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## Meliti Initiative Falls To Win Spot On November Ballot

### The Lie That Failed

Arizona is strangely fortunate to have Frank Meliti heading the campaign to legalize discrimination against the state's Gay and Lesbian citizens, fortunate in that nobody believes him.

The drive by Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona to change state law began with a lie. It was predicated on the dishonest notions that laws banning discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in Phoenix and Tucson gave them special rights and privileges.

Now Meliti would have us believe that even though his group gathered the signatures of 247,000 Arizonans on petitions that would have triggered a vote on a state law that would forbid such anti-discrimination ordinances, it isn't filing them because "militant homosexuals and their allies" will just tie up matters in court.

Meliti claimed to have the signatures stacked in boxes at his Capitol press conference Thursday, but he wouldn't show the petitions to reporters.

Meliti is either lying about the existence of the signatures, or lied to the

people who signed them in the full expectation that their doing so would force a statewide vote on the matter.

In either case, the man's credibility, already shaky, should now be shattered. We can only hope that that translates into a total lack of support for his latest announced tactic, going to court to overturn anti-discrimination ordinances in Tucson and Phoenix rather than waging a statewide campaign to prohibit them.

The Tucson ordinance, in place since 1977, simply forbids discrimination in housing, employment or public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation. The Phoenix ordinance prohibits employment discrimination in firms that do business with the city.

The Tucson ordinance has been uncontroversial in its 17 years of existence. It creates no special rights, as Meliti claims. It is, in fact, a source of civic pride as it announces to the world that this is a fair and non-discriminatory place to live.

It doesn't need Frank Meliti mucking things up.

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PHOENIX - Arizona avoided a divisive battle over Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual rights when an anti-Gay group failed to place an initiative on the November ballot.

The measure would have outlawed state and local ordinances that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Frank Meliti, head of the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, said the group had gathered 247,000 signatures, well over the 158,311 needed to place the measure on the ballot.

But Meliti said he will not file the petitions, or pursue the ballot measure, because "militant homosexuals" would keep the issue tied up in court for years.

At a press conference at the State Capitol, Meliti refused to open four cardboard boxes sealed with duct tape, which he said contained the petitions.

Former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, Honorary Chair of Arizonans for Fairness, the group organized to fight the Meliti Amendment, reacted by issuing a statement saying, "...we celebrate an important victory. Arizona said 'no' to Frank Meliti and his band of discriminators. The voters of Arizona refused to sign

his hate petitions. Leaders from across the political spectrum refused to offer him support. A broad coalition came together ready to fight this battle if it got to the ballot, business and labor, a wide range of religious denominations, civil rights groups, women's groups and elected officials from both major parties."

Dianne Post, who co-chairs the steering committee of Arizonans for Fairness Coalition, and Nene Trajillo, AFF Coalition Steering Committee member challenged Meliti to "show these signatures to any reputable journalist and allow a sample to be checked against the voter lists for authenticity." They said reporters should "stop cooperating in his continued deceptions" if he refuses.

Meliti refused to show signatures to reporters. State law does not require him to turn in the petitions to the Secretary of State's Office.

Opponents filed a lawsuit in April in Maricopa Superior Court to block the initiative.

"This is part of their strategy the militant homosexuals and their allies, to tie us up in court," said Meliti.

But David Sherman, a Tucson lawyer and member of the Tucson Human Rights Coalition, disputed Meliti's claims.

"The real reason they were scared off was because what they were trying to do was unconstitutional," said Sherman.

A similar measure passed in Colorado in 1992 but was ruled unconstitutional by a state court. Backers of that measure are now appealing the matter to the Colorado Supreme Court.

"The whole thing was an exercise in futility just to stir up his right-wing agenda," said Sherman.

The city of Tucson will be the anti-Gay group's next target.

Within several weeks they plan to sue the city to repeal the ordinance, adopted in 1977 prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations, he said.

Ed Kahn, a Tucson lawyer with a history of involvement in conservative causes, such as defending anti-abortion activists who had blocked the entrance of the Tucson Planned Parenthood clinic; and families who wanted to a 16 year federal court desegregation order for TUSD, has agreed to bring the lawsuit at no charge, Meliti stated at the press conference.

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As I See It.....

by Clark

**Still At Large After Ten Years, Buggy Ellis And His Merry Band Of Henchmen**

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This gang is armed and dangerous. Buggy and his gang have been blazing a trail all across the southwest for ten years. "He's not been afraid to spread the news to people and that's why he's become a folk hero", said columnist Walter Whitshell of the New York Times.

This desperado has an arsenal of mean criteria. Doc Hayes, aka Ma; big, mean John Haase aka Pa; big Frank Hartigan known as the Kid; "Ma" also...

**EXCLUSIVE!**  
by Marky Kerr.  
Society Columnist  
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Newest debutant in Tucson Society.  
"Coo Coo" Clark has become the latest fun mall for the mob!  
"I love action!", "Coo Coo" told me in an interview.

TUCSON - Buggy Ellis was last seen making a getaway with gang members Doc Hayes, John Haase, Frank Hartigan, Ave Landon and Wendy Caster.

# UPDATE

## Two More Tucsonans Check In With Medals



JIM FELIX

Former Tucsonan winner of two gold medals in racquetball in Gay Games IV

TUCSON - After last weeks reporting of seven medals won by Tucsonans Bertie Lozano and Edna Spring, word is that there were two more medal winners from Tucson at Gay Games IV. Esthermarie Hillman won a Silver and a Bronze in women's Track and Field. Sandy Zetlan brought in a Silver medal for women's In-Line Skating.

This makes a total of 10 medals that have been won by Tucsonans, all women, out of the total of 19 medals won by Team Arizona.

In addition, former Tucsonan, Jim Felix, reports that he won two gold medals in the men's "B" Division of the racquetball tournament. Jim is a Tucson native who graduated from Tucson High and the UofA. He now resides in San Diego, where he has lived for over five years.

Congratulations again to all the medal winners and to all who participated in Gay Games IV. It is truly one of the more exciting events in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual communities.

## Miss Gay Arizona Pageant July 24

TUCSON - The Miss Gay Arizona Pageant will be held on July 24, 1994 in Tucson, at the Ramada Inn Downtown. All contestants be advised that applications and entry fees are due by July 10, 1994 in order to avoid a late fee. No applications are will be accepted after July 17, 1994.

Anyone interested in application or tickets, table or advertising information may contact Raven Productions at (602) 628-1336 or (602) 793-0628 (digital pager).

"I look forward to another successful pageant and again with your continuous support, I feel confident that this will be achieved. I hope to see you all there," said Pageant Producer, Parker Ruiz.

## Style for Life A Cutting Success

TUCSON - The Old Pueblo was a buzz with dedicated volunteer fever this past Sunday when the Second Annual STYLE FOR LIFE fund raising event brought community members together for a wonderful cause. People with AIDS Coalition - Tucson (PACT) sponsored this event with Mary Higgins at the helm as coordinator.

Concerned citizens donated their entire day of rest to raise much need money to help provide housing, early intervention and client services for people living with HIV and AIDS. Salon owners, managers, hair stylists, nail care specialists and volunteers by the dozen turned out for a day of work, comraderie and fun that carried this labor of love for one's fellow brother and sister.

Publicity before and on Sunday was handled by The Observer, KOLD Channel 13, KOOL FM, THE ECHO FM, KLPX FM and the Tucson Weekly. Aveda Beauty Products provided funding and cosponsored Style for Life. Doubletree Hotel of Tucson gave a lavish thank you reception in the Boojum Ballroom for all participants at the conclusion of the day.

Event T-shirts are \$10.95 each, cassette tapes and CDs are \$5.00 each and are available at the PACT office, 801 West Congress. Information is available at 770-1710.

## Gay Scout Leader Awarded \$5,000

SAN DIEGO, CA - A judge awarded \$5,000 to a Boy Scouts leader who was expelled after revealing he is Gay.

California's civil right law prohibits the Scouts from discriminating against homosexuals, Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph ruled.

"Public acknowledgement of

homosexuality does not translate into 'teaching' that homosexuality is proper or improper," the judge wrote.

He declined however, to order the reinstatement of Chuck Merino until the Boy Scouts held administrative hearings.

The Boy Scouts planned to appeal. The group claims it consists of volunteers and is not a business, and therefore is exempt from the law.

Merino, a 38 year old police officer, was an Explorer Scouts leader for 11 years until he was expelled in 1992.

The Boy Scouts of America have a national policy banning homosexuals from being leaders. A spokesman said homosexuals are inappropriate role models.

## U.S. AIDS Coordinator Quits Amid Role Confusion

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Kristine Gebbie resigned at the nation's first National AIDS coordinator, saying she reached "a mutual agreement" with President Clinton to step aside no later than August 2.

Clinton accepted the resignation, saying Gebbie had served "ably and with dedication."

In her resignation letter Gebbie did not directly address the reasons for her departure. But aides said the core of the problem was a clash between the public perception of her as an AIDS "czar" and her role inside the federal bureaucracy as an AIDS "coordinator."

Gebbie, whose work had been harshly criticized by some Gay groups, said the next AIDS coordinator "must have the tools necessary to take on this position and achieve success and confidence within the AIDS community."

John Gurrola, communications director of the Office of National AIDS policy said: "The difficulty mostly stemmed from the question of: Is this a czar or a coordinator? Gebbie was hired to be a coordinator and it was never intended that she should be a czar nor was she granted the powers of a czar."

As a result, Gurrola said, expectations were unusually high.

He said Gebbie feels she was in an unusually difficult position "because it was the first job of the kind for anyone to hold" and because it was the first job of the kind for anyone to hold" and because of difficulties in defining her role in the light against AIDS.

Daniel T. Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council, an organization of AIDS service providers, said Gebbie's resignation, gives the Clinton administration "the opportunity for a new beginning."

At least two national AIDS groups had called on Gebbie to resign. She had said in May that she had no intention of resigning.

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# IN MEMORIAM



**JAMES EDWARD FISHER**  
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Jim Fisher was born and raised in Douglas, Arizona where he graduated from Douglas High School. He served 20 years in the U.S. Army with three tours of duty in Vietnam and the remainder of his military career in his beloved Germany. During those 20 years, Jim amassed 20 medals recognizing his numerous military duties and an additional six good conduct medals.

Jim retired to Tucson (he loved Arizona too). He wanted to be close to his family, and "Sarg" drew an immediate circle of friends.

He became bartender, bookkeeper and manager of IBT's where he was instrumental in coordinating IBT's University of Arizona Scholarship Fund.

Jim is survived by his sister Jackie Christian, two nephews an aunt, an uncle and a family of friends who loved Jim dearly.

A memorial party, 'Fisher's Octoberfest in July' will be held this Sunday, July 17, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at IBT's. The Burger Bar will be a fund raiser for the University Scholarship Fund. Jim was loved and will be sorely missed. There is an empty spot in our lives. Plan on joining his friends at the Memorial Octoberfest on Sunday.



**ROBERT L. "ROB" THOMPSON**  
May 19, 1958 - June 30, 1994

Rob Thompson, a former Tucson resident, died at his home in West Frankfort, Illinois.

He was a legal editor prior to his move to Tucson. He worked for a short period as bartender at IBT's until 1993, when his illness forced him to return to his home in Illinois.

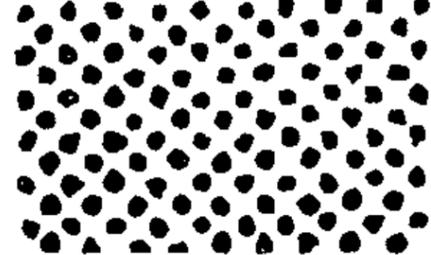
Survivors include his mother, two sisters, two brothers and one nephews, all of West Frankfort.

## KEVIN JACOB PATTON

Kevin Patton, age 23, son of Bob Patton, was gunned down by a dissident Palestinian, while leading a protest march in Jerusalem on July 2, 1994.

Memorial services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Ave., with Rev. Robert Bruce Williams officiating.

As is the custom in the Jewish faith, a memorial tree will be planted in Jerusalem in Kevin's name. Contributions for the tree may be made to Bob. Donors will be notified when and where the tree is planted. (Auditing of funds by Arthur E. Lewis, accountant).



# Cammermeyer Back On Job

CAMP MURRAY, WA (AP) - Two years after Col. Margaret Cammermeyer was kicked out of the National Guard for being a Lesbian, the highly decorated Vietnam veteran was back at her old job.

because she's overdue," Guard spokeswoman Donna Hubbert said.

Guard commander Major General Greg Barlow asked Cammermeyer to report to work after the appeals court rejected the Justice Department to block her reinstatement.

"I never knew the military to move so fast," Cammermeyer said in a telephone interview. "I'm more disappointed that it's taken two years to get here."

The Justice Department wanted her reinstatement delayed until its appeal could be heard, or at least until the court rules in a similar case involving a Gay Navy sonar instructor.

Cammermeyer is a 26 year military veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star as an Army nurse in Vietnam. She was discharged involuntary in 1992, three years after disclosing her sexual orientation during a security clearance interview. The military had maintained a longstanding ban on homosexuality until its recent to the policy commonly called, "don't ask, don't tell."

A federal court ordered her reinstatement last month, ruling her discharge based on her sexual orientation was unconstitutional. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to delay that order.

A smiling Cammermeyer, dressed in a camouflage uniform, arrive in an white Mercedes-Benz and entered the main gate at Washington National Guard headquarters, south of Tacoma.

She returned to her job as chief of nursing services for the 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. As a regular reservist, her work obligation is two days per month and a 15 days annual training mission. The job pays about \$12,000 a year.

"She has to catch up on some administrative things. She has to get a new ID card. She has to get a physical

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# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

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## In Search Of 'She'

It's almost become ho-hum that Melissa Etheridge, k.d. lang, and Janis Ian are out of the closet, even though open Lesbianism was seen as career suicide only a few years ago. I was thrilled when they came out, and I'll bet you were, too. Not that these announcements were exactly surprises, mind you (did anyone think Janis's "Jesse" was a guy?), but the world did not drop dead, grind to a halt, or stop buying records.

These three women were so brave, and what they did was so important, that I feel rotten that I have one little complaint, one minor criticism, the most minuscule bone to pick.

When is their music going to come out too?

Music doesn't have to be blatant to be Lesbian. Take these lovely lyrics from Janis's "Ride Me Like a Wave": "Hide me in your hollows/Taste the salt that clings to me/Shipwrecked in your shallows/Scented by the sea/Hide me in the wisdom of your thighs/Ride me like a wave." She's singing to a woman. I can tell. But would I know if I didn't know? And k.d.'s wonderful "Miss Chatelaine," the tongue in cheek lament of a loved melted butch, is also clearly Lesbian, to people who are clearly Lesbian.

For all the beauty of Janis's song and all the wry humor of k.d.'s, they and Melissa limit their listeners and themselves by relying on first person ("I'm in love")

and second persons ("you're the one I love") generic songs.

Melissa says her goal is to write songs with which everyone can identify. But I and millions of other Lesbians and Gay men have identified with Joni Mitchell, Bonnie Raitt, Sting, and Nirvana. Do straight people have less imagination than we do? (Melissa also says that the "Yes I Am" of her latest CD does not mean, "yes I am a Lesbian." From the way the cover is designed, it seems only to mean, "Yes I am Melissa Etheridge.")

k.d. has said; "I always try to write my love songs so that they can be applied to a dog or to God or to your mother." That sure makes me hear "Constant Craving" in a whole new way.

To get down to the bottom line, which is, surprise, the bottom line: why should Janis, k.d., and Melissa risk their income any further when they already took a chance by coming out of the closet? It does seem unlikely that "Constantly Craving Connie" would have become as big a hit as "Constant Craving."

Nevertheless, these women and all people who self-censor pay an artistic price. The basis of writing is honest, particular detail. Here's Joni Mitchell: "I met a redneck on a Grecian isle/Who did the goat dance very well/He gave me back my smile/But he kept my camera to sell." She limns a relationship in four lines! Joni's songs are full of men (Carey, My

Old Man, Richard, Michael-From Mountains), and over the past 20 something years, she has chronicled an entire era in male-female relationships. Who does the same for female-female relationships?

Of course, Joni is an exceptional writer, and it's not fair to hold anyone to her standards. But here's an excerpt by Patti Scialfa, a much less impressive writer, showing the advantage that detail, including gender, can give a song: "Oh mama there's this spanish dancer/whose steps I follow when he comes near/the red dress of temptation/over a long black slip of fear/I throw my roses down for him/across the beds of darkness he/openness his arms and gathers them in.

Are male female relationships different from female-female relationships different from male-male relationships? I believe the answer is yes, and no, and sometimes. I also believe that artists can lead the way in showing the differences and commonalities among people, if those artists allow themselves to tell the whole truth, pronouns and all. When Melissa writes, "I'm the only one/Who'll walk across the fire for you/I'm the only one/Who'll drown in my desire for you," the non-specific lyrics make it possible for the listener to identify but not particularly significant that she or he does.

I've heard many nasty comments about "women's music," but when Cris Williamson sang to her "sweet woman" and Margie Adam to her "lovable lady" and Meg Christian discovered the love of a woman for her woman, they kissed major profits goodbye to tell their truth, and mine. Now, grrr! bands sing what my sweetie calls "serious pussy music." We don't need Janis, k.d., and Melissa to sing frankly Lesbian songs, but wouldn't it be nice?

## Goldwater to Head Americans Against Discrimination

### 8 States Fail To Gather Enough Signatures for Anti-Gay Initiatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Former Arizona Senator, Barry Goldwater has agreed to be Honorary Co-Chair of Americans Against Discrimination (AAD). Also announced during the press conference in the nation's capital was that only 2 of 10 targeted states managed to qualify anti-Gay initiatives for their general election ballots.

AAD is an offshoot of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the countries largest Gay and Lesbian rights organization. The new group announced that Oregon Governor, Barbara Roberts, has agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of AAD. The focus of the new group will be to fight the anti-Gay initiatives in Oregon and Idaho.

Of the 10 states considering anti-Gay initiatives, Michigan, Arizona, Florida, Ohio, New Jersey, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Washington and California, proponents only gathered enough signatures to get them on the ballot in only 2 of the states, Idaho and Oregon.

Idaho's proposal would bar any state law extending civil rights protection based on sexual orientation. Oregon's proposal would likewise block laws and policy, prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. It would also allow employers to consider sexual status a legal reason to fire a worker.

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## POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

### WHO'S RUNNIN

The deadline for candidates submitting nominating petitions has passed and we have an interesting lot running for State House of Representatives and State Senate.

Of the races for the state legislature 15 State Senate races (15 Districts) and 28 State House races (14 Districts) have been decided due to the fact their is no opposition from the other party, albeit D or R. So far in the Senate, 9 Republicans and 6 Democrats have been given a free ride. In the State House, 18 Republicans and 10 Democrats also have been given a free ride.

Locally here is how the races for the State Legislature looks for the 94 campaign:

District 9 - Senate, Keith Bee (R); John Daugherty (D). House, Lou Ann Prebble and Bill McGibbon (R).

District 10 - Senate, Victor Soltero (D). House, Carmen Cajero, Jesse Grajeda, Phillip Hubbard and Betty Liggins (D).

District 11 - Senate, Peter Goudinoff (D). House, Jorge Luis Garcia, Elaine Richardson and Elaine Shestko-Montiel (D); David Morales (R).

District 12 - Senate, Ann Day (R). House, "Pat" Patricia Coleman, Winifred "Freddy" Hershberger and Dan Schottel (R); David Perkins (D).

District 13 - Senate, Patricia "Patti" Noland (R). House, Dr. Andy Nichols, George Cunningham (D); D. Shane Wikfors (R).

District 14 - Senate, Ruth Solomon (D). House, Herschella Horton, Marion Pickens (D); Chuck Josephson (R).

### 1994 EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT UPDATE

An update on S. 2238 and H.R. 4636, the 1994 Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994. As we mentioned in an earlier column, the measure had been introduced in the middle of June and had been referred to the House and Senate Committee's on Education and Labor. Where the two companion pieces of legislation sit. They have not been given a date for the two respective committee's to hear the bill.

If we want action on this important legislation, we need to do what Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy asks us to in his Op-Ed piece in this week's edition of The Observer. Please read it, it will be one of the most important articles you'll read this year!

### GOVERNOR RACE GOSSIP

Some Gubernatorial dish to report on kids. Guess which 1994 Gubernatorial candidate, who is supported by women's groups accepted a contribution from Pima county's most notorious elected official, none other than Assessor Alan "My Constitutional Rights" Lang?

If you guessed Terry Goddard, pass go and collect \$200. Goddard's campaign financial report shows that Lang made a \$100 contribution to the campaign in June of 1993. [For those who have

been under a rock, Lang, has been accused of sexually harassing female employees while as Assessor and faces a recall election. What irony!]

Also another item to report and it involves the Goddard campaign. As this column reported in an earlier edition, the Tucson Education Association came out and officially endorsed Terry Goddard as their pick in the 1994 Governors race. Small problem, TEA did not bother to contact the other gubernatorial contenders about a potential endorsement; send out a questionnaire; or request an interview with the other candidates.

So the Goddard campaign has made a change in their southern Arizona campaign staff. They have hired Paul Felix to run the southern Arizona office, replacing Barbara Cerepanya. What's Felix's claim to fame. He is the past president of TEA, current member of TEA's steering committee and was a participant in TEA's sham endorsement in this years Governor's race. (Talk about a big thank you!)

### ROGER'S FOLLIES

City of Tucson Councilmember Roger Sedlmayr (D-Ward 4), has had a snag develop in his possible campaign plans. It has been rumored that Roger had been contemplating changing his political affiliation and running in the Republican Supervisorial District 4 Primary against incumbent Paul Marsh in 1996.

The snag, Roger and his wife Andrea have divorced and Roger is now residing again in his infamous condo/campaign headquarters, this according to Council Aides and City workers who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The condo happens to be located in Supervisor's Dan Eckstrom District 2. (Oops!)

And so it goes for now!

### AGRA-Tucson Chapter Poster Contest

TUCSON - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Tucson Chapter announces the 1995 Sahuaro Regional Rodeo (SRR) poster contest to select the official poster design for the March 1995 rodeo. The winning design will be used on posters publicizing the 1995 SRR, with the possibility of also being used on rodeo brochures, programs, and T-shirts. The winner of the contest will receive \$100.00

The contest is open to anyone, AGRA membership is not required. All entries must be 11" x 17" with a 1/2" blank space border on all four outer edges. A Sahuaro Cactus must be included in the design, and the only lettering allowed is 1995 Sahuaro Regional Rodeo. Enough room must be left on the poster for location, dates, phone number, logos, etc. Posters may be black and white or color, but if in color, it must be original art work or original photograph. Place your name, address, and phone number on the upper left back of your design.

All entries must be registered by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 1994. They may be brought to the AGRA Membership Meeting on this day at the Flamingo Sun Hotel, 1300 N. Stone, Tucson. Entries may also be mailed to AGRA-Tucson Chapter, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85712.

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In March of 1993 Frank Meliti announced his intention to overturn all equal rights laws for LesBiGays and prevent future legislation of that kind by amending the Arizona State Constitution by ballot initiative.

On July 7 of this year Meliti announced that he had gathered, "well over 250,000 signatures" but wouldn't file his petitions (he's not required to under state election laws) because "militant homosexuals" would keep the issue in court for years to come. Instead, he announced he would eliminate the "middle man" and go directly to court to challenge the Tucson Human Rights Ordinance. AS Bill McDonald of the Arizona Human Rights Fund put it, "On July 7 Frank Meliti stood before the State Capitol and announced his total defeat. And he didn't do it very graciously."

He stood behind five cardboard boxes (nearly as high as he is tall) and pontificated about how "radical homosexuals" have taken over this country. Never a specific reference to place, time, individual, or circumstances; Meliti stood in front of the microphones and cameras, manipulating his information and our lives in a perverted version of "Punch-n-Judy". Frank Meliti delighted in his show, his eyes twinkled every time a reporter asked, "are you going to file, Frank?"

"I'll get to that, you're interrupting our press conference," he replied. "Jeez," I thought to myself, "even his voice is tight."

And then it occurred to me, he's getting off on this, right here on the sun side of the State Capitol. This man is receiving the gratification and attention he needed for no long. A tall handsome reporter pushed a long black microphone towards Meliti's mouth, "It would help me a great deal if you would open a box and show me some petitions."

**Straight From The Hip**  
by Kenny Jacobs

**Pay No Attention To That Man Behind The Boxes, or It's Stupid, Stupid**

We don't want to mess with them, who are you?

The reporter identifies himself (his name sounds like the name of a son of Adam and Eve.)

"How is that spelled?" Meliti queries. When he receives his response a slight grin, no make that a quiver, cracks Meliti's gray, shrink-wrapped face.

This is the same reporter who asked where the petitions were being kept. Sun City. Can I get some video? No, if I told you the address, the radical homosexuals would burn down the house. (in this heat?) My mother and I went to Phoenix (a field trip of sorts) to watch a press conference and came away feeling we had baby-set a psychopath.

Meliti brought a seasoned citizen (and others) with him. This particular gentleman sat on a lawn chair and told me that schools in Arizona were teaching bestiality and homosexuality (among other things, I assume). He said that, "all homosexuals should be thrown out's their jobs cause they teach their perversion to young kids." Where does this happen, I asked? "Look around ya"! It's not just in Maricopa county neither." Any proof? "It's Everywhere!". He held up a sign. On one side it read in part, "Protect Our Children." My mother walked up to him, pointed to his message, and deftly turned her own. "I am," she stated flatly, "I am the mother of a Gay son and I am here to

protect him from the likes of you."

"Are you a Lesbian?" was his retort.

And in an even tone she said "No I'm not, but I don't have to be a homosexual to know you are wrong."

"Does your husband have homosexual tendencies?"

"No. I wish you knew more about what you are talking about. You misuse the Bible and the church for your own purposes."

They told my mom she wasn't a real Christian, I was going to hell, they loved her, the press is controlled by homosexuals, I can be cured (like him the way he is, she said), here's an informational handout, she needs to be born again, I need to be born again, do you want to have a Bible study now, God's word is inerrant, here have a Bible tract. (wheeh)

The Bible tract (entitled Big Daddy) was racist and inaccurate, the "informational" handout (It's The Diseases --STUPID) was full of lies about the number of sexual partners and diseases attributed to a "typical" Gay man. Same dance, different dress.

And this was just the beginning of the day.

This is as close to homosexuality as Meliti can bear to be, rubbing elbows with "militant homosexuals and their allies" he has found his own queer little community. Welcome home, Frank. Let me put it in plain English. People who spend so much time and energy on "militant homosexuals", making up lies of omission and commission, the bullies that about the loudest and hit the hardest are often doing so with a very private agenda in mind. "If I hate hard enough no one will wonder about me."

I think Frank Meliti is a homosexual. I have no proof, just my "Gaydar" (and my Mother's) and the public record of his obsession with homosexuals.

Because I think Meliti is a closeted homosexual I also think he should be pitied. He is a man in pain and fear. He is pathetic and dangerous. He is a symptom of deep-seated ignorance and fear of homosexuality. He is only the beginning.

Gov. Fife Symington to his credit, denounced the Meliti initiative. But he also said Arizona has protections for LesBiGays on the books already. Can this man be so ill-informed or was he playing to the right wing of his party?

Concerned Women for America (CWA) said that "now isn't the time," for this kind of initiative. Privately they worried that the Meliti Amendment would bring out voters that would also vote against Jon Kyl in his Senate run. They had the House, the Senate, and the Governor's mansion this year, why expand political capitol on what is essentially "legislative over-kill".

Jon Kyl has been tap dancing on this issue all year. He is anti-Gay but never had the guts to talk straight about

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The Fiestas Patrias committee is allowing each bar, interesting in participating, to sponsor one contestant. Every contestant must have a sponsor bar. The number of contestants will be determined by the number of bars willing to be sponsors.

The Stonewall/Eagle will be the host bar and will not have a contestant, in order to remain neutral.

All interested sponsor bars and contestants must register with Ms. Minerva the First, at 326-4741, no later than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 1994. This gives everyone 1 1/2 months in which to raise money. \$1.00 will equal 1 vote.

Here are the rules for contestants for the 1994 Fiestas Patrias, which will take place on Saturday, September 17, at the Stonewall/Eagle.

### RULES

- 1) No drinking of alcohol will be allowed until after the pageant.
- 2) All numbers for the pageant must be in Spanish.
- 3) All monies received by contestants and their guests must be placed in the sealed jar immediately after their number. Anyone pocketing the money or not depositing it, in the jar, will be disqualified immediately.
- 4) All sponsor bars must hold at least 2 fund raisers prior to the day of the pageant.
- 5) All monies raised by the sponsor bars must be deposited in the sealed jars immediately after the advertised event takes place.
- 6) After every fund raiser/show, the sealed jar will be counted by a representative of the pageant committee, a representative for the contestant, and a representative for the sponsor bar. A cash receipt will be given to the contestant's representative after every event.
- 7) Since the winner of this event is determined by votes (\$1.00 = 1 vote), anyone, bar or contestant or representative, who reveals the amount of monies raised, prior to the pageant's finale, will be disqualified.
- 8) Only one sponsor bar per contestants and vice-versa.
- 9) All contestants must be at least 21 years old.

10) Contestants must register by the final registration date. No Exceptions!

11) The winner of the pageant must have at least 2 fund raisers during their reigning year. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit and the crown and title will pass on to the prospective runner up.

12) The title holder may not choose his/her own successor/replacement. That honor will go to the runner up.

13) In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the luck of the draw.

14) Contestants and sponsor bars will be held accountable for any invited guest, helper, or representative who does not adhere to the rules.

15) Please, respect one another, no smoking in the dressing rooms.

16) This is a great opportunity for all of us to work together in raising money for three great organizations: PACT For Life, TAP, and Shanti. Anyone involved in un-sportsman-like conduct will be disqualified. Let's work together and have fun!

17) Any violations of the rules will result in immediate disqualification.

18) Questions, problems, or suggestions must be referred to Ms. Minerva the First, at 326-4741.

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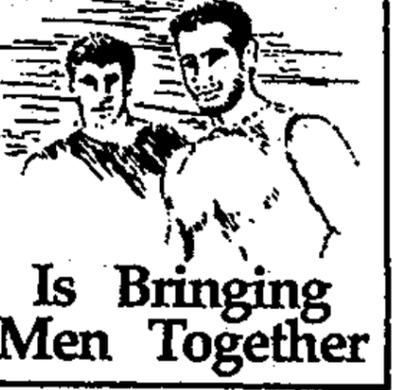


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## Safe Sex



# From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! It's Summertime! When men's and women's sweaty bodies glisten in the steaming hot rays of Old Sol. When eyeballs from near and far gaze in lust at the glistening gorgeous, and the rest of us, who also glisten but aren't exactly gorgeous? Well, we just gaze along creating our own fantasies.

Aren't the Seasons wonderful!

How boring it must be for those who live in areas where the weather never seems to change. It's such a hazardous time of the year though. Sunburns, tans, skin cancer. Wild uncontrolled emotions and sex, STD's and AIDS. Summer hazards? You bet your life! Literally. Damn reality, sometimes huh.

## CHANNEL CHANGE

In Colorado, the State Attorney General's office has asked the Colorado Supreme Court to reinstate the anti-Gay right law which the voters passed in '92, because most Gay and pro-Gay voters stayed home thinking it could never pass. The Attorney General said it was the "best way to protect those who object to homosexuality."

Protect?! Protect from what? Oh, of course. Silly me. It should have been so obvious. They need to be protected from those dreaded, ruthless, gun-totin', sex crazed, godless, beer-drinkin', drug addicted, rape-prone homosexuals. Oh my God! They're talking about me! I'm one of those homos they are afraid of and need to be protected from.

Well, I suppose my ruthlessness is well-known; my gun-totin' ability legendary. No wonder they need protection. Of course, being a homo, my sex drive is naturally so much greater than hetero's.

It's time to board up the windows and lock all the doors so all the men, women and children are protected.

Admittedly, I may not have darkened the doors of any organized Church for many moons, but they took the welcome mat away and don't want me unless I become a robot and think exactly the way they do, so I really don't feel too guilty. Fortunately, my creator is outside those Church walls also and loves me unconditionally.

Alcoholism and drug addiction? A homosexual attribute? Excuse me! I do know a few stupid homos who participate in these activities but I know a heck of a lot more straights who indulge. I have to be honest and admit that I have smoked those evil cigarettes though for fifty one years now which does make me a dangerous person these days.

As a rapist? Again I have failed miserably. As a homo it must certainly be on my mind all the time but I just haven't had enough time to give it proper consideration. There just aren't enough hours in my day. Of course, the local news keeps me informed about all the Dads and Uncles, the fallen from grace evangelists and Priests, and the truly insane which keep the rape headlines occupied.

Oh, let's face it. I'm just a very normal homo whom no one needs to be protected from, how boring! Of course there is that small segment of our community who are definitely "social animals". There wouldn't be any need for bars, taverns, pool halls, saloons, spas or bath-houses if there weren't this segment. The

straights do outnumber us in this area also however. Don't you just hate to be second best?

## FREEDOM TO BE

Isn't America great? We can actually be atheist, agnostic, pantheistic, occult, or cult and not be afraid to say we are. We can even be Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Taoist, or even evangelical of any of the above and not be afraid to say we are in public, although many of our ancestors fled countries where they were punished for being any of the above. They had to come to America to escape the Church-State systems. They came to America where the Church and the State are separated for the protection of all. Let's make sure it is kept this way and keep America great!

Wish I could say also that Bisexuals, homosexuals, etc. would not have to be afraid to admit they are what they are, but that wouldn't be true, yet. It seems like Americans freedom to be what we are only goes as far as the educated minds allow. Ignorance has always been the basis for creating fears and unfortunately, Americans are not "that educated" today. Fears still exist because folks ignorant. We are only a baby nation though so there still is hope that someday soon maybe we will be brought out of the darkness of Victorianism.

Our freedom and the future freedoms of all Americans is actually in our hands today. It is our opportunity to help erase ignorance. We do this through seeking out the ignorant and one on one we educate.

"Being Gay or Lesbian means we are deviants". Ignorant thought. "Gays and Lesbians are still atheists". Ignorant thought. "All Gays and Lesbians are pedophiles". Ignorant thought. "A straight person can become a homo if they have an experience". Ignorant thought.

Oh, there are so many ignorant thoughts floating around out there which need to be erased.

You say: "Give up the education idea, London, it can't be done." I say as my 4th grade educated Dad used to say: "a quitter never wins and a winner never quits." We must face the challenge which dares to call us outsiders and second class citizens. We are neither outsiders nor second class citizens. The battle lies ahead. We've only just begun.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

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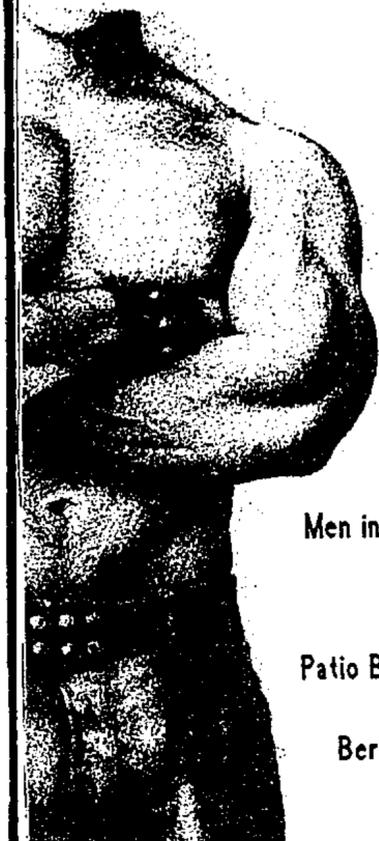
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# News From MCC/Tucson

by Rev. Sharon West

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Join with us for a few fun filled hours of friendship, socializing, and competitive entertainment. You needn't be a member of this or any church to get in on the fun. Many nice prizes (\$2 to \$5 values). Bring a favorite snack to share, and get you beverages at the Bingo Game: coffee, tea, & varieties of soda. Saturday, July 16th is the date; 6:30 p.m. is the time. Each of you are welcome.

Just ten days remaining to our awe-inspiring, fun-filled fellowship event of the summer. Of course I refer to MCC's 2nd Annual Sunset Picnic, July 23rd, 5:00 p.m., in our own lovely Tucson Mountains, Gates Pass vicinity. It's a "Potless" to quote Pastor Nita, and for dense people like me, that means "Pot-luck-Palate-Pleasers"! I've heard whispers of pounds of various cold salads; fried chicken!; lots of crisp fresh vegetable snackies, i.e. carrot and celery sticks; not even to mention delicious dessert delectables. As darkness creeps over us on padded kitten paws, God's heavenly panorama will leave us gasping and deeply moved. This is the pearl at the essence of our picnic. This will unquestionably be an experience we will each treasure. You are each specifically invited to join your MCC brothers and sisters July 23rd. Specific directions in next week's column, or feel free to call the church for information sooner.

MCC's Gay Games athlete, Edna, would like to thank the Church for its generous support, enabling her to participate in the Gay Games held in New York. She was presented with a round trip ticket by her family, friends, as Pastoral staff at

MCC.

Pastor Ed's brand new, exciting Bible study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ set for the very first spiritual taste of this much misunderstood, mysterious final Book of the Holy Bible, last night. If you were present you are now counting the hours to the second spiritual taste of Revelation. It was great and interest tantalizing. This is already a fascinating Bible study. Grab your Bible & be at MCC's Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night, July 19th. You'll be glad you did!

What do we know about the six verse biographed Enoch? Well, he was Cain's eldest son; the father of Methuselah (whose life span was 969 years!); and Great-Grandfather of Noah (the Ark-man). Enoch's brief biography is down right astounding! Enoch's holy life on earth, and glorious exit from earth are of eminent interest. While born a child of wrath, Enoch became a child of grace; was surely at peace with God; walked with God! Enoch enjoyed close communion with, and God was a pleasure to, Enoch. He also pleased God. Enoch was the seventh man from Adam and his character and conduct were a distinct rebuke to the godless of his corrupt age; and finally, nowhere is it said "he died"! Nowhere!! Among the countless millions of men who lived, there were only two that never died: Enoch and Elijah! Only four books of the Bible even mentioned the original "Missing Person", Enoch.

Thought for the Week: The only choices we have the power to act on are those we make today.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

### Homosexuality and the Bible (Part 5, Continued)

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." (Leviticus 18:22)

"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads." (Leviticus 20:13)

[Last week we began looking at these passages of Scripture and what they are really talking about. This week we will continue to look at important factors necessary for understanding these verses.]

An important factor to acknowledge is the concept of women in Jewish culture. Notice that there is no mention of Lesbian sex in Leviticus; the rules only apply to males. This either means that God doesn't mind if women have sex with women, or he had something else in mind besides condemning homosexuality. In Jewish culture, women were considered lower than men. The Jewish religion taught that man was created in the image of God, and woman was created in the image of man. Therefore, men were more important than women. For one man to penetrate another was seen as degrading to the image of God, since it lowered the man to the status of a woman. As mentioned in a previous column, this was a common way to demoralize and humiliate a captured army. Since it was not possible for a woman to degrade another woman in the same manner, there were no prohibitions on Lesbian sex.

Finally, it is essential to understand that Christians are no longer under the Levitical Law. We find this supported in numerous places in the New Testament: "Christ is the end of the law so that there might be righteousness for everyone who believes." (Romans 10:4) "I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" (Galatians 2:21) "Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law." (Galatians 3:23-25) "But what does the Scripture say? 'Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son.' Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman." (Galatians 4:30, 31)

Don't ever allow anyone to try to place the yoke of bondage of the law on you by quoting these verses from Leviticus. If you are a Christian, you are under grace, not the law, and are justified by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. If you are not a Christian, you can do nothing to save yourself or make yourself right with God. The only way to become right with God is to confess Jesus Christ as Savior (Romans 10: 9, 10). All the "righteous" acts in the world won't get even the holiest person into heaven unless that person

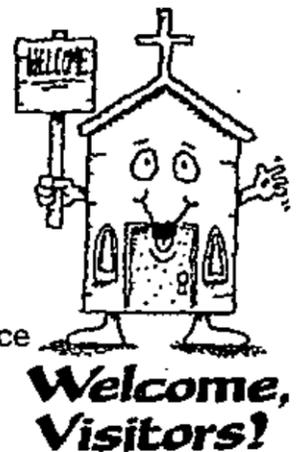
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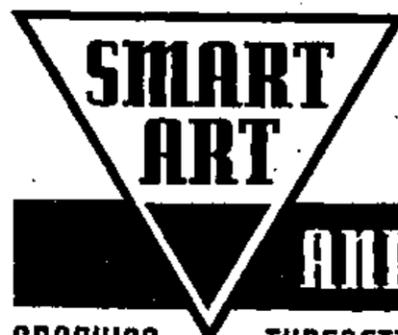
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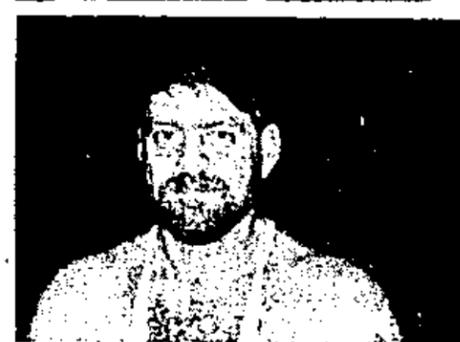
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when we won't have to "negotiate" safer sex. But I personally don't negotiate sex or safer sex! If we're going to have sex, we're going to have safer sex, period!

**Q.** What is the most difficult thing about safer sex, and how do you deal with it?

**A.** I really don't think safer sex is difficult. There was a time when I found it slightly awkward, but not any longer. The only difficult thing would be finding my shoes and leaving graciously when someone says "Oh, don't worry about a condom." I don't worry about the condom, but I do worry about them.

**Q.** What do you want to tell the world about safer sex?

**A.** Wake up! It's not the answer to stopping STD's, HIV, AIDS, etc., but it's the best we've got right now. It's time that we teach our sons that if you're "man" enough to have sex, there's nothing more masculine than being responsible. So if you're not abstaining, then wear a condom. Heaven is already full of AIDS angels, and their message to us is to enjoy every day of our lives...responsibly and lovingly.

**Q.** What is your attitude toward safer sex?

**A.** It's not an option any longer and it doesn't have to be a drag (no pun intended). I've always tried to express my creativity in all aspects of my life and sex is no exception. I actually enjoy safer sex because it at least removes some of the fear...and sex should be fun, not fear or guilt inducing. Right?

**Q.** How do you negotiate safer sex?

**A.** Hopefully, we as responsible Gay men, are fast approaching the day

### At The Closet Door

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## Strategic Inertia

What really happened July 7? The day before, Frank Meliti asserted that he had a hundred thousand more signatures than necessary to put his anti-queer rights initiative on the ballot. Yet he said that he and his coalition didn't want to wait for the courts to decide the inevitable challenge to the proposed law. Rather, they will go after the local laws in Arizona which protect the rights of Lesbians and Gays, starting with Tucson's.

I don't think our man Frank has the signatures. Where are the petitions? Didn't John Kromko just get busted for not turning in his Total Recall papers? Does Meliti have to produce signatures whether they exceed his goal or not?

I'm from Missouri, Frank: show me. Show me their handwriting. I want to know who these hundreds of thousands of people are who supposedly support the so-called Meliti initiative.

I want to know why Frank is throwing away a perfectly good weapon that may give him a shot at a state law. If he needs an easier fight, why not go after ASU first?

Looking at his strategy (if there is one), we have to assume from his choice of target that Tucson's law looks to him like the weakest in Arizona. Why else would he abandon a victory?

Okay, are we ready to pay attention now? The man with the big glasses and his arms full of papers is on his way to Tucson. Do we need to worry about Frank Meliti? He is coming here to challenge the law that resulted from Richard Heakin's queer-bashing murder in 1976. He is so bizarre that even the Concerned Women for America won't be

associated with him. Nobody seems to know anyone else associated with his coalition. No one has seen his petitions. Yet if he's just a nut case, why hasn't he faded out of sight by now?

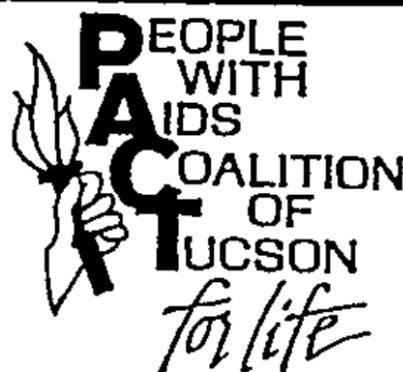
We'd been preparing and organizing - quietly - for over a year. Meliti's presence was so faint between his periodic rantings to the press; we wondered if his was a stealth campaign or just an inept one.

Perhaps, if and when Meliti uses to overturn Tucson's human relations ordinance, more people in Tucson will take notice and, more importantly, take action. Our opponents on this issue know that we won't give this up without some kind of fight. But who will fight? This one issue has already been going on for a year. Debra Broner deserves a private life. She's done her part and more (on this and many fronts), but what the hell will we do without her?

I tried my hand at political activism and generally screwed it up; I have retreated for the moment to the relatively safe pages of the *Observer*. Others have leveler heads and more patience than I, and have stuck through the work needed to prepare a response to this hate campaign. But like "compassion fatigue" that makes us not want to talk about AIDS any more, "activist fatigue" threatens our political leaders.

For the life of me, I can't decide whether Meliti is a shrewd strategist or a bumbling bigot. I do know that his campaign, whatever it is, is shredding my nerves and others'.

I want this to be over. I want to stop writing about this humorless and frightening little man and his invisible



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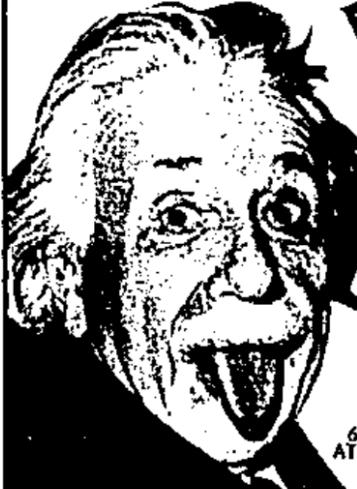
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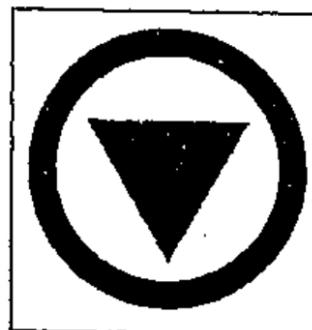
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cohorts. I want them to put up or shut up.

During all the hoopla over Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games, Larry Kramer was interviewed about the struggle for queer rights. The founder of Gay Men's Health Crisis and ACT-UP spoke wistfully, romantically, about holding his lover's hand on the street without fear. Then he got pissed off. He leaned back in his chair, stared at the interviewer, and said, "I want what you have, God damn it!"

There it is. I don't want any special rights, just the ones that most Americans take for granted.



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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

**IBT'S** - The Amazing Glamazons are back at 9:00 p.m. sharp! Hosted by Miss Gay Tucson, Lucinda Holliday and starring Miss Gilda Fatale, Adrienne Alexander, Helena Bubbles and special Guest, Sasha!

## THURSDAY, JULY 14

**CLUB 2520** - SKYY Vodka Promotion Night with lots of free t-shirts and SKYY vodka drink specials. Check it out!

## FRIDAY, JULY 15

**GRADUATE** - 9:00 p.m. "The Best of Adrienne Alexander and Lucinda Holliday" in their quest for the Miss Gay Arizona title. There will be special guests. A show not to be missed!

## SATURDAY, JULY 16

**GRADUATE** - Partners' Beer Bust begins at 2:00 p.m. plus the long-awaited Pool Tournament of Champions begins at 2 also.

## SUNDAY, JULY 17

**GRADUATE** - Brenda's Home Cooking for your enjoyment - come on by and get some goodies!

**HOURS** - AGRA 3rd Anniversary party. Details to come.

**IBT'S** - The Jim Fisher Memorial Oktoberfest Party. 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Party! Friends, food, fun and music.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JULY 16

**Rainbow Families**, formerly the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet today at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, at River and Swan, room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

**Lambda Car Club, Tucson Chapter**, will be going up Mt. Lemmon for brunch. Group will leave Tucson at 10:30 a.m. after meeting at the parking lot on the Southwest corner of Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon Roads. Arrive early so the group can leave on time. Reservation is made for 2:00 p.m. at the Alpine Lodge in Summerhaven. This will be a fun day and a good getaway from the heat.

## SUNDAY, JULY 17

**Tucson Gay Softball League** continues its playing at Oury Park at I-10 and St. Marys, downtown at 6 p.m. Come on out and root for your favorite team.

A cool and gentle hike with the Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club on the Butterfly Loop Trail in the Catalina Mountains. Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the carpool site with options to meet people on the east side of town on the way up to the trail head. The hike is 608 miles depending on whether or not the group chooses to do a car shuttle. Elevation change: 1650. Passenger cost is \$2 per person. (Scott) For more info call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by a # sign or write Lex McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532

## SUNDAY, JULY 24

One in Ten Theatre will be holding auditions for an upcoming play "Bar Girls" at 1:00 p.m. Callbacks Monday, July 25 at 7 p.m. Requires nine women over 21 years old. Play opens Sept.-7.

## SATURDAY, JULY 30

**Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club** will hike the Sheelie Canyon trail in the Huachuca Mountains near Sierra Vista. Group meets at 6:00 a.m. at the carpool site for approximately 100 mile drive to the trail head. This will be a moderately difficult 10 mile hike with a 3,300 ft. elevation change. If you do not choose to drive, please be prepared to pay your driver \$4.00. (Ed). Call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by a # sign, or write Lex McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Solid Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 9.

**HAGLE** - Open at 10am with specials on Bloody's & Screws all day. Pool tournament 3pm with Beer Bust.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western Dance Instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Ten Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm, Disco dancing 8 to close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

## monday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well B-1 + Mmm Madness "Backus". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

**HAGLE** - Happy Hour (in the Hagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Country Night, drink specials to those in western attire.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pizz from 9 to 1

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm for dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

## tuesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. \$2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Square Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

**HAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Shiny Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing alvin.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well, 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8 pm. "Pattie" On The Pumps Show at 9:30 followed by disco dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

## wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all site. 1D required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Red Parrot's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cabaret dancers.

**HAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Sals Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "sawards" asked" men.

## thursday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 9pm. Bar matches pot.

**HAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Uniform Nite, drink specials all night to those in uniforms.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - via a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Male Erotic Dancers 10pm, followed by disco dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

## friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**HAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hots d'Overna 6pm

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Louiey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

## saturday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**HAGLE** - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and Bloody Marys until 7pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Fika Colada \$3. Dancing 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Louiey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

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# WHAT'S UP DOC???



TKO's birthday/anniversary party was a lot of fun and the members wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the guest bartenders, and everyone who joined them for this special celebration. Thanks to yours truly, guess who forgot the mike for the swearing in ceremony? Anyway, the food was good, the party fun, and even I had fun. Once again, thanks gang because without you, TKO would have had a quiet day.

Those long awaited City of Rocks run applications are now on the bulletin board at the Graduate. If by chance they are gone when you go after one, give me a call at 323-8994, and I'll get one to you.

Now this weekend, it will be Partners Beer Bust. Ben is still out of town so let's all go help support Joe.

Also, and this goes to all Tucson and Phoenix clubs, who are members of the Arizona Fellowship Committee, this Saturday, July 16, at 7 PM, there will be a meeting over at the Stonewall/Eagle. This will be just one of the many we all have ahead of us in preparation for this year's run so your attendance is very important.

**DIVORCE TIME:** Robert would like to take this opportunity to announce he has filed for a "Quickie Nu Show Divorce". It seems Spider did not show up at the appointed time or place. Should be an interesting property settlement.

**A SPECIAL CALL FOR ASSISTANCE:**

If anyone knows anything about Tandy printers, mine is on the blink and Radio Shack wants \$65 just to look at it. I would be very grateful if someone could possibly look at mine and see if the problem can be worked out.

Well, with a short column this time, I'll close for this issue. Have a loving and safe week and don't do anything I wouldn't, and if you do - enjoy yourself to the max.

Added later:

Dear Doc,

Thanks for having the Phoenix Connection to TKO's 15th birthday party. I know everyone who came down had a wonderful time - however, how do you extract a "pa" from front teeth without chips? Such a friendly crowd and a nice butt on Bob's chest!

Yours Truly, Buelo Bimbo

XOXO  
 Hug a PWA today!  
 XOXO



# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

Party! Party! Party! AGRA is celebrating its 3rd Year Anniversary Party this coming Sunday, July 17, at Hours. The afternoon will start with the AGRA-Tucson Chapter Board Meeting at 3 pm. The General Membership Meeting will follow at 5 pm.

Immediately following the meetings, AGRA and Hours will officially kick off the Anniversary Party. There will be a barbecue set up on the patio where AGRA will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, including a piece of anniversary cake.

There will be plenty of games and prizes for everyone to enjoy. A favorite game of past parties has been the balloon game. This year's prizes include autographed posters of country superstars, hand made arts and crafts, dinners at local restaurants, and a two night getaway in Las Vegas.

The AGRA Jail will also be set up at the party. It's a great way to have

some fun with that special (or not so special) someone. Start thinking of who you want behind bars and come on down and have that person arrested. The AGRA Sheriff will be roaming the bar-watch out-it may be your name on that arrest warrant.

Plenty of dancing and entertainment will also be provided during the party. Our very own Miss AGRA, Gilda Fatale will be hosting our show with entertainers including: Adrienne Alexander, Mary Murphy, Jerry and Friends, and our recently crowned Miss Gay Tucson, Lucinda Holliday. This is a great line up of entertainers. Get there early so you get so you get the best seats in the house, as this is a show you will not want to miss.

The entire evening promises to be filled with fun and entertainment for everyone. Make sure you keep Sunday afternoon open and come on down to Hours and help us celebrate three years of Gay rodeo with AGRA in Tucson.

Thanks to Bill Darnell and Bill Conn for their help with the AGRA Soda Booth this past Sunday at the Tucson Greater Softball League games.

Congratulations to the Calgary, Alberta, Canada Gay Rodeo Association for hosting their first Gay rodeo this past 4th of July weekend. We hear it was a great success.

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# Dick Sargent, Husband on "Bewitched" Dies of Cancer

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Dick Sargent, who played the beleaguered husband on the television series "Bewitched" and later declared his homosexuality with pride, died this past Friday. He was 64.



Undated AP file photo

Dick Sargent

Sargent died of prostate cancer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was admitted, said hospital spokesman Ron Wise.

"He was a great friend and I will miss his love, his sense of humor and his remarkable courage," said Elizabeth Montgomery, Sargent's co-star on "Bewitched."

The actor was diagnosed with prostate cancer 4 1/2 years ago and doctors were initially optimistic he could be treated successfully because it was found early.

But in an interview with The Associated Press in April, a frail Sargent said the disease had spread. He was uncertain how long he had left to live.

"I can cope with what's happened to me," he said. "It'll get harder, I know, but I can cope with that. I just don't want it to be a long, prolonged deal."

In 1991, on National Coming Out Day, Sargent announced he was Gay. The high rate of suicide among young homosexuals was the main reason, he said, jokingly referring to himself as a "retroactive role model."

Sargent recognized that his ill health may have led people to assume he had AIDS.

"I don't have AIDS," he said. "I am HIV-negative. But if I did I would wear that badge as proudly as everybody else who has it."

Sargent was best known for his 1969-72 "Bewitched" role of advertising executive Darrin Stephens, a mortal coping with marriage to a charming witch, Samantha, played by Montgomery.

His predecessor as Darrin, from 1964 to 1969, was Dick York, who died in February 1992 at age 63 of emphysema and a degenerative spinal condition.

Sargent was born Richard Cox in Carmel, California, on April 19, 1930, the child of parents with show business ties. His mother, Ruth McNaughton, was a

supporting actress in "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and other movies. His father, Elmer Cox, was a business manager for clients including Douglas Fairbanks.

As a Stanford University student, Sargent appeared in more than two dozen plays with the Stanford Players Theater.

After graduating, he won a bit part in the 1954 film "Prisoner of War", and appeared in the films "Bernardine" and "That Touch of Mink."

Sargent did charitable work for the Special Olympics, World Hunger, AIDS Project Los Angeles and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

## Straight From The Hip

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Melita. He made Gov. Symington look like Barney Frank by comparison. (or was that Barney Fife?)

Moderate Republicans in the East Valley of Phoenix are scared silent by the political strong arm tactics of the Radical Right. There could be a legislative attempt to limit the right to choose in Arizona next year. How far do you think repealing the sodomy law will go in the Radical Heat of Arizona? I have a question for my Republican Friends in the Foothills, how large is the "Big Tent" an dhow far will you stretch the canvass?

This is only the beginning.

# AGRA Poster Contest

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The winning design will be determined by a vote of the AGRA Membership at the August 21st meeting. The winning design and original art work become the sole property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. All other entries will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made by the artist. Any returned entries will be at the artist's expense.

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**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

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**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Transers** is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. No "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASIS to: Tucson Transers, P.O. Box 84-O, Clifton, AZ 85632.

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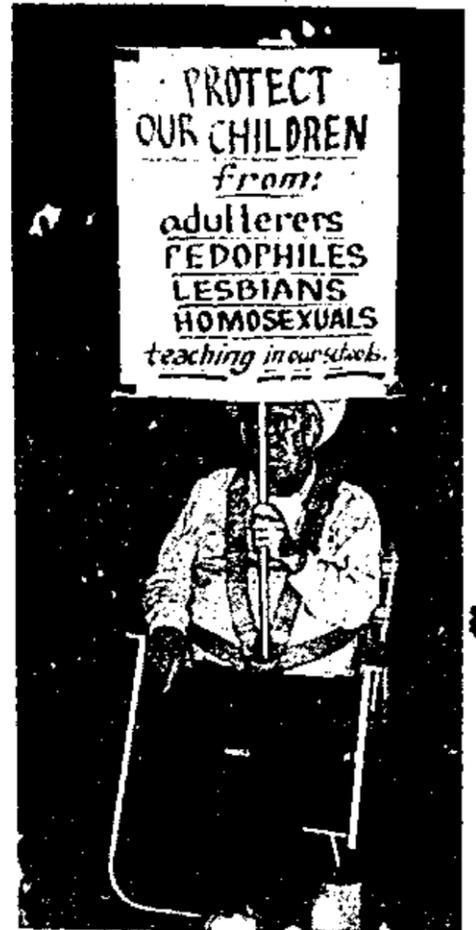
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# Meliti Initiative Falls To Win Spot On Ballot



Here, pictorially, are some of the people who participated in the events concerning the Meliti initiative at the Phoenix press conference and at the Tucson rally. Clockwise, Top left, Frank Meliti speaking with reporters in Phoenix saying that he had enough signatures but was unwilling to open any of the boxes to show that he had said signatures. Above, what exactly is in those mysterious boxes? Above right, one of Meliti's supporters. His sign is a dead giveaway. Below, gubernatorial candidate Terry Goddard speaking at the Tucson rally as was another gubernatorial candidate Eddie Basha lower left.



## Initiative Falls

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Depending on the success of the Tucson lawsuit, the group may challenge a Phoenix city ordinance, which prohibits employment discrimination by the city of Phoenix and firms with more than 35 workers who do business with the city, and Maricopa Community College employment policy which states decisions on employment can not be made based on sexual orientation.

Although Meliti's group has been operating on a shoestring, it is about to receive financial backing from two Phoenix "industrialists," as well as overseas and national "oil interests," Meliti said.

Sherman questioned Meliti's credibility. "This guy is a fraud," Sherman said. "Nobody takes him seriously. They shouldn't after his behavior at the press conference, for sure," he said.

To fight Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance, the group would have to find a Tucson resident or business harmed by the law to file the suit, said Tucson city Attorney Tom Berning.

Meliti said several people have offered to become plaintiffs for the case, but said he won't identify anyone yet "because they're afraid."

Even if the ordinance is challenged, Berning is confident it will be upheld.

So does Tucson Vice Mayor, Bruce Wheeler, a member of Arizona's for Fairness. "I find it very sad that any group that calls itself Christian would be as intolerant as to try to make life Hell on Earth for any human being." "We will fight this challenge," he added.

## The Lie

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Fortunately, Meliti has been all talk and no action so far.

May the trend continue.

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*The Meliti Initiative will not be on the ballot this year but that is not going to stop people like Meliti. They are after your rights and it is up to you to take steps to stop them. Join the Tucson Human Rights Coalition, 792-8640 or the Arizona Human Rights Fund in Phoenix 530-1660.*

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