end its boycott and will once again support the United Way.

Very truly yours,
Amelia Craig Cramer

EDITOR:

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THE BOOK REPORT

Beautiful WASPs Having Sex: A Hollywood Novel, by Dori Carter (Harper-Collins, 2000.)

The book jacket is brilliant: the front cover sports a photo of a Jewish immigrant couple seated stiffly next to each other, looking comically insecure, while the back shows a steamy WASP couple necking passionately. This first novel by ex-scriptwriter Dori Carter analyzes how Tinsel Town attracts Jews and other outsiders, who then desperately churn out movies to please middle America.

The main character is Frankie Jordon, a newly divorced scriptwriter turning 40. She finally succeeds in selling her script, but then begins the agony of re-writes: "You think America wants to watch a movie about a bunch of Jews running around KVETCHING? This won't play east of Fairfax... Make them Italian. That will solve the whole problem. People loved Moonstruck." Her Gay character fares little better: "What major actor wants to die of AIDS?" They eat their words after the success of Philadelphia.

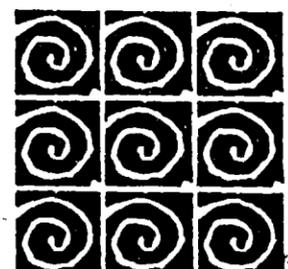
At an especially vulnerable point in her life Frankie meets young Jonathan Prince, a secretary who always says the right thing: "You gave them Cinema Para-

diso and they want to turn it into Beaches." We know from the start that he will betray her, and watch with horror as we see him transform.

With its sharply-drawn characters, terrific dialogue, and laugh-out-loud one-liners, this novel is a pleasure to read. It is a scathing expose, but is sympathetic too, helping us understand exactly why people behave so badly in Hollywood.

With your library card, Beautiful WASPs Having Sex can be borrowed free of charge from the Tucson-Pima Public Library. Don't have a library card? September is National Library Card Sign-up Month; stop by any public library to get a card today.

[Reviewed by Terry Nordbrock, TPPL librarian and Gay & Lesbian Services Committee co-chair.]



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GLAD - GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION, INC.

Columnist Uses Boy Scouts Issue to Spread Homophobia: The Orlando Sentinel's Aug. 27 edition has one of the most blatant misrepresentations of Gay men seen in recent months. In his column, "It's more apparent every day that nothing shocks folks anymore," Charley Reese proves his own headline wrong by stringing together a litany of anti-Gay comments that is shocking indeed in its defamation and in that the Sentinel printed it.

His topic is negative reactions to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) continued ban on Gay men and boys participating in the organization. He writes that this reaction is wrong and is a sure indication of the decline of civilization. According to Reese, to push for the BSA to end its discrimination is to "cave in to the sodomite lobby and its politically correct allies who apparently believe that everything must be tolerated except decency."

In addition to the pejorative word "sodomite" being used throughout the article, Gay men are also linked to the National Man Boy Love Association, a group the overall Gay community does not support or endorse in any way, pagans, Nazis; and the old standby - pedophiles. "Although not all pedophiles are homosexual, a great many pedophiles are homosexual, and the Scouts have a responsibility to protect their young members," he writes. The facts are that the great majority of pedophiles are heterosexual men pursuing young girls. Most outrageous is when Reese uses necrophiles (people who like to have sex with dead bodies) seeking jobs at funeral homes as a comparison to Gay men and boys wanting to participate in BSA activities. The link is odious and can only be categorized as despicable.

GLAAD does not often Alert editorials and opinion pieces, but this example of defamation and vitriol cannot go without comment, especially because it has been picked up by King Features for syndication to multiple outlets.

Contact The Orlando Sentinel and King Features to express your concern about their lack of prudence. While continued coverage about the BSA is welcomed and necessary, attack pieces like this do nothing to further the debate and only generate fear and hatred toward Gay men.

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Denver Post Uncovers Domestic Violence: The Denver Post has been looking at family violence throughout the year. The Aug. 20 edition tackles the tough topic of domestic violence within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. In a three-article package piece starting on the front page, staff writer Kevin Simpson reports on the issue from many angles and includes interviews with experts from around the nation.

What is revealed is how often domestic violence between same-sex couples goes unreported or misreported, even though it appears at the same frequency, about one in four, as between opposite-sex couples. Simpson details how same-sex couples must often face such things as homophobia at law enforcement and social

agencies, and consider consequences of been identified as openly Gay or Lesbian. Simpson writes: "Violence tarnishes relationships of all types. But with Gay and Lesbian relationships, several factors - social, practical and political - conspired to stuff it into a closet within the closet." Because of these factors, most victims of same-sex domestic violence have little or no support services.

Simpson also covers how solving the issue is hampered not only by a lack of awareness by the overall population, but also by the LGBT community's desire to "not air its dirty laundry." Several experts offer explanations for this stance and also make suggestions on how to bring the issue to light so it can be solved.

While the articles have the potential to make some LGBT readers uncomfortable, by running them The Post is helping to start the dialogue toward obtaining equal rights and services for community members experiencing domestic violence. Simpson quotes Peter DiLeo, who works with Gay male batterers as a counselor with Abusive Men Exploring New Directions, an organization treating Gay and straight abusers. "[Gays] have been demonized in the past, have been told that these are doomed relationships. But now they're saying, 'We're going to ignore that, because it keeps us from helping ourselves.'"

The Post articles, along with an op-ed piece calling for increased understanding of the issue, are tools for beginning that help.

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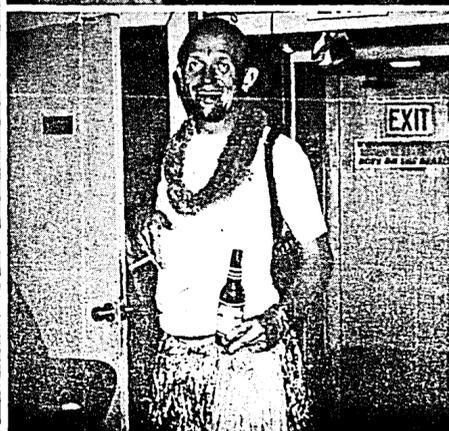
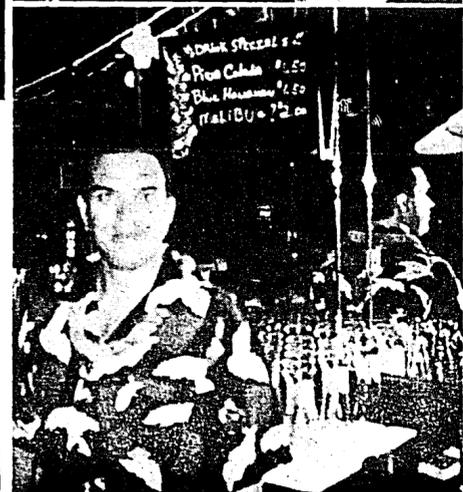
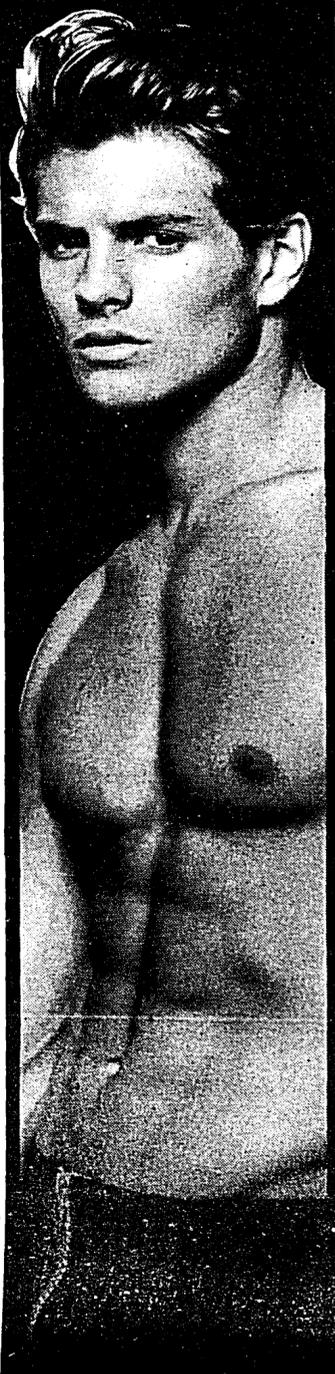
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Texas A&M President Drops GL Policy

COLLEGE STATION, TX (DT) - Jubilation quickly turned to anger and frustration among Gay student activists at Texas A&M University after President Ray M. Bowen did an about-face and rescinded a new clause in the 2000-2001 student rules that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

New rules listing sexual orientation as one of the protected categories covered by the anti-discrimination policy were posted on the student rules Web site Aug. 15. But Gay students had little time to savor their victory. Within 24 hours, the sexual-orientation clause was removed and the previous wording, which does not list protected groups, was reinserted.

"[Administrators] have made no attempt to explain what happened," said Jordan Davis, president of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Aggies and a junior English major. "We wanted a commitment in writing because all we have now is the slaveowner's word that he won't beat the slave, and, just as slaves don't trust the master, we don't trust the university."

Davis added that, while the university has taken steps to protect Gay students from harassment and discrimination, the reworded statement that Bowen removed would have created an official enforcement mechanism and compelled the university to foster a non-hostile environment for Gay students.

Amy Hinze, a senior sociology major, said the symbolic value of the rescinded clause was important.

"It is a great victory just to have sexual orientation recognized," she said. "That would have sent a very good message."

The reversal was prompted by a press release distributed by Gay student activists announcing the rule change, said Bill Kibler, associate vice president for student affairs.

"[The students'] immediate response was to claim this change meant something different than what it really meant," Kibler said. "What happened is not a change in policy but simply a rewording of the existing rule."

In Fall 1999, Bowen vetoed a proposal passed by the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate to specifically prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, citing the legal liability that would be placed on the university if it extended anti-discrimination protection to categories not covered by state and federal law.

The new clause was intended to clarify that the university rules do protect Gay students from harassment, including physical, sexual and emotional harassment, Kibler said.

"If, for example, a faculty member treats and grades a student differently just because that student is Gay, we can do something about that," Kibler said.

Bowen has deferred implementation of the reworded statement until there is sufficient understanding of what it actually means, Kibler said.

Davis defended the students' press release and said Bowen rescinded the rule change in retaliation for the media attention Gay students have brought to the issue.

"A lot of money is riding on the

fact that this is a bastion of racism, sexism and homophobia," he said. "A lot of parents send their kids here and alumni make donations to this University because of that image."

Davis also said that despite assurances from some administrators that they would continue to meet with Gay student leaders to hammer out an understanding, Bowen was quick to dismiss him and another student when they went to the president's office to schedule a meeting.

"Bowen came out, and, in a rather curt, hostile and unprofessional way, said there would not be any meetings," Davis said.

Bowen was unavailable for comment.

Navratilova Out Of U.S. Open

FLUSHING MEADOWS, NY (WS) - Martina Navratilova, out of retirement this summer to play doubles, had her US Open comeback spoiled Tuesday, September 5, as the No.-7 seeded team of Anke Huber and Barbara Schett shut the door in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, against the tennis great and her partner Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario on Louis Armstrong Stadium.

In other tennis news, it was standing room only on Court 10 in another rematch between Martina Navratilova and Anna Kournikova, this time in mixed doubles action Monday, September 4.

Playing with partner Max Mirnyi, Kournikova was looking to avenge her earlier loss to the veteran Navratilova in women's doubles. In a close three-setter, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, the No. 4-seeds Kournikova and Mirnyi cut short Navratilova's run in the mixed draw and move on to the quarter-finals.

Desert Voices Seeking Volunteers

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus, is seeking a pool of volunteers for their twelfth season Voices and Visions.

The chorus office is in search of day general office volunteers for a couple of hours per week, a bulk mailing coordinator, a volunteer ticketmaster and concessions volunteer coordinator. Please call the office for further information regarding any of these volunteer opportunities.

In addition, the chorus has received funding from the Stocker Foundation to support American Sign Language interpreters to become an integral part of the chorus. This paid, part-time position would involve interpreting chorus concerts and community performances. This grant award is the first time that Stocker Foundation has funded a Lesbian/Gay organization. "Interpreters provide such a vital asset to our organization and our community," states Artistic Director Keith A. Koster. "We are very happy to have received significant funding for this program. We're equally happy that Stocker saw the importance of choral work being ASL interpreted in our community."

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MTV Real World SF Cast Pays Tribute To Pedro Zamora

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In 1994, Judd Winick, a 22-year-old cartoonist from Long Island, was chosen to appear on MTV's "Real World, San Francisco." For six months, seven young people from diverse backgrounds would share the same house and be filmed almost continuously. Judd's roommate was Pedro Zamora, an AIDS educator who was about to teach Judd and millions of TV viewers about being Gay and HIV positive. When Pedro died that same year, Judd was devastated ... But, he was certain of one thing. Pedro Zamora had changed lives, and his work, advocating safer sex to teens and raising AIDS awareness, needed to continue.

Through the help of family and friends like Judd it has. Now, Judd Winick has chosen to tell the story of his and Pedro's unique friendship as only he could tell it, in both words and pictures. His new book, *Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned* (Henry Holt & Company), is an inspiring memoir, illustrated throughout with sequential art.

"The Real World" made Judd Winick, Pedro Zamora, and the other MTV housemates instant celebrities, immediately recognizable to millions of young teens and college students who were tuning into the program religiously every week. The lives and relationships of these MTV stars were being documented day-by-day, and hour-by-hour. The cameras were there when Pedro and Judd bonded in a life-changing friendship, when Judd began falling in love with housemate Pam Ling, and when Pedro married partner Sean Sasser in an on-air commitment ceremony. For Pedro, the series was the perfect opportunity to show the world that AIDS is not a

punishment for moral defects and that those afflicted with the disease can live, and love, nobly. Before his death, Pedro Zamora was honored with a phone call from President Clinton, thanking him for his work in helping raise AIDS awareness in America.

Yet, as large as Pedro's contribution was, the need for educating young teens about safer sex may be greater today than ever before. "The statistics," reminds Judd Winick, "show that 25% of all new infections are among teens, some of whom are contracting AIDS on their very first sexual encounters." It is his hope that the book will help to spread the word about the importance of condom use.

Pedro and Me is incredibly poignant, and Judd Winick is not only a talented cartoonist, but a talented storyteller as well, putting us wholly into pivotal moments along his own personal journey? About his feelings for Pedro, he says: "Pedro was like my little brother. It was my job to look out for him. At first, I did whatever I could to help deliver his message. Then I just didn't want him to die." About Pedro and Sean, he says: "I think the experience of watching two people fall in love is like seeing a snowfall. It's slow. It's lush. And when everything is covered, it all looks perfect." And on the necessity of educating kids about safe sex: "People don't talk truthfully to kids. They give them a lot of rhetoric. They think children can't handle things. They're wrong."

Pedro and Me is the inspiring story, in words and pictures, of a life-changing friendship ... It is a story, which will, once again, have resonance for millions of young people the world-over.

Newspaper Chain Cuts Funding To BSA

SAN JOSE, CA (WS) - In a quiet move last week, Knight Ridder's corporate office asked the local United Way affiliate, to no longer funnel any Knight Ridder donations to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The decision, made sometime in August but first publicized last week, came weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boy Scouts' right to expel a 30-year-old former Eagle Scout in New Jersey who was kicked out for being Gay. The court ruled 5-4 in June that the Scouts, as a private organization, has the right to decide its own membership.

The Supreme Court decision has prompted some companies, including Chase Manhattan Corp., and local governments with anti-discrimination policies to withdraw funding for the Scouts.

At Knight Ridder, an employee asked a publisher if the donation conflicted with Knight Ridder's own anti-discrimination policy. The publisher passed it along to the corporation's human-resources department, Knight Ridder spokesman Polk Laffoon said. He said the Boy Scouts' policy does conflict with the corporation's policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, so the company wrote United Way Silicon Valley asking that it not spend any of Knight Ridder's \$250,000 gift on the local Boy Scouts troops this year.

Other Knight Ridder entities were instructed that they can follow suit if they wish, although it is unclear whether any have done so, Laffoon said. "It is really symbolic more than anything else," he added. "The United Way can perfectly well put our money into other programs and then take money out of another fund for the

Boy Scouts. I don't know that this will hurt the Boy Scouts at all."

In Silicon Valley, the decision is a moot point anyway because the local United Way group recently decided to no longer fund the Boy Scouts, said United Way Silicon Valley President Greg Larson. The local troops, which received \$160,000 last year from United Way, could not sign the United Way's nondiscrimination policy this year, so their funding has been pulled.

That change occurred before the Supreme Court decision, Larson said. "We are glad that Knight Ridder and United Way Silicon Valley are in alignment in saying we cannot fund agencies that cannot adopt a policy of nondiscrimination," said Larson, who added that each local United Way chapter sets its own policies and decides who gets money. United Way chapters in Santa Cruz, Calif., San Francisco, and Boston also have stopped funding the Boy Scouts, he said.

Boy Scouts national spokesman Gregg Shields said it's too early to tell whether backlash from the Supreme Court decision will cause a significant problem for the group's financial picture. Large companies such as Merrill Lynch are reviewing their support of the organization.

Still, Shields noted that the Boy Scouts' practice of excluding Gays has been well-known for decades and that many other companies and individuals have dropped support over the years. "By and large we've seen an increased support for the Boy Scouts [anyway]," Shields said. "We've had the best recruiting years we've

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The Newest G/L Mecca?

DES MOINES, IA (DMR) - Des Moines' east downtown has become something of a haven for Gay people. With four Gay bars, the area is a hub for the Gay population in Des Moines. In the blocks just east of the Des Moines River, individuality reigns and sexual orientation is not important, bar owners say.

front door and let people out the back when they closed up for the night," said Dally's owner Betty Thielen, who said verbal harassment was the most common problem. "For the most part, it's always been a safe neighborhood." Sgt. Dave Brown of the vice/narcotics unit of the Des Moines Police Department said the east side is relatively safe.

"We cater to a niche population that has no particular area to go to," said Bryan Smith, manager of the Blazing Saddle. "When people come here, they can be themselves. That's why we're here. You don't have to hide when you leave the house. You can enjoy who you are and who you're with and not be afraid of the consequence."

"I can only remember one occasion, possibly two, where we've been called there," Brown said of the east-side bars. "For the most part, they try to run a pretty good program. Any problems we might have seen have been minor."

Owners and managers of the city's Gay bars say it's no coincidence that The Garden, Blazing Saddle, Dally's Pub and Faces are in the same neighborhood. In cities such as Chicago, Kansas City or San Francisco, Gay entertainment areas are common.

All the bars offer some form of entertainment, such as live music, drag shows or comedy. Many hold teen-oriented programs, opening their bars to minors for alcohol-free programs. Many bar owners cite fund-raisers and community service projects as important aspects of the community. The efforts benefit such organizations as the All Iowa AIDS Project, Heros and the Central Iowa Food Pantry.

"I think they're concentrated because they create a sense of safety, and you can't find that in many other places in Des Moines," said Liz Quinn-Starr, a female impersonator and show director for Dally's Pub, 430 E. Locust St. "We're close in proximity to the other bars, and that lets our clientele walk from bar to bar to bar."

"Community service is really one of the most important things we do here," said Gary Moore, a bartender at the Blazing Saddle. "I think we have to continue to support the Gay community. That's the only way we can grow." Many bar employees suggest that even though they provide a much-needed resource, Des Moines is not completely Gay-friendly.

Gay bars aren't new to Des Moines. The Garden and Blazing Saddle have been around for nearly 20 years. Nearby businesses say their existence adds welcome diversity to the neighborhood. "They're good neighbors and very active," said Christine Paskins, who owns a business across the street from Faces and is president of the East Village Neighborhood and Merchants Association. "I've been here since 1984. (Bar patrons and employees) have always frequented my business, and they help out any time I need anything in the neighborhood."

"I would like to see more Gay-owned and Gay-friendly businesses," Quinn-Starr said. "The Gay and Lesbian dollar is a mighty dollar. The money we have is expendable. Businesses shouldn't forget that. "We're here, we're queer and we aren't going anywhere."

Scott Neasham, owner of The Garden, said the shift to the east side came after "a cleanup of the Court Avenue area" encouraged bar owners to move east of the river. "This area was safer for us," he said. "We've had few problems here. They added new lighting all around our building, and the police department is just down the street."

Dally's Pub opened three years ago. Its only problems were with a neighboring bar, the Hot Spot, which brought in a sometimes rambunctious crowd until it closed last winter. "I've had to lock the

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- ▶ HPV is a viral infection that is contracted by skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.
- ▶ Condoms do not protect against HPV infection but they reduce the risk of HPV infection.
- ▶ Up to 1 in 10 Americans has a genital HPV.
- ▶ The incubation period for genital warts is from 2-3 months to several years.

HEPATITIS A/B FACTS

- ▶ Both have vaccines that can prevent you from becoming ill.
- ▶ Hepatitis A is one shot, Hepatitis B is a series of three shots.
- ▶ There is no medical treatment for either virus.
- ▶ Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV.
- ▶ Hepatitis A & B has no cure.
- ▶ Symptoms of both include general fatigue, nausea, dark colored urine and jaundice (yellowing of skin or whites of eyes).
- ▶ Hepatitis A is transmitted by using utensils, plates or glasses that have been handled by an infected person as well as by infected feces that get in the mouth through rimming, fingers or the penis.
- ▶ Engaging in unprotected vaginal, oral or anal sex with an infected partner transmits Hepatitis B. You can also become infected by using items like razors or toothbrushes or by sharing needles such as tattooing, steroid shots or piercing.
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THE TROLLS

GO IN GOOD HEALTH

BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week I want to discuss some aspects of Chinese herbalism. This is a system of healing that goes back over five thousand years, and has begun to be researched rather intensely by Western medicine, as it's healing effects are time-honored and profound. We are beginning to see more and more of an influx of these remedies into Western medicine.

There are some herbs that are well-known by now, such as Astragalus, which acts as a strong immune booster. This herb helps to give you energy. This herb, known in Chinese as Huang Qi, is a warming tonic increasing stamina and endurance, improving resistance. It is often combined with other herbs as a blood tonic. This is according to the Encyclopedia of Medicinal Plants by Andrew Chevallier.

This herb is also good for excessive sweating, it is also helpful in both relieving fluid retention and reducing thirstiness. This herb is useful for viral infections such as the common cold, but not an herb for acute illness.

Ginseng (Ren Shen) is perhaps the best known of the Chinese healing herbs. This one is an adaptogenic, which helps the body to adapt to stress and is very energizing. This herb increases immune function, resistance to infection, and it also supports liver function.

Studies have shown that Ginseng significantly improves the body's ability to endure stresses such as hunger, extremes of temperature, and also mental and emotional stresses. It also produces a sedative effect when the body requires sleep.

There are many other Chinese herbs, and some are being shown to have a wonderful healing effect on AIDS patients. The Chinese system focuses on maintaining good health, whereas Western herbalism is more into fighting various diseases with certain herbs. So the Chinese would prefer the method of taking an herb that maintains good health, which would help to prevent sickness, and re-energize the body, while a Western herbalist would focus on healing a particular ailment with certain herbs. Both methods are valid. The Chinese also use an elemental system, with herbs ruled by Fire, Wood, Metal, Water, and such. They also focus on 'hot' and 'cold' conditions of the body, and help to balance the system by restoring the proper function of internal organs.

In a sense Chinese herbalism is a toning, a balancing of the body's elemental energies, and the western traditions are a system of using herbs that have been known to fight certain ailments, like milk thistle

for liver trouble, pau d'arco for candida, dandelion to help the kidneys, and so forth. There is a vast array of Chinese herbs.

There are also some good books on the subject available. I did a web search on Chinese Herbalism, and there are a variety of webpages that are devoted to the subject, far more than I had time to look at in one sitting. Read up on the subject, and consult knowledgeable people at health food stores for more. Chinese remedies are becoming more and more popular. Look into it. You will be glad you did. Goddess bless. Til next Time, Go in Good health. More herbs next time!

[Andrew Brooks can be reached at paganbear30@hotmail.com.]

Bank One To Offer DP Benefits

CHICAGO, IL (WS) - Bank One announced that it will begin offering its employees domestic-partner benefits effective January 1.

The benefits will be available to the partners and children of both Gay and straight employees. Bank One employs more than 82,600 people. "It's simply the right thing to do," said Jamie Dimon, chairman of the company. "If you are going to build a meritocracy, you have to put your money where your mouth is and take action. We're not trendsetters, certainly. Sometimes corporate America has to be dragged by its nose."

To date, at least 103 Fortune 500 companies offer domestic-partner benefits, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Gay advocacy group Human Rights Campaign.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

NOW PLAYING

Borderlands Theater is presenting "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)". Borderlands is in residency at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts and is presenting this side-splitting comedy by the reduced Shakespeare Company. Catch the wit and beauty of Bard now through Thursday Sept. 17 at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Road. For reservations call 882-7406.

OPENING

Arizona Theatre Company Presents "Art" winner of the 1998 Tony Award for best play Sept. 8 thru 30. Temple of Music and Arts, 330 S. Scott Ave. 622-2823

UA Presents "Cabaret" winner 1998 of four Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival. Sept. 10-24 at UA Centennial Hall. 621-3341

COMING

Invisible Theatre Presents Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly" Sept. 19 through Oct. 8. 1400 N. First Ave. 882-9721

ARIZONA OPERA - The Barber of Seville October 6-7-8 TCC Music Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join the Bears for java and talk. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host another Hearts Night with the men of MSN. This fun, but vicious, game is easy to learn and quite addictive. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

7:30 PM, Bears of the Old Pueblo General Meeting and potluck. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the company of more than a few good men. A great way to meet the guys and see what the club is all about. Call the Bear Line 520-327-1620 or visit our web site at www.botop.com for all the details on location and directions.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Salt River Rafting with the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Meet at the Venture-n (1239 N. 6th Ave.) at 8:AM. Expect to pay \$10.00 for tube rental a ride down to the river. For all the details contact the Bear Line at 520-327-1620 or see us at www.botop.com

9:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast at the Good Egg (Garden Room) 4775 E. Grant, Crossroads Shopping Center (NE corner Grant & Swan). Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more info.

Gay and Lesbian Movie Night in the Mesquite Room at St. Philips Episcopal Church (Northeast corner of River Road and Campbell). Films are "Alive and Kicking" 4:00 p.m.; "Fire" 6:00 p.m. and "Trick" at 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 donation accepted to benefit AZAPA and Wingspan. For more information call David at 323-7943.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Art and Jeff host a day devoted to the true couch potato: they'll serve you a baked potato with all sorts of toppings, then show Keanu Reeves' "My Own Private Idaho". Space is limited, so call quickly if you're interested. For directions (in Vaill) and reservations, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for some "Music Under the Stars" as a group of guys goes to Reid Park to listen to the Symphony. It's a very enjoyable evening-and the price is right (free!). For directions on where to meet, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

The men's Massage Group Celebration meets today at 6:00 p.m. Call for information. It will be a lot of fun. The group meets on every 3rd Sunday of each month. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary. This is a great place to meet new friends, other men and relax through the medium of laymans massage. Non-sexual. Call Marc in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Centrally located. Small fee.

4:PM, A Fiesta 2001 planning meeting for the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Attendance is open to all who wish to contribute to making our premier event better every year. Please plan on attending. Call the Bear Line at 520-327-1620, or www.botop.com for all the facts.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call John at 743-8138.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join the Bears for java and talk. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Prime Timers Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Bietro Zin, 1865 E. River Road (Joester Village, NW corner River and Campbell) Call Sylvan 747-5669

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

IBT'S - 'Puttin' On The Lips' lipsinc contest 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Bunny FuFu. \$50 prize for first place.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

IBT'S - It's the regular Sunday arty line-up starting at 11:00 a.m. with bloody Marys, Karaoke and Bar-B-Que /16oz Beer Bust. PFLAG is recipient of this week's BBQ/Bust. Then at 9:30 p.m. its a big Wet Shorts Contest with the biggest winning prize of the summer - \$150.00 !!!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show with Ajia Simone, Mr./ Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels and Jené Starr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo 3-7pm Beer Bust and Chili Feed at the Venture-N (1239 N. 6th Ave. 882-8224) \$1.50 pitcher drafts and soda, 50¢ mugs and of course famous chili for only \$1.00 a bowl. Proceeds and tips benefit our community while a good time with the Bears is just a bonus.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo 5-7 PM Burgers are back at The Venture-N (1239 N 6th 520-882-8224) Come on down at grab a burger with the Bears and check out the new grill. Suggested donation is \$2.00 with proceeds benefitting our community.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:PM Dinner Night with the Bears of the Old Pueblo at Ba Dar (7321 E. Broadway 520-296-8888) It is Chinese food this time, all are welcome to attend this very popular monthly event. Questions call us at the Bear line at 520-327-1620 or visit the web site at www.botop.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, September 14 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Salud es Poder presents Miss Gay Hispanidad -Tucson Millennium 2000 Pageant. It takes place at the Clarion Hotel Santa Rita, downtown at 88 East Broadway.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join the Bears for java and talk. All are welcome to attend.

Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Baranes & Noble on Broadway. This group meets every third Wednesday of the month. This meeting the group will be reading "Like People In History" by Felice Picana. Newcomers are especially welcome.

FRI - SAT - SUN, SEPTEMBER 22-23-24

Bears of the Old Pueblo Carr Canyon Camp Out. A weekend in the cool mountain air with those guys who can always be found in the woods. All are welcome to join the Bears for this event. Call the Bear line for all the details you will need for this week-end long event or see us on the web at www.botop.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Boys Life 2"-a series of shorts about young, gay men. The last 2 shorts are the best. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Marcus and Ed host a day of lawn games. Join them for Bocce Ball, Croquet, or Horse Shoes. For reservations and directions, please call Ed or Marcus at 407-0938.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.
IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free food 8:30pm til 7. Digital karaoke surround system in the bar 9pm-1am. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ David Z playing top 40 high energy music. Popcorn, steaming buns & hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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

STONEWALL - Open noon. All well drinks \$1.75 till 8pm. Pool Tournament, pot matched. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ James (The Wizard). Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 till 8pm. Pool Tournament, pot matched. Dance Club opens 9pm featuring Latino night with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Digital karaoke surround system (in the bar) 9pm - 1am. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo featuring high energy dance music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 8-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance club opens at 9pm with DJ James (The Wizard) playing Country/Western music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

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

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance Club open 5pm with DJ James (The Wizard) playing Country/Western til 9pm. Then at 9pm, it's High energy dance music with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance club opens at 5pm with DJ James (The Wizard) playing Country/Western til 9pm. Then at 9pm, it's DJ David Z. and his high energy dance music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.



Germans Government Says 'Treat Gays As Equals' in Military

BERLIN, Germany (WS) - The German government said that homosexuality is no reason to reduce a soldier's status or limit his responsibility.

The issue had arisen in the case of an officer who was reassigned from platoon leader to an office job after a background check revealed he is Gay. He filed suit in Germany's constitutional court last year against the move, and in April the defense ministry said he would be reinstated as platoon leader.

In a response to a question by the parliament faction of the Party of Democratic Socialism, the government reaffirmed that homosexuality is no "separate entry criterion" for military service.

The defense ministry will also make it clear in army regulations the consequences of discrimination based on sexual orientation and offer advice for leaders in a brochure dealing with Gay troops in the army.

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had since the baby boomers." The organization's annual budget is over \$100 million.

Shields said he's unsure whether this decision by a media corporation might open the company up to charges of bias in the editorial content of its newspapers. Laffoon dismissed such an idea, noting that this was merely a matter of "staying consistent with our philosophy on diversity and proper treatment of all people."

The decision by Knight Ridder was applauded by Gay employees, including Miami Herald columnist Steve Rothaus, who writes on Gay issues. Newsroom staffers weren't directly informed of the move, but Rothaus said he's "not surprised only because the company has treated Gay and Lesbian employees really well."

Rothaus, too, is unconcerned about the possible accusations of bias. "It's not a political decision as much as a corporate decision," Rothaus said. "The company's got the right to contribute to whichever organizations the company sees fit. It's the company's money and thus, it's our money."



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Perspective

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President Clinton's first-term appointees, Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, for example, were in the 5-4 majority opposing a ban on partial-birth abortions. Ginsburg's predecessor, Byron White, almost certainly would have voted in favor of the ban. No wonder, then, that the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League has advanced a new slogan for the fall: "It's the Supreme Court, stupid."

Abortion is not the only issue that would be affected by new appointments. Filling the court with more justices such as Scalia and Thomas, liberals warn, would mean a swift end to affirmative action (already on the ropes), campaign finance reform, environmental protection in the courts and the separation of church and state; "a radical shift in key areas of American law," warns Ralph Neas of People for the American Way in a detailed report on the issue.

So yes, the future of the Supreme Court ought to be high on the list of factors that voters should weigh when deciding their presidential pick in November. The change of one justice, one vote, can make a difference - depending, that is, on who is leaving the court and who names the replacement.

A footnote: No matter who is elected, it seems fairly certain that if there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court, for the first time a Hispanic-American will be nominated, or at least seriously considered. The stock of one potential nominee, Connecticut federal appeals judge Jose Cabranes, rose with the selection of Joseph Lieberman, a longtime friend and supporter, as Gore's running mate. High on Bush's list would probably be Texas federal appeals judge Emilio Garza, as well as several Hispanic state judges Bush has appointed.

Carlos Ortiz of the Hispanic National Bar Association, who has lobbied patiently for the nomination of a Hispanic to the Supreme Court for more than a decade, says, "It is impossible to imagine that the next nominee will not be a Hispanic, no matter who is elected president. We have waited too long."

[Tony Mauro, Supreme Court correspondent for Legal Times and American Lawyer Media, is the author of a new book, *Illustrated Great Decisions of the Supreme Court*. He is a member of USA Today's board of Contributors from which this article is reprinted.]

San Francisco

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is gone, totally lost. What's left is a little commercial district in an over-priced residential neighborhood."

That may be overstating it. "Gays will always converge here," says Keith, who declined to give his last name. "It's lost quite a bit of its character, but it will always be a mecca."

Jim Van Buskirk, curator of the city library's Hornel Gay and Lesbian Center and co-author of *Gay by the Bay*, says the changes buffeting the Castro are inevitable and can't be legislated away

"It's always the economy and the market that drives it," he says. "So it seems artificial to say, 'OK let's lock into this one golden moment.'"

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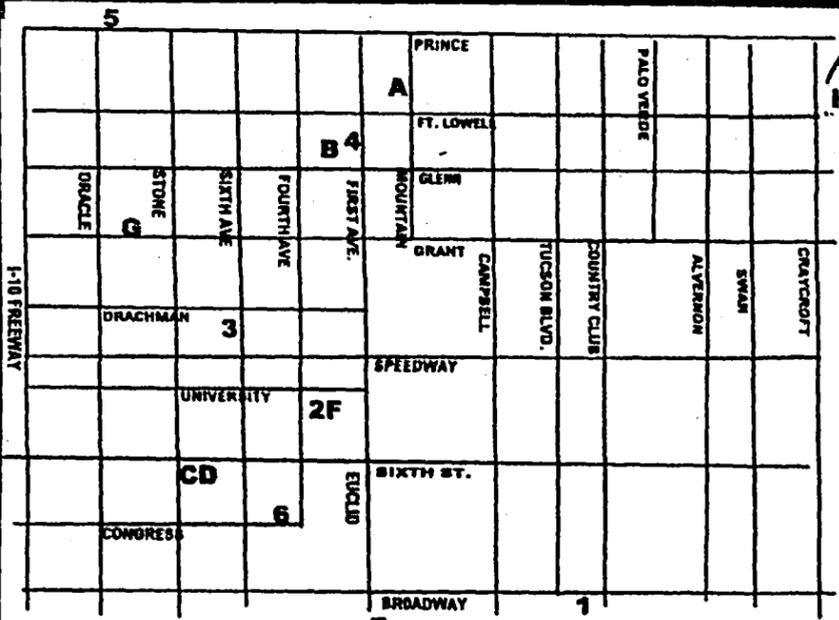
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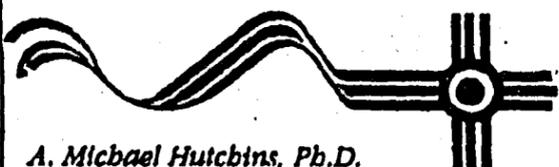
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COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holliman 529-7542 for more info.

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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