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EMPEROR of TUCSON Archives CONTEST

The Emperor of Tucson contest and the Royal Investiture to the Imperial Court of the Empire of Tucson, Arizona will be held Monday, January 31st from 9:30 to Midnight at Jekyll's and Hyde's.

The principle reason for this early announcement is that entrants for the contest must file their intention along with a \$10 entry fee no later than January 15th at Jekyll's. Emperor V Terry of San Diego will crown the new Tucson Emperor.

Empress IV Nicole will also be in attendance. The new Emperor will receive \$100 grand prize and a trophy. The selection of the Emperor will be by vote of judges which will count 40% toward election and by popular vote counting 60%.

According to Bud Sherriack, this new Imperial Court is recognized by the Imperial Council of Courts of California of which Empress IV Nicole of San Diego is Chairperson. Last October 30th Empress I Cicely of Tucson was duly elected and crowned by Empress IV Nicole before a crowd of over 600 at Jekyll's.

The titles and offices of the Emperor and Empress are two different things.

The "Titles" are strictly a camp and are very social. The "Offices" are used as a catalyst to raise funds to benefit the Gay Community and act as one of the Community's spokesmen and public relations men. After their

election for a one year period, the Emperor and Empress establish their "Court" which assists them in their official duties. The Imperial Council of Courts acts as the governing body of Emperors and Empresses within Southern California and cooperates with other established courts in the Western United States.

In any event, this Royal Investiture at Jekyll's on the 31st gets underway at

Happy Hour from 4 to 7 with two drinks for the price of one. All the spaghetti you can eat for \$1 from 6 to 8. The Royal ceremonies begin at 9:30. We urge you to get there early so you can properly view the spectacle. Don't forget that those of you who plan to enter the contest must file with your \$10 entry fee at Jekyll's no later than January 15th which leaves about 15 days for your campaigning. Lots of luck!



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reckoned with, the secrecy of the voting booth is a proper place to make our showing.

We are not going to support any of the more popular candidates who will make a large showing of votes in any event, but rather are choosing a man who has talked with us and has promised to represent the entire population of Tucson, and is a respecter of all minority groups. We are calling upon everyone to endorse and vote for the election to City Council from Ward 6 Mr. Thomas W. Walsh.

Although none of the candidates we talked to, including Mr. Walsh, would come out in support of any particular Gay cause, Mr. Walsh does have an attitude that we, as a Gay Community, have every right to be a part of society as does everyone else. Tom Walsh is certainly a dark horse candidate mainly because his campaign funds were nil compared to his big business opposition. Walsh has been endorsed by the Police and Fireman's Association as well as the Labor Council. He has been a Tucson resident for the past 23 years, is in real estate, and is familiar with the problems of city government.

We feel that we need a spokesman on our Council who is sympathetic to the needs and wants of the little man. You do not have to live in Ward 6 to vote for Mr. Walsh. Vote for any other candidate of your choice, but let us take this opportunity to show that we do have some solidarity, strength and effectiveness in choosing a voice to represent us as a minority group on our City Council. We urge the entire Gay Community who is properly registered, whether in the closet or out, to vote on January 18th and support Thomas W. Walsh.

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MCC

Last Sunday, M.C.C., Tucson held their monthly business meeting, combined with the birthday celebrations for those born in January.

Effective January 19, M.C.C. will hold regular office hours each weekday from 9am to 5pm. Feel free to just drop in and visit. The address is 5350 E Andrew St., or call the church phone, 748-8699. The only time that I will not be available at those hours is in an emergency. The phone is in operation 24 hours for needs that may arise. The answering device will be turned on only when it is absolutely necessary. Counseling, such as peer counseling and alcoholic counseling is available.

Coming up will be a spaghetti dinner, garlic bread, salad, etc. The dinner will be a combination fund raiser (Churches have bills to pay too) and Valentine's Party to be held at the Ball-Ritz from 4pm - 10pm Saturday February 12. More details in the next issue of T.G.N.

GCS

We are looking forward to 1977 because 1976 was a very successful year for G.C.S. Communication was and is our first goal and G.C.S. community meetings have featured discussions with the Pima County Health department, Tucson Free Clinic, Tucson Police Department and several other community agencies.

Members of the G.C.S. Board of trustees have conducted classes and staff meetings at the U of A, Southern Arizona Mental Health, and the Free Clinic.

(G.C.S. Continued)

G.C.S. is a member of the Community Food Bank and is listed as a cooperating Community Service Agency by The United Way's information and referral services, by A.C.L.U., the Rape Crisis Center, the Suicide Prevention Center, and all the mental health facilities and hospital emergency rooms. G.C.S. is listed in the new edition of the Tucson People's Yellow Pages and the Chamber of Commerce Speaker's Guide.

Since the G.C.S. office opened, October 4, 1976, the G.C.S. Board and office volunteers have been busy answering an average of 20 calls per day answering questions ranging from "What's happening in the bars tonight?" to "Can someone come and talk to me? Right now!"

We helped people get emergency food supplies and qualify for food stamps, provided short-term peer counseling to about 30 people and long-term counseling to 5 people. We have had counseling referrals from all 3 mental health centers. We have helped qualify for and receive services from the Legal Aid Society and have appeared in court to get people released and assure their appearances at trial. We are getting calls from other agencies for consultation and help for their clients who are gay. Among those calling recently have been the Rape Crisis Center, the Juvenile Court Center, Adult Probation, and the Family Counseling Agency.

Gay Community Services is your service agency. Volunteer and be part of a moving and successful self-help organization.



LETTER
TO THE
EDITOR

Editor;

We would like to express our appreciation to Hair-Tiz, Jekyll's and Hyde's, and the Graduate, and all the places involved in Billy's birthday celebration. It was a complete surprise to him, and he was very moved by such friendship.

Thank you,
Billy and Barbara
H & L Tavern

Editor;

Enclosed is a small contribution to your most worthy and greatly appreciated enterprise. I wish it could be more but at the present it is all I can manage. From time to time I will try to do better.

Your editorial on Birdsall was excellent, but I am sure that you realize, as well as I, that members of the Gay community can do very little DIRECTLY. A recall movement would, in my judgment be a great mistake. Whatever is done, must take place indirectly, by influential persons who are sympathetic and effective. Just my view.

I am sorry to learn of the closing of the STONEWALL, but frankly I never did feel welcome there (as an older gay). Young gays need to be reminded that time passes no one by, and older gays have just as much need and can contribute as effectively as anyone else.

Best wishes to you for a most prosperous and effective New Year.

Jan. 1977

THE TUBS

In the past, Tucson has been sorely lacking in some facilities, but we are slowly catching up with our big city neighbors. Until last year, Tucson gays had to drive 130 miles to get to the nearest baths. In the past many persons pondered opening up a Tucson bath but all eventually declined due to fear of non-support.

Now, we have an excellent bath house right here in Tucson thanks to Lloyd Wilson of the Back Door Baths at 3309 Michigan, 624-0934. He has done in Tucson what so many others believed to be an impossible task. So now it is up to us in the Community to support and help promote this welcome addition to the Gay scene of Tucson. There are so many nice things about Lloyd's Back Door Baths. It has all of the features of the usual baths and in some respects surpasses the best bath houses in much larger cities. The entire premises is kept immaculate at all times. The more of us that are into baths support this facility the better it will become.

Birthday Wishes

Capricorn

David H. - Graduate
Monte N. - Graduate
Poily - Hair Tiz
Dale Yount-Graduate
Rudy M. - Hair Tiz
Ray D. - Hair Tiz
R. Nixon - San Clemente

Congratulations

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GAY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - JAN 12

BACK POCKET - "Beer Bust" - 25¢
draft, 8pm-1amHAIR TIZ - "Wasted Wednesday" -
25¢ draft, 50¢ well, 6pm-1amH&L'S - "Happy Day Beer Bust" - 25¢
draft, Pitcher 75¢, 4pm-1amLUCKY PIERRE'S - "Card Nite" -
discount drinks for players,
8pm-1amP.S. CLUB - After Hours,
dancing, movies, etc!!!
12:30am-4am

THURSDAY - JAN 13

BACK POCKET - "Spaghetti Nite" -
25¢ for all you can eat after
you purchase your first drink
9pm - Two-bit Whore Nite -
10pm, 2nd drink 25¢GRADUATE - "Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft,
50¢ well till 1amLUCKY PIERRE'S - "Beer Bust" - 25¢
draft, 50¢ well, 8pm-1am

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FRIDAY/SATURDAY - JAN 14&15

BACK DOOR BATHS - Open 24hrs both
nitesJEKYLL'S & HYDE'S - Disco, \$1 cover
till 1am - \$2 cover after hrsLUCKY PIERRE'S - "TGIF" - (Fri only)
\$1 all the draft you can
drink, 7-9pmP. S. CLUB - After Hours - Dancing
movies, etc!!!

SUNDAY - JAN 16

BACK POCKET - "Steak Nite" - \$1.75
5-7pm - Bare Chest Nite,
drinks 1/2 price 10pm-1am -25¢
draft beer, 8pm-1amGRADUATE - "Draft Beer Bust" - \$1
3-5pm, all you can drink or
50¢ well

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GAY CALENDAR(Cont'd)

JEKYLL'S & HYDE'S - Sunday Lunch &
Disco - \$1.50 Salad Bar & 1
choice from menu - No cover
on SundayLUCKY PIERRE'S - Champagne Brunch
\$1.69, 1-3pmMCC - Sunday Services, 6:30pm at
Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st Ave

MONDAY - JAN 17

G.C.S. - Meeting, 7:30pm, 920 N. 1st
Ave. Discussion; Dr.
Dorothy Riddle, Board
Member, National Gay Task
Force.LUCKY PIERRE'S - Guest Chef Nite -
\$1.69, Ron cooks
chinchillas.
7:30-9pm - 15¢ draft beer
8pm-1am

TUESDAY - JAN 18

BACK DOOR BATHS - \$1 to get in and
ENJOY!!!GRADUATE - "Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft,
50¢ wellJEKYLL'S & HYDE'S - "Brewery Nite" -
\$1.10 Pitcher Beer, Bavarian
Pretzels FreeBAD
NEWS

A man identified as
Chuck Foster has been
accused of stealing a
1969 Lincoln, 4-door,
brown with a white vinyl
top. The victim said that the man
borrowed his car and never returned.

He is described as 6'4", dark brown
hair and eyes, and was last seen on
January 2, 1977. If you have any
information, please contact Mel at
the Graduate. The Tucson Police
Department has been notified. There
is a \$50 reward offered for the cars
recovery.