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Stonewall XXV & Gay Games IV Wrap Up

by G&K

NEW YORK, NY - First of all, for those of you who didn't go to New York, you missed a fantastic experience. New York City was packed with thousands of people, most wearing Gay T-Shirts from all points of the world. There was a proud group wearing shirts emblazoned with "Gay Pride of Zimbabwe" as well as remote countries that I didn't know existed, much less with a group of Gays and Lesbians.

Walking the streets of New York was like being a Gay Disneyland. All the Gays bars were packed every night till 4 AM. Warm, friendly and courteous cops seemed to be at every corner, to insure everyones safety. Every subway station had a smiling cop giving directions and I heard one actually say, "Welcome to New York, have a good time!" New York must have given special training sessions to all 6,000+ cops that were positioned every where that made the meekest man feel very safe.

The games were exciting and well executed. Various sports were held all over the area. At night, there were so many special shows, events, etc. that it was hard to decide which you would like to attend.

The New York Gay Chorus was joined with the choruses of Los Angeles and Seattle for 2 nights at Carnegie Hall for a stirring evening of wonderful music.

At the Paramount was the Gay & Lesbian Bands of America. Special performances were added to many Broadway shows, Gay and straight.

However, the real show of shows was Saturday night, Gay Games closing night. Thousands of athletes from all over the world paraded around a packed Yankee Stadium. They were so proud (both winners and losers) that the special feeling flowed to the sold out crowd in the huge stadium. I must admit goose bumps spread over my body. I did nothing at the Games but watch. I was so proud of those men and women who tried and did their best (some world records were broken.) The Yankee Stadium show had many stars, comedians and singers capped by Patti La Belle, and following her was a spectacular fireworks display.

Sunday it was time for the March of Thousands down 1st Avenue which was the "official" parade, but another "illegal" march was held down 5th Avenue, both culminating in Central Park with speeches, entertainment and a special appearance by Liza Minelli.

4 years from now will be Gay Games V in another special city, Amsterdam. My recommendation, start saving your pennies and don't miss this very special event. It's an experience you'll always remember with pride. by G&K

Meliti Plans To Challenge Tucson Ordinance

PHOENIX - The leader of an anti-Gay rights drive said he plans to challenge Tucson's ordinance protecting Lesbians and Gays from discrimination.

Frank Meliti, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, claimed he has enough signatures to get a measure on the November ballot to bar cities and the state from protecting people from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

But Meliti said he fears that the proposal would be tied up in court for years. He said scrapping the petition drive and attacking existing laws may make more sense.

"We're going to be striking in Tucson," he said. Meliti said that ordinance is most vulnerable because "it affects practically every phrase of life down there."

Meliti won't say until the deadline, July 7, whether the petitions will be filed. But he hinted broadly that organizers have decided instead to challenge the legal validity of existing anti-discrimination laws in court.

The first target will be the Tucson

ordinance, Meliti said. The ordinance, adopted in 1977, bars discrimination in employment, public accommodations and housing. He said he believes existing constitutional and statutory provisions already make that statute illegal.

"In the state of Arizona, we have a number of things going for us," he said. "We have a laws against sodomites."

Meliti also cites a constitutional provision that prohibits the enactment of special rights and privileges for any group.

"Tucson has done that, Phoenix has done that, Maricopa Community College has done that," he said.

The Phoenix ordinance is much narrower than the Tucson ordinance. It bars the city itself from discriminating on the basis of sexual preference. It also prohibits any company of more than 35 persons from doing business with the city if it discriminates against Lesbians and Gays. The Maricopa Community College District has a policy barring discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Meliti said part of the problem is
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Team Arizona Scores Medals At Gay Games IV



BERTIE LOZANO



EDNA SPRING



Some members of the Arizona and New Mexico delegation gathering for the Stonewall 25 March and Rally which wound up two weeks of events including the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival. See related stories this issue.

TUCSON - Gay Games IV are now over and Team Arizona has returned. 19 medals were won by members of Team Arizona! Seven of those 19 were won by two Tucson athletes. As reported last week, Bertie Lozano won a Silver Medal for her participation in the 26.2 mile Marathon. In the searing heat, Bertie's time of three hours 35 minutes won her the silver.

Another Tucsonan, Edna Spring, won four Gold Medals and two Silver Medals for her swimming prowess. She won the Silver in both the 400 and 800 meter Freestyle. Edna won Gold Medals in the 200 meter Butterfly; 200 meter Backstroke, 200 meter Individual Medley and the 400 meter Medley.

Congratulations to Bertie and Edna and to all the Arizona medal winners as well as all the Arizona athletes who participated in this history-making event.

by Garry Smith for Team Arizona

NEW YORK, NY - It began with the start of an impressive Opening Ceremonies and continued non-stop for seven days up to the Closing Ceremonies. Once again, Team Arizona made its mark in the Procession of Athletes at Opening Ceremonies. Teams with the most colorful outfits usually draw the most attention and Team Arizona with its neon pink cowboy hats and teal, white, and pink uniforms raised a lot of eyebrows.

Team Arizona was one of a total of 105 teams that marched in the Procession of Athletes. At the close of the Ceremonies, a 5' flame was lit signifying the beginning of the Games followed by the thunderous explosion of fireworks. A most impressive sight! This marked the start of athletic competition.

During the first day of competition, Team Arizona had captured its first
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UPDATE

PACT 'Style For Life' Sunday, July 10

TUCSON - People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) has announced the second annual "Style For Life" fund raising event set for Sunday, July 10. Some of Tucson's finest salons are participating by providing hair styling and other services, with all proceeds during the day going to PACT for Life.

Funds help provide housing, early intervention and client services for people living with HIV and AIDS. Commemorative T-shirts will also be available for sale.

Volunteers are needed to help between 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may call Amy Wheeler-Ellis at PACT at 770-1710 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Here is a list and the addresses of the salons which will be participating in Style For Life:

Tress Hair & Nails, 2900 E. Broadway; Arturo, 6272 E. Grant; Great Waves, 6542 E. Tanque Verde; Headware, 209 S. Tucson Blvd, #C; Kaleidoscope, 3106 E. Ft. Lowell; Noggins Hair Quarters, 7000 E. Tanque Verde Suite 8; Kenneth, 331 E. 7th St.; Markley Salon, 1072 N. Warren Ave.; Xanadu, 3250 N. Campbell; Felisha's, 3101 N. Swan; Michelle's Hair Care, 1136 E. Broadway; Amparan, 5872 E. Pima; Coyote Wore Sideburns, 630 N. 4th Ave.; De Nouveau, 1702 E. Prince; Just Jeanne's 4677 E. Speedway; Congress Street Hair, 315 W. Congress; La Artista, 526 N. Alvernon.

For more information call PACT For Life at 770-1710. Lists are available at the PACT For Life Office, 801 West Congress.

Shanti Seeking Full Time Client Services Coordinator

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation has a full time client services coordinator position open.

Applicants must have prior experience with counseling and client advocacy; prefer HIV/AIDS and substance abuse knowledge/experience and knowledge of community resources. Must have car. Salary range is \$20-\$23,000 plus benefits.

Please send cover letter and resume by July 11 to: Search Committee, Shanti Foundation, 602 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705. Please no calls. EOE

Judge Bars Enforcement of Louisiana Sodomy Law

NEW ORLEANS, LA - A state judge barred the enforcement of part of the Louisiana sodomy law.

This action taken by the Jefferson Parish judge is in lieu of a trial which is challenging the merits of "The Crimes Against Nature Act" which homosexual activity is considered a felony by law, and punishable by up to five-years in prison.

No date for the trial has been set yet.

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.

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.

For more information contact the AGRA-Tucson Chapter office at (602) 323-0805.

Hawaii Bans Same Sex Marriages

HONOLULU, HI - Hawaii Governor John Waihee signed into law a ban on same sex marriage.

The Hawaii Legislature passed the law because the state Supreme Court ruled the policy against granting marriage licenses to same sex couples was "presumed to be unconstitutional" sexual discrimination. A marriage in one state usually must be recognized in all states.

Miss Gay Arizona Pageant July 17

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.

Episcopal Draft Welcomes Gays In Traditional Fold

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (AP) - After years in the trenches of the sex wars, U.S. Episcopal bishops have drafted a pastoral statement welcoming repudiating traditional church teaching.

In the fourth draft of the proposed document on sexuality, bishops ask the church to uphold an ideal of lifelong faithful unions for both heterosexual and homosexual couples, and greet Gays and Lesbians with hospitality rather than hostility.

"As it can be for heterosexual persons, the experience of steadfast love can be for homosexual persons an experience of God," the bishops' pastoral said.

The document also relates traditional church teaching that sex is reserved for heterosexual marriages and stops short of advocating changes in church law on the issues of Gay ordinations or the blessing of same sex unions.

Bishop William Frey, dean of Trinity Episcopal School on Ministry, said the document, in its present form, "would be the most embarrassing document the bishops have ever produced."

Last fall, when an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America committee on sexuality released a draft statement urging members to challenge traditional biblical condemnations of homosexuality, a backlash erupted. The church appointed a new panel and assured members that any official policy would stand on biblical foundations and the confessional traditional of the church.

The Episcopal church will consider the document at their General Convention, to be held August 24.

FDA OKs New AIDS Drug

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - AIDS patients who fail to improve or who react poorly to the anti-viral drugs that have been in use for years now have another chance at finding something that works.

The Food and Drug Administration approved an AIDS drug called stavudine, or d4T, as an alternative to the three other anti-viral drugs used to treat AIDS.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which developed and tested stavudine, said the drug will be sold under the name Zerit. The company said it will be shipped to distributors on July 8 and should be available for prescription use shortly after that.

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10th International Conference on AIDS to Focus Global Attention on Explosive Growth of AIDS in Asia

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN - The Tenth International Conference on AIDS, to be held in Yokohama, Japan, August 7-12, 1994, marks the first time that researchers, public health officials, service providers and activists will gather in an Asian nation for the International AIDS Conference.

"By holding the International Conference on AIDS in Japan, we will bring the world's leading experts on AIDS to a region that is rapidly becoming the center of the global AIDS epidemic," said Dr. Naoko Yamamoto, Chief Executive of the Yokohama Conference Headquarters. "The explosive growth of HIV infection seriously threatens Asia and requires urgent attention and an international response."

The World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS estimates that, if current trends continue, there may be more new HIV infections in Asia at the beginning of the 21st century than in either Africa or Latin America.

According to the WHO Global Program on AIDS:

In Thailand, a country with a population of 57 million, between 400,000 and 600,000 persons are HIV infected, and 2 to 4 million infections are expected by the year 2000.

In India, some 1.5 million people are HIV positive.

In Myanmar, with a population of about 43 million, an estimated 150,000 to

250,000 people are already infected with HIV.

According to WHO, the pandemic is spreading in parts of South and South-east Asia as rapidly today as it was a decade ago in sub-Saharan Africa. Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia are all expected to face an enormous growth in HIV/AIDS in the coming years.

"Holding this Conference in Japan focuses global attention on the problem of AIDS in Asia," said Dr. Yamamoto. "It will also enable Asian researchers and prevention workers to more closely cooperate and coordinate their efforts with colleagues from Africa, Europe and the Americas."

HIV/AIDS INCREASING IN JAPAN

Although the AIDS epidemic is more severe in some other Asian countries, the number of Japanese with HIV/AIDS continues to grow. According to the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare, which calls AIDS the nation's top health priority:

364 new cases of AIDS or infection with HIV were reported last year.

Currently, approximately 2,900 individuals in Japan are HIV positive and 700 persons are known to have AIDS.

A research group funded by the Ministry of Health and Welfare predicts the number of people infected with HIV will reach 26,000 by 1997.

AIDS RESEARCH, SERVICE & EDUCATION IN JAPAN

As the AIDS epidemic has grown, so has the Japanese government's spending on AIDS education, surveillance, treatment and research. Government spending on AIDS more than tripled last year, to \$92 million.

In an attempt to provide comprehensive medical care for people with HIV/AIDS, Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry has asked regional governments to create AIDS facilities in at least two hospitals within each prefecture. In Tokyo, eight hospitals are equipped to provide a variety of services to people with AIDS.

Efforts to halt the spread of HIV in Japan include extensive AIDS education messages on national television. Government efforts to fight AIDS include education campaigns that emphasize non-discrimination toward those infected with HIV.

In research, Japan's pharmaceutical companies are participating in a joint AIDS drug development effort and collaborating with governmental agencies and academic institutions. At one leading research facility, Osaka University's Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, scientists are focusing on strategies to boost the immune system and halt the replication of HIV.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ON GLOBAL AIDS ISSUES

AS part of its commitment to stemming the international AIDS epidemic, Japan recently entered into an agreement with the United States that pledges \$12 billion over the next seven years for projects aimed at curbing the spread of AIDS and controlling global population growth. The funds will be used to promote research on AIDS, including the development of an AIDS vaccine, and to provide developing nations with technical support, such as the supply of HIV prevention information.

Japan also will cooperate with the U.S. on the training and exchange of researchers. In addition, the two governments will maintain and strengthen their support for the World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS and provide mutual support for programs to fight AIDS in both companies.

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by RY

AGRA-Tucson Chapter has launched its 1995 Sahuaro Regional Rodeo Poster Contest to select the official poster design for the March 1995 rodeo. The contest is open to anyone, and deadline for entry is August 21, 1994. The winner of the contest will receive \$100.00. If interested, please call AGRA Hotline at (602) 323-0805 for full details.

There will be a booth set up by AGRA this coming Sunday, July 10, at the Tucson Greater Softball League games at Oury Field, located at I-10 & St. Mary's Road. AGRA will be selling sodas and frozen fruit bars. Get your friends together and come on down and cheer on your favorite team.

AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings will be held on July 17, at Hours. Board Meeting at 3 pm, General membership Meeting at 5 pm.

Immediately following the AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings on July 17, AGRA and Hours will officially kick off the AGRA 3rd Year Anniversary Party. This will be a celebration you will not want to miss. There will be dancing, raffles, games, prizes, entertainment, and plenty of food and beverages for everyone. The AGRA Jail will also be set up on the patio for those wishing to incarcerate that special (or not so special) someone.

Throughout the past few weeks we have been giving you a little insight on the history of Gay rodeo. As mentioned in last weeks column, by 1988, due to the tremendous number of members, the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) had to split its member associations into two divisions. From 1989 to 1990 the growth of IGRA continued to increase.

The increase in members was so overwhelming that a third division was added which resulted in redividing the states, with Division I consisting of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington; Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Utah making up Division II; and Division III comprising Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

In 1991, Miller Brewing Company proudly became the first sponsor of all IGRA sanctioned rodeos. In 1992, 12 Gay rodeos were held in 11 states. A total of 15 IGRA sanctioned rodeos, including finals, were held during the 1993 season. The 1994 season has been one of continued growth for IGRA. This has also been the first year Calgary, Alberta, Canada has hosted a Gay rodeo, truly making IGRA an international organization.

The road down which Gay rodeo has traveled, dating back to 1975, has been a long yet colorful one. The future for IGRA looks great, as IGRA and the Gay community continue to strive for equality and fellowship within the entire community.

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

GOVERNOR'S POLL: In the latest statewide poll of registered Arizona voters, former Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson currently appears to be the stronger Democratic gubernatorial candidate among his party's rivals when matched head to head with incumbent Republican Fife Symington for the general election.

Johnson outdistanced Symington in the state by nine percentage points (41% to 32%) while a rematch of the 1990 race finds Arizonans split between that year's Democratic nominee Terry Goddard and eventual winner Symington. With only three percentage points separating Goddard and Symington (39% to 36%); poll director Joel Wright says that a possible matchup is currently a statistical dead heat. In addition, grocery store magnate Eddie Basha trails Symington by a margin of six percentage points (31% to 37%).

Wright said: "Johnson certainly appears the stronger candidate because he is the only one of the three challengers that can post a clear win over Symington at this point in the race."

The survey was done by Wright Consulting Services, a Phoenix public policy research firm not affiliated with any gubernatorial campaign. It consisted of a total of 498 telephone interviews conducted with a representative sample of Arizona voters. The survey was conducted between June 2-16. The margin of error is +/- 4.5 percentage points.

FUND RAISING: Last week

was the filing deadline for campaign financial reports as well as nomination petitions. Here is how the wannabees are doing in the moolah department (especially dumping in their life savings!):

Governor (R) - Symington, \$1,400,000; Barrett, \$423,044. (D) - Basha, \$725,264; Johnson, \$556,417; Goddard, \$433,221. (LBT) - Buttrick, \$3,684.

Secretary of State (D) - Furman, \$24,149; Rios, \$36,725. (R) - Hull, \$87,391; Irvin, \$90,199.

Arizona Corporation Commissioner (D) - McCune-Davis, \$9,781. (R) - Kunasek, \$25,904; Patterson, \$13,079; Heath, \$4,417.

Attorney General (R) - Woods, \$291,037.

Treasurer (D) - Forst, \$18,384. (R) - West, \$148,897

Superintendent of Public Instruction (D) - Bishop, \$6,002; Alston, \$60,139; Mitchell, \$65,560. (R) - Graham, \$19,181; Reuben, \$7,513.

CANDIDATE NEWS: Four candidates made the news this past week.

Republican candidate for Superintendent for Public Instruction, Steven Yokobosky was unable to collect the 4,470 signatures needed to get on the September primary ballot thus ending his bid for office.

District 13 State Representative

Candidate, Carol Dooley (R) was unable to gather the 400 signatures to obtain a spot on the primary ballot; thus ending her bid to unseat incumbents Andy Nichols and George Cunningham.

On the Democratic side, Secretary of State candidate Judy Leiby, who appeared most recently at the Gay Pride Political Forum, did not file her nominating petitions. Sources state that she was over 1,000 signatures short of the minimum signature requirement to file. (I think we need a Secretary of State who can count!)

Lastly, State Rep. Cathy Eden, withdrew from the Democratic contest for U.S. Senate. Eden stated that she could not raise \$2 million dollars for the primary and general election campaign. "I bemoan the harsh reality that money, not principle or vision drives politics," Eden said.

Unfortunately Eden was in fourth in the polls that have been taken and it would be likely that she would finish last in the Democratic primary contest.

With Eden dropping out of the race, this will benefit the candidacy of Tucson State Senator Cindy Resnick (D-Dist. 14). When reached for comment about, and asked the non-question from the Tucson media about Eden's withdrawal

from the race. Resnick stated, "It may help me. [It will La Resnick, big time!] The race could tighten up. I was looking forward to debunking the notion once and for all that only one woman, but 27 men can enter the same race." (Good answer!)

Well, Resnick could have answered the non-question in several different ways and here are three possibilities: 1) Busting out in a chorus of "I Enjoy Being the Girl" from the hit movie The Flower Drum Song. 2) Quoting Joan Crawford from one of her fab 50's movies, "I hate her, I really hate her!" 3) Resnick could have challenged Eden to a fight a la Alexis and Krystle from Dynasty.

END NOTES: Next week, a change in command in a gubernatorial campaign... A conflict of interest. An interesting contribution to a campaign. And candidate filings, who, what and where.

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Meliti Plans

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that "sexual orientation" is a false use of words, and that "sexual preference" is the proper use of the word. He added that with the questions of word usage aside, he is looking for the easiest way to overturn the existing ordinances and block communities from enacting anti-discrimination ordinances.

Meliti said voters in several states have enacted measures similar to his proposed constitutional amendment, only to have enforcement tied up in court. Meliti cited the Florida case where Gay and Lesbian groups "tied them up so bad that they can't appeal it." Meliti envisioned similar tactics here. "This thing can go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and be tied up for years and we are not going to wait."

Meliti's fears are not unfounded. Five individuals and Jewish Family and Children's Services filed suit claiming that the petition drive violates Arizona law.

Donald Peters, one of the attorneys filing that suit, claimed its wording is "highly ambiguous." Read one way, he said, the constitutional amendment would have no effect because it would simply bar advantageous treatment for Gays and Lesbians. Read another way, however, it would allow discrimination against someone based on sexual orientation, Peters said. He also claimed there are technical problems with the initiative, including that the petition's summary is inaccurate. A hearing on the lawsuit is set for later this month, pending Meliti filing the petitions on July 7.

City of Tucson attorneys said they know of no head on challenge to the Anti-discrimination ordinance since its passage in 1977. They said the only court battles have been in cases where employers and landlords say they did not discriminate.

Meliti said he believes several recent court rulings, noting a Pima County Superior Court judge refused earlier this year to overturn a state law that prohibits Gays from marrying, supporting his contention that the Tucson ordinance is illegal.

Team Arizona

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medal. A summary of medals awarded to Team Arizona athletes include: Golf - 1 Gold, (3) Silver - Team, 1 Bronze; In-Line Skating-Women, 1 Silver; Marathon-Women, 1 Silver; Power-Lifting-Men, 1 Silver; Swimming-Women 4 Gold, 2 Silver; Track and Field-Women 1 Silver, 1 Bronze; Track and Field-Men 2 Gold, 1 Silver.

A total of 19 medals, out of 11,000 athletes! In addition, all athletes received a participation medal for taking part in the Games.

Venues for the athletic events were located throughout Manhattan as well as the Bronx, Queens, and New Jersey. The herculean task of producing one of the nations largest sporting events was done almost entirely by volunteers. Without a doubt, the event was pulled off extremely well.

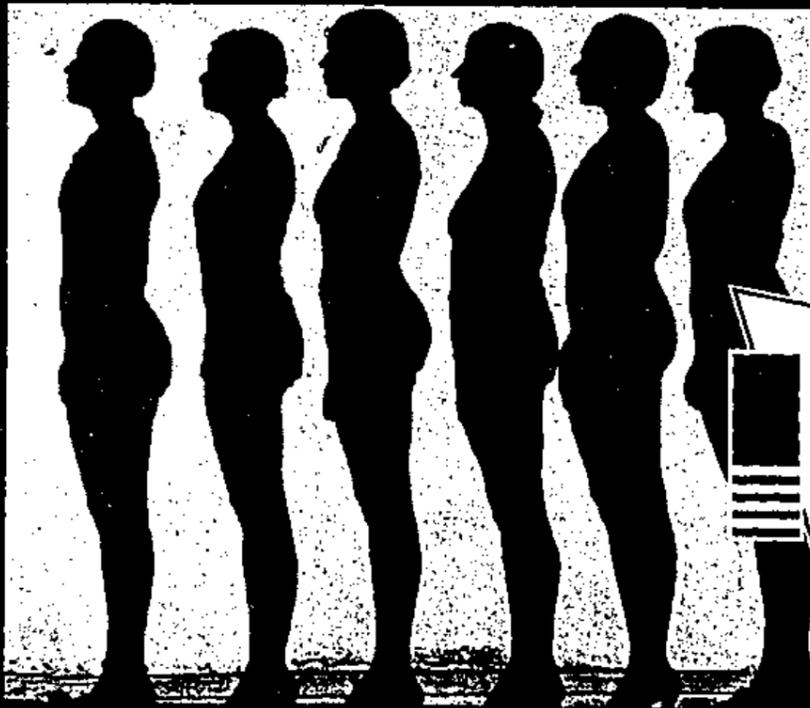
At the end of the seventh day of competition, the Closing Ceremonies took place.

Far more impressive than the Opening, the Closing Ceremonies were held in Yankee Stadium, which for the most part was secured just weeks before the start of the Games. It began with an informal procession of the athletes. A grand display of fireworks rounded out the evening. During the Ceremonies, athletes and spectators celebrated the awarding of the Gay Games V to Amsterdam in 1998. "Friendship '98" will be the theme of the Games. Having already secured a pledge of financial support to host the Games from their government, the dates have been set for August 1-8, 1998.

Team Arizona members have enthusiastically made strong commitments to be part of another life altering event, the Gay Games! A Medalist recognition banquet will be held in August honoring the athletes and participants of Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival and is open to all. For more information please call the team line at (602) 264-2645.



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What I Learned From TV

I hope you're sitting, because I'm going to share something very shocking with you, something TV pundits announced just after O.J. Simpson was arrested: Wife beating is bad!

I don't know what we would do without the media to explain to us that when a large, muscular ex-football player hits his wife regularly until she fears for her life, that is a terrible thing. I wonder how they figured it out?

This revelation was so startling to the media geniuses that they had trouble retaining it. On Charlie Rose, a sports writer said repeatedly, "O.J. was such a great guy, except for the wifebeating stuff," until Alan Dershowitz expostulated that beating his wife automatically meant that O.J. wasn't such a great guy.

Other media pundits decried the fact that so many people worship Simpson and other sports "heroes"—in the first place. But why wouldn't Simpson be well-loved? The media enveloped him in lovingly positive coverage for years, both when he was a football player and when he was a TV sports announcer. If they had instead publicized that Nicole Simpson had called 911, screaming in terror and begging for help, no less than eight times because O.J. was threatening her, perhaps people would have reconsidered their impression of the man. But I guess there was some force field that kept the media from taking those incidents seriously when they first occurred. And I guess they are somehow physically unable to give equivalently great publicity to, for instance, moral, literary, social, and scientific heroes.

If it weren't so scary, the stupidity of the media would be funny. But it's not amusing to contemplate that, if the media had publicized O.J.'s violence, and if they had fired him from his announcing jobs, if O.J. had had to pay some price for his vicious behavior, Nicole Simpson might still be alive.

This can not be overemphasized: until O.J. Simpson allegedly murdered his ex-wife, the media did not consider wife-beating a sufficient reason to stop seeing a man as a hero.

I'm particularly annoyed by the media's phrasing: "Now we understand that wife beating must be taken seriously." It reminds me of when the media suddenly discovered AIDS because Rock Hudson

died, and reporters wrote, "Now we know how horrible AIDS is." And when a movie critic said, in a review of *The Accused*, "Now we understand that rape is not sexy." If some terrorist had opened fire in Yankee Stadium at the end of the Gay Games, I imagine someone would have written, "Now we understand that homophobia is bad." I don't know who this "we" is, but I sure hope they don't move in next door.

Perhaps the most galling facet of the media coverage of O.J. is TV people who have worked with him now saying in horror, "But we can't know a murderer." These are the people who decide what Americans learn and are exposed to! Are they so protected and stupid they don't understand human nature? Do they believe that rich and successful people, people like them, are better and less likely to be violent than other people? Are they unaware that men in sports are trained to be violent and sexist? Do they not get it that when a woman calls 911 again and again in fear for her life, she has reason?

These guys are so dense and self-involved that some of them are personally aggrieved. How could the great O.J., their bud, let them down? From the way they talk, you'd think they were bud, main victims of O.J.'s behavior.

And Nicole remains virtually invisible. Columnist Cal Thomas wrote about "O.J.'s two children, for whom Father's Day will always be a tragic memory." Excuse me? Father's Day?! What about Mother's Day? Their mom was knifed to death!

In a way, the murder of Nicole Simpson is the result of the U.S. media being run by a small group of (mostly) men who don't care about the world outside themselves. I feel certain that Nicole Simpson's eight desperate phone calls to 911 would have received more coverage if women ran newspapers and TV news shows. And it seems unlikely that a female owner of a TV station would retain a wife-beater as an announcer.

If most reporters, announcers, and commentators had any conscience, after O.J. was arrested they would have sat silently in front of their microphones and computers, in horror and shock, ashamed that they had been complicit in violence and maybe even murder.

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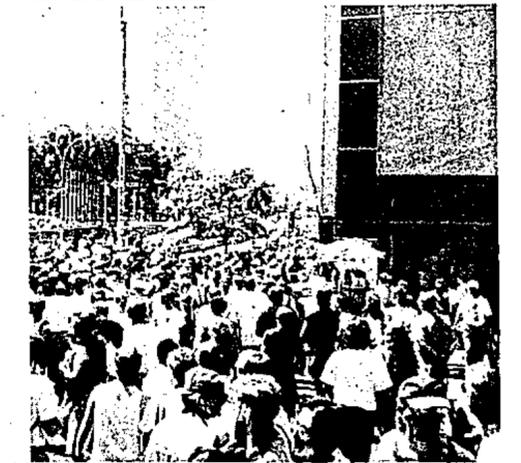
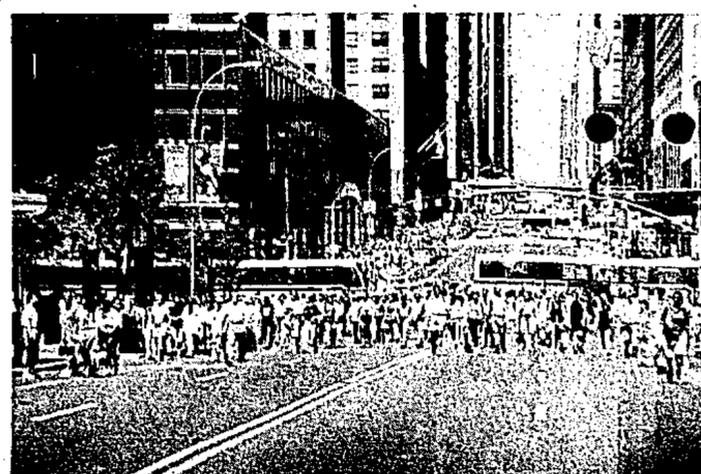
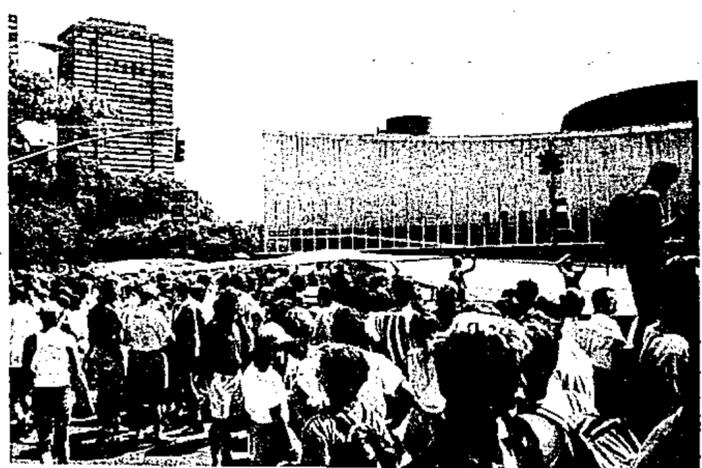
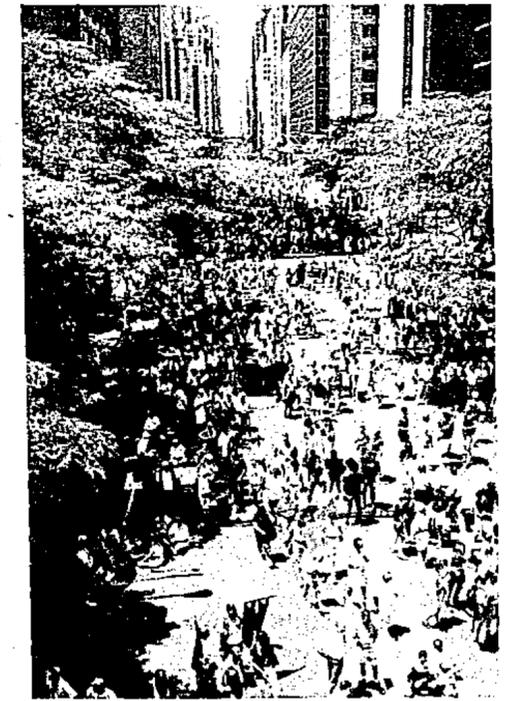
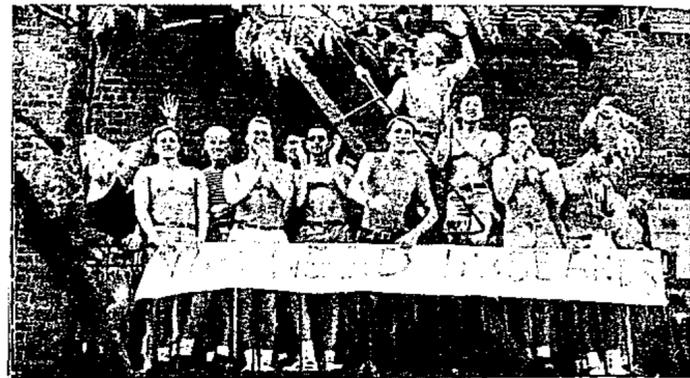
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by Rev. Sharon West

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Is this circled in bright fluorescent red on your calendar: "5:00 p.m., July 23, 2nd Annual MCC Sunset Picnic/Gates Pass"? Preparations are in high gear and last stages for this social event of the season. The menu will generally be cold sandwiches, salads, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Anyone preferring to barbecue hot dogs and/or hamburgers is welcome to do so, though. Just bring enough water to put out the fire completely, or a tool to cover with dirt to extinguish all fire. There will be activities for group participation, and your preferences are welcome for fun and fellowship. You're sure to have a great social time at the Picnic, but the main event occurs with nightfall, above our heads; God's creation, the Heavens. "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? God who brings out the starry host one-by-one, and calls them each by name. Because of God's great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." (Isaiah 40:26) I can hardly wait till the 23rd! The next two columns will provide addi-

This is "Did you know that... time. Let's get started with (1) there are 622,771 words in the Old Testament, and 184,590 words in the New Testament; (2) "Lord" occurs 7,738 times; (3) As Tamar gave birth to Zerah, on the child's tiny hand was tied a scarlet thread (Gen.38:28-30); (4) Methuselah lived 969 years; (5) the iron bedstead of Og, King of Bashan, was 13 1/2 feet long and 6 feet wide (Deut. 3:11); (6) women taken captive after a victorious battle must shave their heads before being taken into a marriage relationship with Hebrews (Deut. 21:10-12); and (7) a son of Goliath, the slain Gittite giant, was a man of great stature with 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot, 24 in number (2 Sam.21:19-20). Just a little Bible trivia!

Thought for the week: The poorest way to face life is to face it with a sneer. (Theodore Roosevelt, dangers of cynicism, Our Daily Bread.)

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

**Homosexuality and the Bible
Part 5**

"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)

[Several months ago, we began running a series of articles about what the Bible really says about homosexuality. This week, we pick up where we left off, and will continue looking at this subject for the next several weeks.]

One thing we can be sure of when any discussion of homosexuality and the Bible occurs is that, sooner or later, one or both of these verses will be quoted in some fashion. Anti-Gay fundamentalists love to quote these passages to prove beyond a doubt that God despises homosexuality, and insist on carrying out the condemnation they believe is found in the Mosaic Law.

Before we can effectively refute these arguments for criminalizing 10% of the world's population, we need to have a solid understanding of the words and context used in Leviticus. There are four major factors which merit study, all of which have a significant impact on these two verses of Scripture.

Who of us hasn't heard that we are an "abomination" to the Lord? That

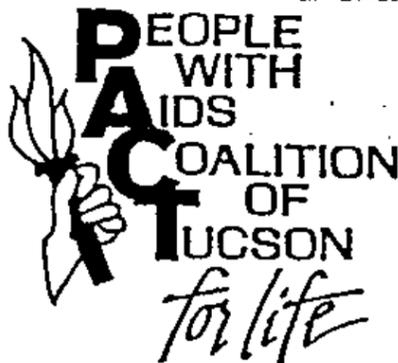
seems to be a favorite buzzword among the religious right, yet it is quite clear from their misuse of this word that they have little understanding of its translation and use in Scripture. The word which the King James version translates as "abomination" and the NIV translates as "detestable" is the Hebrew word To'ebah. This word refers to the act of idol worship, the thing worshiped, or anything ritually unclean. Every time it is used in Scripture, it is used in the context of idolatry. See how it is used in Deuteronomy 7:25-26, where God instructs the children of Israel how to rid the land of pagan idols:

"The images of their Gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God. Do not bring a detestable thing into your house, or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction." (emphasis added)

We find numerous passages throughout the Law which use this word to refer to the things and acts of idolatry. To apply this term to anything outside of idolatry is a misuse (and abuse) of the word.

In the 18th and 20th chapters of Leviticus, we find a long list of unlawful sexual relations and their corresponding punishments, all in the context of idolatry.

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In order to understand why God spelled these things out, we need to look at what he was fighting against. The pagan nations the Israelites were conquering worshiped a fertility god named Molech, who was also the god of fire. Molech's worshipers engaged in bizarre and unconventional sexual practices as part of their religious ceremonies (including incest and bestiality), in an effort to encourage Molech to produce bountiful crops and healthy babies. In addition, they also sacrificed their children to Molech by casting them into fire. In fact, the verse immediately preceding Leviticus 18:22 talks about this practice of child sacrifice. God insisted that the Jews be completely separate from such pagan practices, and forbade them in his law. Notice that each of these practices is directly linked to the word To'ebah, indicating the reference to idolatry.

It is interesting to note that those who interpret these passages as condemning of homosexuality and wish to place these restrictions on us, never bother to look at the rest of the six hundred plus commands that God gave to the Jews. In the very same book, God forbids the wearing of blended fabrics, shaving, tattooing, eating pork and rare meat, and many other instructions. If we are to follow part of the law, we must follow all of it, or else we are lawbreakers (see James 2:10). Some will claim that the dietary and social laws went away with the advent of Jesus, but the sexual laws still apply. There is absolutely nothing in the Bible that supports such a claim. Either the whole law was meant to be kept forever by everyone, or else it is now obsolete for Christians. More on this subject next

week.

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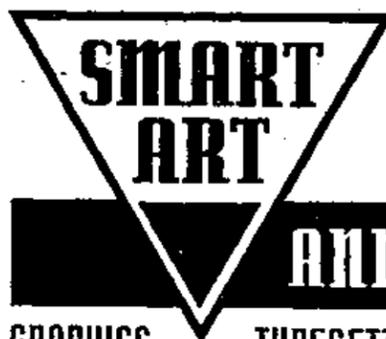
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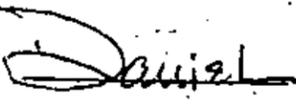
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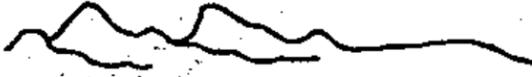
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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! He said: "I wanna shake your hand. You're the first faggot I ever met that I like." He was a co-worker and known for his bigotry and homophobia. Guess I should have been shocked and offended by his statement, but I honestly wasn't. This was normal language for him and if we spent time correcting him every time we heard the words fag, queer, nigger, jungle bunny, spick, beaner, wet-back, kike, bull dyke, or fairy...well, we'd have accomplished nothing. Everyone sort of just overlooked him and his ignorance.

I was taken a bit aback however because he said he liked me. As I extended my hand in response, I did let it slip out: "Coming from you, John, this is a high compliment." He thanked me.

I've often thought of what might have happened if I had been offended rather than accepting of his "compliment". Anyway, since that occasion, we've become good acquaintances. He still can't understand how I could be a faggot since I'm not his idea of the stereotype. When he brought his son and daughter over to meet me for the first time when they were ages 15 and 16, the intro went: "I want you to meet Mr. London kids. He's a fairy but you don't have to be afraid. I just don't want you to grow up the way I did." Later on, he was so proud of himself when he let me know he voted pro-Gay for the first time in an election. I'll just bet we'll have two more pro-Gay voters when the kids start voting too.

My gut feeling is that maybe this is the kind of education of the general public we're going to have to do to achieve equal rights legally. So! All you faggots and bull dykes out there in readerland...pick your favorite bigot and let them know a queer loves them with no sexual desires involved. With the five different basic kinds of love, it's nice to know our lives can be filled with love, love, love, and love, huh?

We must never forget Dr. Martin Luther King's words: "The most dangerous thing in the world is ignorance systematically pursued."

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Have you ever spent much time thinking about why you do what you do? Like your job? Your home life? Your social life? What's the motivation involved?

Suppose with our jobs it's basically money motivation, huh? I know it used to be so with me when I was young-uh, younger. The, a life to death to life experience happened to me in the late 50's and a lot of my philosophies began changing, not overnight however. It finally came down to the fact that if I had to have money to survive, then it would have to be doing something which I enjoyed and with co-workers enjoyed working with five days a week. The money was important, surely, but my greed took on a different shade of green after it became quite evident I couldn't take it with me on The Other Side.

Guess being a Leo my homelife has always been motivated by simply having a lair of basic comfort; so unlike my brother who wanted and sought splendor which he'd had to pay through the nose for of course. Do I spend a lot of time house cleaning? You guessed it. When it's necessary.

Like when I was caring for my lifemate dying from AIDS and I wanted the place to be germ free; he didn't want to be in a Hospital. Friends over the years have always called my home "Grandma's Place" because it was a place where they felt "at home." The motivation has always been to simply provide the necessities of living which would garner physical comfort.

What motivated my social life over the years has taken many changes. When I was young lion, it many times was motivated simply because I was on the prowl for a piece. During my married years with my wife, it was sometimes on the prowl for a different piece motivation. I learned a lot about the natural Bisexual nature of the animal during those years.

Having been raised in the upper middle class income bracket and then going on in my younger years in the Entertainment Industry, a good portion of my social life was that of socializing in a business connected manner, having to attend functions for the sake of being seen. What a godawful motivation this is. Oh the plastic nature of Tinseltown!

When my life mate and I were together, it was more fun simply being with him whether at home playing cards with friends, making a rug together, or taking ourselves on a "date" or a vacation.

As the years have passed, I am thoroughly convinced that the only motivations which truly count are those which have to do with love and loving, being comfortable with ones self and others, enjoying each experience and allowing others to enjoy us as we interact in a beneficial manner to our environment. Guess it's sort of like what JFK said: "It's not what your Country can do for you, it's what you can do for your Country," huh? So tell me: what motivates you to work your job, keep your house, and to socialize?

Breaking up is hard to do. So the old song goes. It's true coming out is harder. It took me around two years of agonies when my wife and I split up, but it took me 28 years of agony in my "coming out" process.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

THURSDAY, JULY 7

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VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust here from 9:00 p.m. until Midnight. Friends and followers invited too.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) celebrates its 15th Anniversary here with a big Beer Bust, Installation of new officers and a complimentary brunch. Most of the activity will take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. Come on by and help the gang celebrate, they're the oldest club in the state - and that does not mean the membership is old - but the group is plenty lively at these affairs and there will be lots of guest bartenders too! Happy Birthday TKO. Special invitation to all former TKO members and all friends of the club. Cash pool tourney at 2:00 p.m. as usual too!

SUNDAY, JULY 10

HOURS - After the softball game get-together starting at 7:30 p.m.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to PACT. Tea dance from 4 to 8 with DJ Craig, too.

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, Saaba!

SUNDAY, JULY 17

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

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

One-In-Ten Theatre and Repertory Company, Tucson's premier Gay and Lesbian theatre group opens its 6th season with the play "Hopeful Romantic". Performances at the Historic Y Theatre, 738 N. 5th with curtain time 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and are available at Antigone Books and at the door. For reservations or more information, 770-9279. The play runs thru this Saturday, July 9. A hilarious story of a man's search for Mr. Right with the help of Alexander the great and Oscar Wilde. This dose of comic relief is just the ticket for a summer's evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

The Tucson Human Rights Coalition is sponsoring a victory Party/Protest Rally for those opposing the Meliti anti-Gay Initiative. This event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave in downtown Tucson. For more info call 792-8640.

Tucson's new "live Gay" TV talk and entertainment show makes its debut at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision Channel 64. Audience participation is encouraged and will be handled on a first come basis. Seating is limited. Reservations can be arranged by calling 882-2075. Join host Gary Clark and his guest host Chuck Brady as they "wing" their way through the entertaining hour-long extravaganza that will feature video clips, live interviews, news of local events and entertainment and some surprises. If you can't make it in person, be sure to tune in to Channel 64 for a funny and educational show.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Cronica (Gay men over 40 and friends) monthly meeting has been moved from the first Saturday to this evening due to the holiday weekend. Location: MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Call 888-7264 for more info.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Second Annual Style For Life - a fundraising even for PACT for Life. All proceeds go to help persons living with HIV and AIDS through housing, early intervention and client services. Some of Tucson's finest salons are participating by providing hair styling and other services with all proceeds during the day going to PACT. For the location of a participating salon near you, call PACT at 770-1710. A See article in this issue to learn listing of various participating salons.

Because of the 4th of July holiday, Lambda Car Club will have their monthly social today.

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

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 are 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

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 Lea 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 Sheelite 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 Lea McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Sated 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 1.

EAGLE - Opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Muddy Marys and Scraps \$1.25 till 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 3-4. Ten Dances 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL - Open at 4pm with pool tournament. T-Dance begins at 4; Disco dancing 8 to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$5 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 8-1 + Mason Madness "Beckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.
EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Uniform Nite, drink specials to those in uniform.

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. 3pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Melior Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm for dancing. Enjoy midnight specials.

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.

EAGLE - 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. 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 - The Palms Revue Show at 9:30 plus Midnight specials.

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. 10 required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring tagged dancers.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Bowler's Nite, drink specials to bowlers all night.

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. Salsa Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bar: Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" 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 8pm. Bar matches pool.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Country Nite, drink specials to those in western attire.

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. Reindeer 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, Midnight specials

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, \$5 entry fee.

friday

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

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Horn d'Ouvertes 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. DoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crash at 9pm.

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.

EAGLE - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and canned beer until 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pool match.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña 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 Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm, Salsa and Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 243 or 245. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 812-3933. 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, 770-1114.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interest? Call 323-0803 or write: AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

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JOIN US! PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dudes or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044. For faster reply please include phone number.

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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???



This coming Saturday at the Graduate, it will be time for yet another of TKO's monthly beer bust. But, this one will be extra special for the Tucson Knight Owls because they will be celebrating their 15th anniversary/birthday.

In honor of the occasion, they will be serving a free brunch. This will be served after the traditional swearing in of the newly elected officers for the up and coming club year. This will commence at 3 PM, followed by the brunch.

And since it is a party, the following is a partial list of guest bartenders who will be taking a turn serving the beer for the club. As for club members, other than listed below, all others will be taking the day off. There will even be guest food servers.

IP, Hopi, Art L., Larry, Bucky, Bob O., Joe H. and David W.

[Speaking of David W. (Venture-N), I would like to take this opportunity to wish him a belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY. He celebrated last Tuesday, claiming he was just getting old enough to really enjoy it again.]

The beer bust will be opened by the outgoing President, Tommy M. and closed by the incoming President Keith. This is a momentous day for this club, it (the club) being the oldest, of it's nature and structure in the state of Arizona.

Special invitations have gone out to all other clubs in Arizona and a very special invitation also goes out to all former TKO members, and all friends of the club.

And, as promised, I will have those long awaited City of Rocks run applications with me, some of which will be placed on the bulletin board for anyone who wishes to join in on this run.

This run, as of today is only 43 days away. Once again I mention, this run will only cost you \$15 (run donation wise), which pays for all parking fees and meals served. As for your liquid refreshments, you will have to supply your own.

Also, as per last year, the club and guests will be departing from the Venture-N parking lot as close to 9:30

a.m. as possible. The trip will take approximately 5+ hours, with a rest stop or two along the way.

The trailer for all your camping gear, and other supplies, will be on hand and loaded at that time. If for some reason you are unable to be there at this time, please contact either myself or another TKO member so arrangements can be made.

On this trip, the fewer cars and trucks that makes the trip is the best policy, and including Keith and I, if you need transportation, contact me. I will somehow arrange a ride for those needing. For those who do ride with someone else, you will be responsible for sharing in the gas expenses.

Without going into too many details at this time, I will have another sheet made up with other little minor details you should know about for this run, things to bring (not necessarily tricks, just ask Ron B. about this area).



TBBS: Well it happened again, and hang on to your seat because this time it is not about Stan or Ray. Of course, I'm writing this column in advance so between now and the time I turn it over to Bob, this may change.

I was asked to print the following, so I make no claims as to the authenticity of it. Spider wishes to take this opportunity to announce his betrothal to Robert on July 4, 1994. Sounds like a firecracker wedding to me. And, for the one, we all throw eggs.

And since Bucky will be a guest bartender for TKO's beer bust, I'm adding a little free advertisement for him at this time. I know, he will get even. NEED-ED - help in all the following areas, bartending, kitchen help, bedroom, closet, and etc. Applicants can apply during his shift this Saturday.

NOTES from Monday: First off I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Lucinda, newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson. I saw her over at the Stonewall/Eagle and in a joking way, her first official act was to pass on the following to me.

It seems Stan was over at the Stonewall/Eagle a couple days ago, out on the patio wearing Avia Diamond pumps, fanning himself with a feather fan, and in general, trying to give an Avia Diamond impersonation.

While speaking of Avia Diamond, it seems she was also over at the Stonewall/Eagle, walking on the patio, when the misting system was turned on. Well, she picked up the red trash can lid and placed it over her head. People who witnessed this said the lid even matched the outfit she was wearing.

And last but not least, also passed on to me, another Avia Diamond story. Rumors have been flying about a new romance that she has, and someone asked the husband-to-be, 'when are the puppies due?'

I guess that will be it for yet another week. I hope everyone had a good 4th, and upon returning to work Tuesday, the hang-overs were not that bad.

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