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STONEWALL CLOSING "BACK POCKET" TO REMAIN OPEN

Be at war with your vices,
at peace with your neighbors,
and let every New Year
find you a better man

B. FRANKLIN

LUCKY PIERRE'S

SOLD ???

Rumors, Rumors, Rumors. This latest concerns the change of ownership of Lucky Pierre's at 2222 N. Stone. Our rumor chasing department has contacted all parties concerned and found that negotiations are indeed underway and finalization of the change-over will be announced in the next few days. During the sale of property there are many arrangements that must be made, both legal and personally, so we are going to have to be non-committal for now and hope to have the big news ready for publication in next weeks issue.

It was announced this week that the venerable Stonewall, after four years, is closing it's doors. Contrary to many rumors, Tom Seward has told us that the Stonewall will remain closed and future plans for its reopening are unknown. Ever since the unfortunate Richard Heakin incident, business has fallen, insurance rates have soared and because of the lack of energy in this once popular disco, it has been a losing proposition for the past few months. The Back Pocket will remain open daily as before.

It is true that any establishment is in business to serve its customers and make a profit. It is also unfortunately true that when business falls, and there is no profit, then you close up. Tom Seward and John Morgan have done their level best to support the Tucson Gay Community. They have instigated many, many popular ideas and their mark is indelibly left on most of our lives. They deserved more support than was given them during these troubled times. This should be an indication to the entire Community that we must support our Gay establishments if we are to continue to progress as the Southwest's Gay Community Center.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ...that Roger is the latest hot addition to the bartending staff at Dale's Graduate?
- ...Fish, formerly of Sir James, is finally back in town.
- ...Mike, of Lucky Pierre's, is spending a few days in San Diego?
- ...Teddy is back in action, and the beer sales are up?
- ...Don P. is at his best as afternoon bartender at the Graduate?
- ...Gene Z's cruising on Tucson Blvd. resulted in a face lift. He also needs help with his zipper?
- ...H & L has a dancing area now and is complimenting the Western dcor with dude ranch picnic tables?
- ...Tom Seward was a member of a straight barber shop quartet in California known as "The Gay Blades"?
- ...GCS is literally working in the dark while waiting for new wiring. They need a little help from all who can help build a mountain?
- ...Tommy S. and Bill P. plan to be surfing on ice cubes in California this weekend?
- ...Carl is the newest bartender at Lucky Pierre's?
- ...Bud Sherrick is back from California again?
- ...Gary's Bavarian Meat Balls were excellent? Not enough of you are taking advantage of these excellent Monday dinners?
- ...Miss Graduate is back in town?
- ...Father Lloyd was very, very sick last Monday morning?
- ...Ruben and John presented an excellent drag show at Dale's Graduate on New Year's Eve?

GAY ASTROLOGY

- ARIES-B:** Insulate your home for Winter-Not love will insulate your mate's heart but not the house.
- ARIES F:** Be your best. Your mate needs more protection in Winter - warm his needs.
- TAURUS-B:** A new addition to your decor is near-Check play things for wear and tear.
- TAURUS-F:** A good time to be more open-What you have been saving for your mate belongs to the world again. To hurt is to be loved.
- GEMINI-B:** Run amok with all who are waiting to try you-Share what you display.
- GEMINI-F:** Don't look in one direction-Be loose, if it moves grab it-if it belongs to someone else, find a way to save face.
- CANCER-B:** You dominate a patio, but you are fading in the bedroom-someone other than your mate is best to assist.
- CANCER-F:** Always be helpful and serve with a smile-Always submit with joy and hope.
- LEO-B:** Invite friends for a beach party-do not leave top off KY in the sand.
- LEO-F:** If your mate has strayed hide the KY top.
- VIRGO-B:** Be Alert for pollution. A simple shot could save rot, also save your mate.
- VIRGO-F:** Care for your physical being, beware of the number 12-or else let it all hang out.....live dangerously.

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COMMENTS

My, how time flies when you're having fun!! Here it is 1977 already. I imagine that for most of us, the first few weeks of this new year will be a time of past reflections, reevaluation, planning new goals and the struggle to keep all of those personal New Years resolutions. It is unfortunate, however, that many of our resolutions and goals are lost and long forgotten before the first month comes off of the new calendar, as we secure ourselves firmly back into our old "ruts" - which we, evidently have mistaken for "roots".

We as individuals of the cliques, clubs and sects of the Gay Community of Tucson are obligated to keep and renew our goals of progress for the Community. What we do and accomplish here in Tucson will benefit the Gay movement for the entire Southwestern United States. Likewise, what we fail to do here and now, may never get done anywhere. So let's all get involved in what's happening and make things happen in our Tucson Gay scene. Write to this newsletter and make suggestions, make complaints. Patronize our local Gay merchants and help them to promote their businesses by word of mouth. Start a project. It's good for the morale of all who are involved, and it promotes better relations with the straight community. Each and every one of us have limitless talent and inspiration. It's time to commit ourselves to the goal of harnessing all of our combined creative energy for the advancement of ourselves, as individuals, and as a Gay Community as a whole and for all humankind.

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EDITORIAL

RECALL BIRDSALL

In the past, we have voiced our opinion on the outrageous decision made by Pima County Superior Judge Ben C. Birdsall in the Richard Heekin murder fiasco, and this will be the last of our editorializing on this man. We have expressed our concern by contacting all of the national press as well as the local media. We have received nothing but good response from our efforts, and yet Judge Birdsall still sits in judgement in a trial that is giving him national publicity and prominence. We contend that this is wrong. Several minority groups have expressed their dissatisfaction with other rulings made by this man. Our Newsletter is only a voice. People have to take the action. There are several Gay organizations in town, each with their own service to offer.

A SAD LOSS

The passing of Herb S. over the holidays came as quite a shock to our community. You will remember Herb from the 28 years that he and Ray spent to-gether. These two men found happiness, not only in each other, but in helping and befriending others. Many of you will remember the fun times around their pool or those really good times at the Ranch on Memorial day. All the Community, the staff of TGN, it's sponsors and all the readers extend our deepest and sincere sympathy to Ray at this time of his bereavement.

We are supposed to have an active political arm, The Tucson Gay Coalition. If, in fact, they are active and concerned with the Tucson Gay Community, we believe they are missing the chance of a lifetime. The State of Arizona is unique in that we have the power to recall any member of our Judiciary. We fully realize that a recall is an enormous undertaking, but taking the recent recall of some members of City Council, we also realize that recall does work. With the national press in town for the Adamson trial, the time to strike is now. We call on the Tucson Gay Coalition to show what it can do. If necessary, join with other members of Minority groups and petition for the recall of Judge Ben C. Birdsall. It can be done. It should be done.

(GAY ASTROLOGY Cont'd)

- LIBRA-B:** Season for house cleaning. Discard used play things and outgrown household aids.
- LIBRA-F:** Before the holidays resolve to seek better and bigger joys to fill in the void.
- SCORPIO-B:** Check out that hot item you see over your mate's shoulder-before long it could ease the strain.
- SCORPIO-F:** If you feel left out and alone be more alert and positive-don't overlook any big opportunity put forth for you to grasp.

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GAY CALENDAR

- WEDNESDAY - JAN 5**
 - BACK POCKET** - "Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft, 8pm-1am
 - HAIR TIZ** - "Wasted Wednesday" - 25¢ draft, 50¢ well, 6pm-1am
 - HAL'S** - "Happy Day Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft, Pitcher 75¢, 4pm-1am
 - LUCKY PIERRE'S** - "Card Nite" - discount drinks for players, 8pm-1am
 - P.S. CLUB** - After Hours, Free Beer, dancing, movies, etc!!! 12:30am-4am
- THURSDAY - JAN 6**
 - 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 1am
 - LUCKY PIERRE'S** - "Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft, 50¢ well, 8pm-1am
- FRIDAY/SATURDAY - JAN 7&8**
 - BACK DOOR BATES** - Open 24hrs both nites
 - JEKYLL'S & HYDE'S** - Disco, \$1 cover till 1am - \$2 cover after hrs
 - LUCKY PIERRE'S** - "TGIF" - (Fri only \$1 all the draft you can drink, 7-9pm - GO GO Boys on Fri Sat, 10-12pm
 - P. S. CLUB** - After Hours - Dancing movies, etc!!!
- SUNDAY - JAN 9**
 - BACK POCKET** - "Steak Nite" - \$1.75 5-7pm - Bare Chest Nite, drinks & price 10pm-1am -25¢ draft beer, 8pm-1am
 - GRADUATE** - "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 Sunday
- LUCKY PIERRE'S** - Champagne Brunch \$1.69, 1-3pm - David Muniz Trio, 9pm-12am
- MCC** - Sunday Services, 6:30pm at Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st Ave
- MONDAY - JAN 10**
 - LUCKY PIERRE'S** - Guest Chef Nite - \$1.69, Chuck(Norma Jean) is cooking Beef Burgundy - 7:30-9pm - 15¢ draft beer 8pm-1am
- TUESDAY - JAN 11**
 - BACK DOOR BATES** - \$1 to get in and ENJOY!!!
 - GRADUATE** - "Beer Bust" - 25¢ draft, 50¢ well
 - JEKYLL'S & HYDE'S** - "Brewery Nite" - \$1.10 Fitcher Beer, Bavarian Pretzels Free

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Alcohol or alcoholism is not a respecter of persons. Alcoholism is a disease and becomes progressively worse as an individual continues to drink habitually. Everyone is different; therefore there are some people who can drink sensibly. Few problems have been so baffling as in the nature of alcoholism. It has only been in recent years that there has been as much attention and research being done in regard to the disease of alcohol, but little has been known about either the cause or cure of alcoholism. When a person drinks habitually over a period of time, the disease begins taking its toll in many ways. People find it more difficult to refuse a drink when offered, or by taking too many drinks when alone or in the company of others. Usually with the refusal to quit drinking in excess, the toll begins to show its ugly baffling head in other ways such as affecting a persons relationship with others. He or she then starts to feel the effect in their finances, calling in to work Mondays due to illnees, in reality a hangover. Excessive drinking affects an individuals health, nervous system and other parts of the anatomy. In summation an alcoholic ie anyone whose drinking interferes frequently or continuously with any of his or her important life adjustments and interpersonal relationships. Many problem drinkers think they drink because they have unmanageable problems, generally however, they have unmanageable problems because they drink. There are two Gay Alcoholics Anonymous groups in Tucson. Contact GCB for names and addresses.

NGTF

We have just received confirmation that the National Gay Task Force is preparing a ten week advertising campaign in the Tucson Gay Newsletter. The force behind this campaign is NGTF member Richard Mackey of Los Angeles. This is being done as a memorial to Fred Fontain, Mackey's lover who was slain in California and to Richard Heakin who, we all know, was slain here in Tucson. To quote Mr. Mackey's letter in part, "...a true memorial to those past will be a greater awareness by those present that it is their actions (however small) which will affect the promise of the future. Indeed it is time." We are, of course in perfect agreement with Mr. Mackey's premise, and whole heartedly support his action.

For those of you not familiar with NGTF, it was created in 1973. They presently have over 2500 members. NGTF was formed to link the countrys 1100 Gay and Lesbian groups by acting as a communications network through national projects in the media and through legislation. Their desire was to make NGTF a genuinely grass roots movement which would include people from all sorts of backgrounds and walks of life. They are very active in reform of laws that adversely affect the Homosexual lifestyle, rules and policies that prevent Homosexuals from employment or religion, and protesting the media's when their coverage portrays Homosexuals in a poor or stereotyped picture.

As one small example, NGTF launched the protest across the country when the producers of the Marcus Welby show were going to put "The Outrage" on ABC for the second time. As a result of the nationwide Gay protest, eleven national sponsors cancelled the program, ABC had to drop its advertising rates before it could sell the open air time, seven stations in various major cities refused to carry the show, and local stations freely gave time to groups to refute the programs image of a male teacher's being a Homosexual child molester.

Their fight for fair employment practices won favorable responses from AT&T, the nations largest corporate employer, the Bank of America, the world's largest bank, IBM, ABC, CBS, NBC, American Airlines, Eastern Airlines, Avon, Citicorp, Honeywell, Proctor & Gamble, McDonald's and McGraw-Hill. A letter from the Chairman of the Board of AT&T sums up this fight for equality, "An individual's sexual preferences are not criteria either for becoming an employee or remaining an employee of the Bell system. Job retention and promotability are based upon demonstrable job performance and behavior. An individual's sexual tendencies or preferences are strictly personal and information about these matters should not be sought out by company personnel."

To quote Bruce Voeller, Executive Director of NGTF, "Our fight is to make the world see us as being as diverse and varied as everyone else. It can only be won by fostering a climate where bankers, lawyers and athletes feel it is safe to come out. We can't shove them out, but we can make it more attractive to be out."

GCS

Gay Community Services is now located at 627 North 7th Ave. Telephone is 622-2324. The office is open on a limited basis presently but we hope to be open from 9:00 am to Midnight seven days a week just as soon as enough Community members volunteer for telephone duty. We have to re-staff our entire schedule. If you can volunteer 3 hours a week to answer the telephone and help put together GCS programs and activities, call Norm Bloss at 622-2324 or 624-5900. We also need operating funds. Two activities have been scheduled to help raise funds. The first will be a GCS Flea Market on January 29th. We are now accepting donations of all saleable items, new or used, to be sold at the Flea Market. The second fund raising event will be a raffle. The prize is to be the nude oil painting presently hanging in the Graduate. We will begin selling tickets early next week for one dollar each. The painting will be circulated to each of the bars, and the drawing will be held March 18th at the Graduate. You need not be present to win.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the National Gay Task Force should plan to attend the GCS meeting on Monday, January 17th. The guest speaker will be Dr. Dorothy Riddle, a member of the NGTF Board of Directors. Please mark this date on your calendar.

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