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HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The holiday spirit is upon us and many events are scheduled which will make the season all the merrier. Tonight (Wednesday Dec. 15) at 9:00 Stonewall/Back Pocket is having their annual snowman building contest which has always been great fun. Don Seward is having a ton of snow delivered from Mt. Lemon to his parking lot. Teams will be formed and the fun begins. Be sure to bring any materials that will help dress up your snowman. We might caution the contestants to wear gloves to guard against frostbite.

On Friday, Dec. 17, Lucky Pierre's will have their annual tree trimming party. There will be a free buffet beginning at 7:00. Go-go starts later. Everyone is urged to come by and help decorate the tree.

Monday, Dec. 20, Stonewall/Back Pocket's biggest holiday event comes about. It is their annual hayride and caroling party. Those who are going to participate should assemble at the Stonewall at 8:00. A 24 foot long truck loaded with hay, will leave their parking lot for a tour of the bars, picking up anyone else who wishes to come along and join in on the caroling. They will arrive at Dale's Graduate at approximately 9:00, Jekyll's and Hyde's at 9:15 and Lucky Pierre's at 9:30 then they will go to Winterhaven (Tucson's fantastic neighborhood that really gets into

Christmas decorations) to view the lights and decorations and some caroling, then down Fourth Avenue then back to the respective bars to drop off those who joined in the ride. Printed words to the most popular carols will be provided so bring along a flashlight, warm clothes, and don't forget your thermos bottles to keep your favorite drink cold or six packs. The entire tour takes about an hour and a half. This is really a great time and fun experience.

Tiz the season to be jolly so get in the spirit of things and join these celebrations.





LETTER
TO THE
EDITOR

Dear Editor

I think its about time the gay community of Tucson woke up from this dream it is living in and once again experience the selection of social life available in Tucson. Our town is lucky to have a wide selection of gay bars to choose from, yet for some unknown reason fail to take advantage of all that is offered. In any copy of the Tucson Gay News one can look over the gay calendar and clearly see all the specials available throughout the week. Our community cannot operate on the overextended use of one bar. It is not a healthy atmosphere, nor is it beneficial to the growth of the gay community if one bar becomes known as THE PLACE TO GO!!! Go ahead-take a good look at the weekly calander and see which bars have a cover and the ones that don't. Notice how some of the bars always have drink specials during the week while others don't. With all this to choose from I can not see why people refuse to circulate amongst all the gay bars in Tucson.

Let all think back a few years when the gay community of Tucson was just starting to grow. The Graduate was there to offer a warm close atmosphere with drink specials throughout the week and a Free meal every Sunday. The Stonewall was there offering music, 5 cent beer bust, after

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hours Fridays and Saturdays, (and occasionally Wednesdays) carnivals (which provided lots of fun and games), hay rides every Christmas season and most important, people who cared for the gay community - not just people looking for the buck, because many of the social events provided made no money at all and generally the establishments wound up losing money. Why then were all these events continued year after year?

To give the gay community the best selection of entertainment it deserved and needed!!!

I try to go to all the bars here in Tucson but find myself returning more often to the bar which offers good prices, fantastic people, good music and most important, a place where the owner and employees know my name and respect me as a person and not just as a contributor to next months rent!!!

Michael Passante

ED: Thank you Mike for an excellent letter.

FOOD DRIVE

Tonight is the last of the bar nights in the MCC-GCS food drive. Please join us at the Back Pocket. We will continue to collect all the food the gay community is able to contribute until Dec 22d. Food can be left at any of the bars or the GCS office. Call 622-2324 for information and pick-up.

BACK POCKET Wednesday Dec. 15

"DRINK PRICES"

One 16oz can of food-1 draft beer
Two "(or equivalent)-1 bottle beer
Three "(smaller cans)-1 well drink
Four "(or dry food)-1 call drink

DID YOU KNOW?

- ...The lovely Laverne and Flo will be serving drinks at Jekyll's from 9 to 12 tomorrow night Dec. 16th?
- ...Polly and Dave of Hair Tiz finally received their license? Watch for their Grand opening in January.
- ...Lucky Pierre's has Go-Go boys every Friday and Saturday from 10 to 12?
- ...H & L, Tucson's newest Gay bar on the eastside, stands for Hard and Long, which is the way it should be.
- ...Steve from the Graduate is off on a 3 week holiday vacation to Hawaii?
- ...Phil is filling in for the vacationing bartenders? Good to see you back at the Back Pocket.
- ...Mel's Yugoslavian Stuffed Cabbage was just possibly the best dinner served at Lucky Pierre's yet?
- ...Mark and Neil of Jekyll's are celebrating their first semi-annual anniversary?
- ...Xavier Almada is leaving for his home in Mexico to spend the Xmas holidays?
- ...Graduate Gary Gary going to the snow country in Boston for Xmas?
- ...Bill Baker of Lucky Pierre's has added home fries to the Sunday brunch?
- ...Big George of Jekyll's used to be a truck driver?
- ...Fernando O. is back to Baseball?
- ...George Rederus was caught drinking water at the Back Pocket?
- ...Barney R. is no longer in the car leasing business?
- ...John Larabee in town from Boston for a visit?
- ...Tom Schelling did not remember the spaghetti dinner last Thursday?
- ...No other bartender in town can afford a three week trip to Hawaii?
- ...Big George caught cruising Speedway in the middle of the day?

NEW BAR OPENS

Those of you on the Eastside, or the Westside for that matter, will be happy to know that another establishment has opened it's doors to the Gay bar crowd. H & L Friendly Bar, 1906 S. Graycroft opens every day at 8:30 except Sundays when opening is at noon. At present, Jim and Rusty are able to serve beer and wine only, with promises of more later. Happy Hours 7 days a week from 4 to 6 p.m. and every Wednesday is Happy Day from 4 in the afternoon until closing, draft beer is 25c, bottle beer 40c, large pitcher \$1.50 and a small pitcher 75c. H&L is very close to Davis-Monahan and they do get a lot of Airman customers. Some of these may not be Gay so be discreet when you go on your maneuvers. On Graycroft just south of 29th Street you will find it to be a nice, congenial place. Stop in and say hello to Jim and Rusty.

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS

DAY

John Richtars of Lucky Pierre's advises that he is employing two professional cooks for a feast on Christmas day. Meal will consist of a choice of rack of lamb, turkey or ham with absolutely all the trimmings imaginable. If you haven't plans for Christmas Dinner don't miss this one. Also Hair Tiz will be featuring 5c egg nog from 10 am to 12.

Remember well and bear in mind,
A true friend is hard to find.
And when you find one good and true,
Change not the old one for the new.

...Don

ADVERTISING RATES

The Tucson Gay Newsletter keeps growing and requests for advertising space has started coming in from all over the State. To accommodate these requests, and to keep T.G.N. growing, the editors have decided to accept display advertising of photo-ready copy at the following rates:

- 1/4 page, 3"x4", \$7.50
- 1/2 page, 4"x6", \$12.50
- Full page, 6"x8", \$20.00

Please contact the editors of T.G.N. for more details.

We will, of course, continue our classified section at the following rates:

- 4 lines, each issue, \$1.00.
- Business cards: \$2.50 per issue, \$7.50 for 4 issues
- No copy changes can be accepted on business card adds.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$7.50 for 6 months covers the cost of mailing and handling. The Newsletter is free.

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HAVE FINISHED IT?

EDITORIAL

The press release reprinted

on the opposite page has been sent, via Western

Union to the news departments of NBC,

CBS and ABC as well as Associated

Press and United Press. Copies have

been sent to The Advocate, Bay Area

Reporter, National Gay Task Force,

editors of the Tucson Star-Citizen,

and Arizona Republic in Phoenix among

others. We are not seeking publicity,

but we want people to know of our outrage.

The upcoming John Adamson trial will receive national press coverage because Don Holles was a newspaper reporter. We do not know

whether Adamson is guilty or not, nor are we trying to pass judgement on this case.

Our only point, and one that we want the national press to be aware of, is that Judge Birdsall just released, on probation, four young men whom we all know did commit murder. What gives? We cannot sit idly by and allow such a miscarriage of justice to go by unnoticed

We note that Don Holles

was not gay, but if he were, we are pretty sure what the verdict would be.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Arizona's system of Justice will surely be put to the test when it was announced that Judge Ben C. Birdsall will be the trial judge in the murder case of John Adamson charged in the car-bombing death of Arizona Republic reporter Don Holles. This is the same Judge Ben C. Birdsall who only last month ruled probation for four juveniles for the murder of Richard Heekin outside of a Gay bar last June. We can only speculate that the reason Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Robert Droomfield, on a change of venue, transferred the Adamson trial to Pima County Judge Birdsall's court was to vindicate Birdsall's poor judgement resulting from the Heekin trial.

We sincerely question the competency of a man who shows so little concern for human life that he would allow four persons who did, in fact, participate in a murder back out on the streets with only the warning that they should finish school and not drink until they are of age. We question the competency of this Judge when he allowed the original charge of murder in the Heekin slaying to be changed to Involuntary Manslaughter. We question the competency of this same judge to sit in judgement of any murder trial and especially on of such national scope as Adamson-Holles.

Judge Birdsall said that he foresees no difficulties in handling this Adamson trial, but we as concerned members of the Tucson Gay Community certainly do.

GAY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - DEC 15

HAIR-TIZ - Wasted Wednesday Beer Bust - 25¢ draft, 50¢ well - 6pm to 1am

STONEWALL-BACK POCKET - Beer Bust & Disco

Food Drive - 8pm to 11pm
Snowman Building Contest - Backlot - 9pm

P.S. CLUB - After-hours, FREE BEER dancing, movies, etc...

H & L BAR - Happy Day Beer Bust - 25¢ draft, 75¢ pitcher - 4pm to 1

THURSDAY - DEC 16

BACK POCKET - Spaghetti, 25¢-all you can eat -9pm. At 10pm two-bit whore nite, 2nd drink 25¢

GRADUATE - Beer Bust - 50¢ well

LUCKY PIERRE - Beer Bust - 50¢ well 8pm to closing

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - DEC 17 & 18

JEKYLL'S & HYDES - Disco \$1 cover

STONEWALL-BACK POCKET - Disco in the Wall - No cover - Watch for surprise Xmas nite Sat

P.S. CLUB - After Hours, Live Disco
BACK DOOR BATHS - Open 24 hours, both nites

LUCKY PIERRE - Fri only - Big Tree

Trimming party - Free
Buffet - 7:30 till??
Also every Fri. & Sat
GO GO Boys 10-12 (New)

SUNDAY - DEC 19

BACK POCKET - Steak Dinner \$1.75 from 5 to 7pm - Bare Chest nite drinks 1/2 price 10pm

GRADUATE - Beer Bust 3 to 6 - \$1
Big Mamma sings - 9pm

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GCS

Gay Community Services of Tucson is proud to announce the opening of its new office Tuesday December 21st at 6:00 p.m. The office will be located at 627 N. 7th Avenue and it will be open from 9:00 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. The telephone number remains the same, 622-2324.

We need help of two kinds to complete the move. First, GCS is a 100% volunteer agency, but we do need to pay basic operating expenses on a regular basis, including rent and utility deposits, to stay in business and continue to expand our services to the Community. Please donate what you can afford. We promise service to the Community in return. Our current need for cash is acute. If anyone you know would be willing to consider a 90 day cash loan to GCS, please contact Norman Bloss at 622-2324.

The second kind of help we need is labor to clean, paint, repair and move. If you can give us some time this week or next, call Doc at 622-2324.

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Due to the lack of questions to Mark and Ken, we did

not receive any column from them this week. We urge each of you to talk to these gentlemen when you see them in the bars. They are really great guys.

We have been asked some questions concerning them and we will list a few here in hopes they will respond to us next issue. 1. What do your fellow officers think of your gay bar beat? 2. What do your friends think or do they know? 3. Is it against the law to be in a public establishment without any identification?

MCC

Activities for the month of December: Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 8 PM at the Truth Chapel. We are now blessed once again. We now have a choir being organized for special music at the Christmas Eve service along with other special music.

Christmas Day will be celebrated at the home of Ben and Ann Corbin of MCC. Time 10 AM-?. An open house, open to the people of our community. For further information/directions call Ben or Ann at 297-2909 or the MCC at 748-8699.

The women of MCC have held their 2nd very productive meeting. It has been decided because of some of the goals that we will call the group "Angels of Mercy". No comments folks because if God doesn't get you, I will. (Smile.)

MCC now has a telephone answering device so that the people can leave messages when no one is home. We are adding this service because all of us at MCC are concerned about our people- so don't hang up. Remember that MCC is a community service available to you 24 hours a day, to serve your needs no matter how large or small.

Yours to serve in Christ
"Buff" Fisher

HELP

A close relative of Carolyn "Big Mama" Duncan has had a very serious operation and will be in the hospital for several months. She has three children 7, 10 and 11. This family is in desperate straits and it looks like it is going to be a sad Christmas. If any of you would like to donate food, clothes, toys or money, please contact Mitch at the Graduate this Friday. Your help will really be appreciated.

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