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## THANKSGIVING '76



Holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving opens the season in grand style. We all have plenty to be thankful about and, besides, it is another reason for partying. There will be numerous private Thanksgiving parties and dinners in addition to the public celebrations. On Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday November 24th, John Richtars, owner of LUCKY PIERRE'S, will host a Thanksgiving dinner from 7:30 to 9:00 with turkey and all the trimmings for \$2.50. John's dinners have always been excellent so we look forward to this one with great anticipation...On Thursday Thanksgiving day Metropolitan Community Church is giving their first annual Turkey Day Dinner at 2:00 Call 748-8699 for info. This is a free dinner. Donations have been given and are still needed whether of food or money. This is being given especially for those who are not able to have a dinner of their own, but at the same time, MCC wants to make it a real celebration and want everyone to come. If you care to drink you should bring your own bottle...From 2 to 6 on Thursday JEKYLL'S and HYDE'S Gayla festivities begin with turkey and all the trimmings for only \$1.50. Slow dancing throughout the dinner hour. Disco begins at 8 p.m. and there is no cover... STONEWALL is having a Thanksgiving Disco party from 10 to 1 a.m. with a drawing for a free turkey. Hot buttered rum and hot spiced wine will add to the festivities...On Thanksgiving day bar hours are - Jekyll's & Hyde's open at 6 a.m. Hair Tiz at 9:00 a.m. and all the rest will open at 7:00 in the evening....P.S. CLUB will open for after hours to wind up this big holiday beginning at 12:30,

### CORRECTION

Lucky Pierre's phone number, printed on the map section of T.G.N. Supplement was incorrect. The correct number is 622-2222.

Last weeks issue reported a Thanksgiving dinner at the Stonewall-Back Pocket. We wish to report that a turkey will be given away instead of the dinner.

Also in last week's issue we misspelled Ed Persellin's name. Our appologies to Ed.

# STONEWALL ANNIVERSARY

Anniversary week at the Stonewall had the excitement of a carnival, football game, and a space launching. It should provide conversational material for a long time. Wednesday night opened the festivities with a champagne fountain and the week ended with a big beer blast Sunday in the Back Pocket.

The dance contest Friday night featured the winners from the previous weeks dance contests and Freddy and Pam walked off with the \$50.00 first prize.

Meanwhile, in the Back Pocket, the annual bingo party was going on. Some of the winners walked away with good prizes, and some not so good - a brown hankerchief with a roll of toilet paper went to one winner, and another one took home a book on "How Gays Make Love."

Then there was the "Dubious Achievement Awards" Saturday night. Lots of nominees and winners. too many to list here but some of the better ones were: Tom for "The Diary of a mad housewife," Keith for "Wonder Woman," Del for "Queen Acres," and Ken and Mark for "Car 54, we know where your at."

Stonewall's 4th anniversary was a feather in Tom's hat and were looking forward to the 5th.

(CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN)

Saturday night was also the big night for naming Mr. Gay Tucson. This was a tighter contest than anyone really expected with a tie between Fred Ritts and Glenn Thomas. One edged the other on the judges decision, and the secret vote from the audience tied it up. The decision finally had to be made by bringing both contestants on stage with applause from the audience for the final decision. The Winner? Glenn Thomas. Glenn will make a great representative of the community.

**CODE 4**  
On November 15th, we had the pleasure of attending the G.C.S. meeting. We wish to thank all of those who attended for the kind reception we received. For those of you who could not attend, the answers to the questions are yes, no, yes, yes and maybe. Only kidding, however there were a number of very good questions asked. If anyone who attended the meeting feels that more clarification is needed, let us know and we will answer it in the newsletter.

We also wish to thank the Stonewall players for the Dubious award we were honored with. Actually we kind of thought of ourselves as Starsky and Hutch. Just Goss to show that we aren't always right.

Again to repeat ourselves, we are still being asked if we are Federally funded. The answer, of course, is no. We are here only because our Force Commander, Lt. Fuller, felt there was a need to open lines of communication with the Gay Community.

Have a safe Thanksgiving.  
K. Nagoch, 6583  
M. Thomas, 10900  
Tucson Police Dept.

# EDITORIAL DO IT TODAY!

Since the latest issue of The Advocate, there has been much talk concerning the pending revision of the Arizona Criminal Code presently before our Legislature. It is indeed frightening to find out that there still are people in high places with minds that are so closed that they do not know what is happening around them. We, of course, are to blame because, almost without exception, these are elected officials. We have the power to put them in office, and we certainly have the power to throw them out. It is certainly not this paper's intention to be a political entity, but when we see someone or something that will affect our lifestyle adversely we feel forced to speak out.

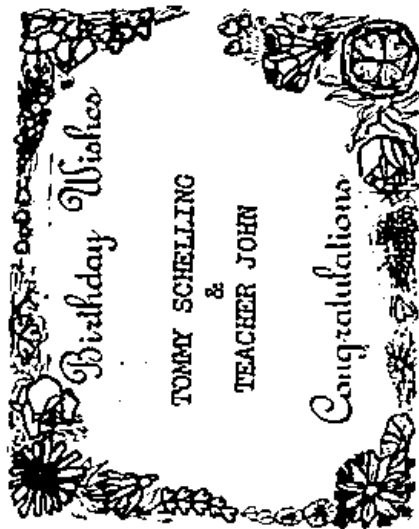
Much of what is contained in the amendment and the proposed revisions as they pertain to Homosexuality is truly unconstitutional and would probably never get passed by the Attorney General's office. There is, however, that big word probably. We should never let such legislation even get that close to being introduced. In talking with various legal minds, they were even surprised to hear about these pending revisions, so it has been kept secret from the public. It has been said that copies have been made for only a select few and that the strongest opponent against these new proposed revisions, the Arizona A.C.I.U., had to borrow a copy from a friendly source to learn what our legislature was doing with our rights.

(Editorial continued)

We do have rights. We must protect them. We are not criminals and we cannot have laws passed that would make criminals out of us. We have the strength. We must keep our heads and think logically as a group. We must stop this petty thinking by our elected officials and get people in office who are at least into the 20th century.

To make sure that the criminal code revisions, as they pertain to Gays, are eliminated, we urge you to write to your district representatives, Senators, Attorney General and the Governor. Let them know what you think. Let them know that they do have many thousands of Homosexuals in their districts who want to be represented fairly and squarely. This cannot be a spotty campaign. We must all write and voice our objections. We have the strength and we must do it.

For the name and address of the representative from your district, and any other State government official, call the Gay Community Services, 622-2324. DO IT TODAY!



# MCC

## WHERE GOD DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

All is well with the M.C.C., Tucson. The newly appointed board of directors held their first meeting to discuss future plans and growth of M.C.C., Tucson. The women's group held their first meeting. Plans are in the making for a Christmas bake sale and bazaar to be held before and after service on Sunday December 12. Items are needed to make this sale possible.

Sunday November 28 we will be having a pot luck dinner along with the celebration of November birthdays followed by a brief monthly business meeting.

Don't forget the M.C.C. Thanksgiving day dinner, and let us all pitch in for the month long food drive. M.C.C. is joining forces with C.C.S. Come share some of your blessings.

May the Lord bless you and yours on this coming Thanksgiving day.

M.C.C., Tucson, Ms. "Buff" Fisher, Worship Coordinator. Worship Services: Sundays, 6:30 PM, Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st Ave. Phone 748-8699.

# GCS

The Gay Community Services is still in desperate need of a place to headquarter. They will have to move very shortly and need space at least for an office. They would like larger quarters but will look at anything. If you have, or know of a house or a space that they can move into and the rent is reasonable please call them today - 622-2324.

Happy Thanksgiving

from the staff of

and from all the sponsors

# TGN

Dale's  
GRADUATE

# BACK DOOR

# JEKYLL'S

# HAIR TIZ

# STONEWALL

# BACK POCKET

# Lucky Pierre's

# 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 1/2" \$12.50
- Full page, 6 1/2"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 ads.

# AFTER HOURS

The Tucson Police Department has notified all bars, straight and gay, that beginning December 1st they will begin enforcing sections 11-17 and 11-18 of the Tucson City Code. Both of these sections prohibit loitering in or frequenting drinking establishments between the hours of 1:15 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any weekday or between 1:15 a.m. and noon on Sunday. In effect this will do away with any bar having after hours.

After contacting the City Prosecutors office, we were notified that indeed the city police will enforce the code strictly. This ordinance does not affect private clubs. The P.S. Club will continue having after hours on their regular nights, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Jekyll's and Hyde's has announced that after this weekend, they will no longer be open after hours. No other Gay bar has had after hours recently.

# UP NORTH

We need to know more of the goings on in our sister city to the North, so let us hear from you Phoenix, Tucson loves ya.

THE RAMROD is the meeting place for the Duddy Club every Wednesday and from 9 to 11 you get 30¢ draft and 45¢ bottle beer. On Saturdays from 4 to 6 the L.A.D.S. meet and the same beer bust prices prevail. On Fridays from 9 to 11 the Son's of Apollo meet.

At THE CONNECTION every Wednesday you get all the beer you can drink from 9 to 12 for \$1.50.

# CELEBRATION

We celebrate our love as two men or women We call the promised dove to where the rainbow ends Then fill the empty air with different wings of care Brother - men, Sister - women We are an honest love Sister - women, Brother - men Let no one break our dove Let's touch among ourselves Let's celebrate our love.

We know our right We feel our love We won't look back We see our light.

# GOOD NEWS

Lucky Pierre's Sunday brunch is a great way to pick yourself up after a big Saturday night. Try it you'll like it. Watch for the special "Booze it" night at Dale's Graduate.

Tom is going to start featuring hot buttered rum and hot spiced wine at the Back Pocket through the holiday season.

The Back Door Book Store has great peep show flicks in the back room. Hair-Tiz is turning out to be a good friendly place to stop after work. G.C.S. has alot of good volunteers working for them. They need more. Jekyll's and Hyde's Sunday lunch special includes any sandwich on the menu plus the salad bar. The P.S. Club is open Thanksgiving Night at 12:30.

## GAY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - NOV. 24  
 HAIR-TIZ - Beer Bust - 25¢ draft,  
 50¢ well - 6pm to 1am.  
 BACK POCKET - Beer Bust  
 STONEWALL - Beer Bust and disco with  
 DJ Rick Norman.  
 P.S. Club - After Hours, FREE BEER  
 dancing, movies, ect...  
 LUCKY PIERRE - Turkey Dinner, all  
 the trimmings,  
 \$2.50. 7:30 to 9:00

### THURSDAY - NOV. 25

BACK POCKET - Open at 7pm.  
 STONEWALL - Disco open at 10 pm.  
 with DJ Rick Norman  
 GRADUATE - Open at 7pm, 50¢ well  
 and Beer Bust.  
 LUCKY PIERRE - 50¢ well and Beer  
 Bust.

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY - NOV. 26 & 27

LUCKY PIERRE - TGIF (Friday Only)  
 all the draft you can  
 drink \$1.00 - 7 to 9  
 Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 6  
 (Saturday Only)  
 JERKILL'S & HYDES - Disco - \$1 cover  
 STONEWALL - Disco - no cover  
 P.S. CLUB - After Hours disco, live  
 BACK DOOR BATHS - Open all night  
 New movies in the  
 theater every Sat.

### SUNDAY - NOV. 28

M.C.C. - Sunday Services, 6:30 pm.  
 Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st  
 Avenue.  
 LUCKY PIERRE - Champagne Brunch  
 1 to 3  
 GRADUATE - Draft Beer Bust, all you  
 can drink \$1, 3 to 6  
 JERKILL'S & HYDES - Sunday Lunch &  
 Disco \$1.50  
 Salad Bar & choice  
 of Menu \$1.50

## GAY CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

BACK POCKET - Steak Dinner \$1.50  
 5 to 7 - 25¢ draft 8pm.  
 Bare Chest Night  
 drinks half price 10pm.

### MONDAY - NOV. 29

LUCKY PIERRE - Guest Chef Night  
 Norman Bloss cooks  
 New England Boiled  
 Dinner & 1.69, 7:30 to  
 9:00. 15¢ draft beer  
 from 8 to closing.

### TUESDAY - NOV. 30

GRADUATE - 50¢ well - 25¢ draft 7pm.  
 BACK DOOR BATHS - \$1.00 to get in and  
 do your thing!!

## DID YOU KNOW?

...That Tommy Schelling's birthday  
 was celebrated this last Monday  
 at Lucky Pierre's. He still had  
 strength to blow out all those  
 candles?  
 ...That Dale Yount sold shoes in  
 Chicago?  
 ...That the current issue (Vol. 1, #3)  
 of the Tucson Gay Coalition News-  
 letter has a great article on the  
 state's proposed anti-gay  
 legislation? Get a copy and read  
 it!  
 ...That Roger is now doing his thing  
 at Jekyll's and Hyde's?  
 ...That Mike and Mitch, formerly of  
 Dale's Graduate, have opened a  
 book store on Speedway across the  
 street from the Showcase Cinema?  
 T.G.N. wishes them the best of  
 luck.  
 ...That Jim and Mike are now working  
 behind the bar at Lucky Pierre's?



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: It seems to me that the  
 State of Arizona is proposing a law  
 that is totally antiquated, and a  
 blatant slap in the face of the "free-  
 dom" we are all supposed to hold so  
 sacred.

In the Nov. 17th issue of  
 The Advocate #203, two articles  
 appeared. Both are upsetting to me.

The first was the decision  
 of Judge Ben C. Birdsall to grant pro-  
 tection to the killers of Richard J.  
 Heekin. I have lived in Tucson all  
 my life, so this decision was not  
 surprising but I hope that this time  
 the Gay Community will not let it be  
 swept under the rug so simply. Judge  
 Birdsall is quoted as saying, "The  
 four youths and their parents have  
 been punished enough." I am sorry,  
 but I feel this attitude toward Gay  
 people is disgusting. I feel sure  
 that if the tables had been turned  
 and thirteen gays had purposely  
 waited outside a straight bar to  
 "beat up a straight" and proceeded  
 to kill someone by accident, Judge  
 Birdsall's decision would have been  
 different.

The second article was  
 even more depressing. It is one thing  
 to be swept under a rug by one man's  
 sense of right, but to have the State  
 of Arizona decide that you, as a  
 general group, should stay under that  
 rug and get walked on is quite another.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Continued)

This proposed revision to  
 the Criminal code is a concept right  
 out of the Spanish Inquisition. Who  
 is anyone to tell two consenting  
 adults what they can or cannot do in  
 the privacy of their own homes. Why  
 not channel energies toward something  
 productive instead of pushing absurd  
 moral opinions on people who will do  
 what they want to, legal or not. I  
 am one of those people.

Homosexuality is a known  
 factor of every society since time  
 began and it is time that the legis-  
 lators of Arizona and the rest of the  
 country realized that we are people.  
 People with the same rights as the  
 black who was denied them for so  
 many years and as the Indian who is  
 still denied them.

I am only one person, and  
 this letter is only my opinion. Some  
 of you may agree or disagree with  
 some or all of it. I form my opinions  
 from what I have experienced in my  
 life. I am what I am and nothing  
 the legislature does can change me.  
 I don't give a damn who Senator so  
 and so sleeps with. That's his  
 business. Who is he to tell me that  
 my life is wrong, against the rules.  
 They are his rules, not mine.

Monte Jon Gilmer

ED: We appreciate receiving your  
 letters like the above and will print  
 them if they are newsworthy. We are  
 limited to space however and would  
 like you to keep them as short as  
 possible.

# Classified

"Greetings" to our new friends/ readers in Tucson and Phoenix!

The **PACIFIC COAST TIMES**, a California Bi-Weekly FREE - complimentary Gay newsmagazine, welcomes your advertising and promotion to our West Coast, Palm Springs, Las Vegas readership - many of whom, seek new vacation fun spots. Subscription to the **PCT** is only cost of postage/materials (12 Issues - \$8.00). Contact **PACIFIC COAST TIMES**, P.O. Box 7173, San Diego, CA. 92107. Call (714) 222-9687 for Ad Rates/Details.

FOR SALE: Yashica Electro 35GSN 35mm camera w/Kako strobe flash, Suntar tripod & access.-\$125. ALSO: Labtron blood pressure cuff-\$15; Capehart AM/FM stereo w/turntable, 8-track & 2 speakers-\$100. Call Jerry at 885-5622 & make me an offer!

### FOR SALE

ATPEX all terrain 6 wheel vehicle. Has dual control forward and reverse. Great outdoors fun vehicle over land or water. Call Hal - 622-1460

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HAVE FINISHED IT?

We want and need news items for the newsletter. Please submit any items and if suitable we will publish them.

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## URINALYSIS



THE TOOL PROUD TYPE  
Stands well back so that all  
may view his outsize weapon.  
Finishes with a prolonged shake  
and replaces tool with a flourish.



## The Ramrod

'HOME OF THE SONS OF APOLLO'

395 N. Black Canyon Highway  
Phoenix, Arizona 85009  
253-0119



## THE NEW LOOK

Readers of the T.G.N. may have noticed a change in the format in our heading. Jackie West is the one responsible for the change and we thank him for helping us look a lot better.