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# LETTERS

## Gay Games II taking off

To the editor:

Greetings, athletes and friends! The time draws near for renewal of the greatest sports and cultural festival to be held in the gay community, GAY GAMES II.

The events to take place in San Francisco during August 9-17, 1986 are now being scheduled. Keep that week open and start planning now.

As we recall, 1300 men and women athletes came to San Francisco in 1982 to celebrate the first Gay Athletic Games. We remember the special warmth and closeness that filled our hearts. The warmth was shared by gay and non-gay athletes and by the audience of thousands who cheered them on.

Twenty-five athletes from Portland took part in this historic event. Eight medals were proudly claimed by our team from the Rose City; including a gold, silver, and bronze won by Ernie Ulitt in the shot put, discus, and hammer throw. Other medal holders include Jim Gambrel, George McGovern, Dan Gesser, Charlie Webster, and Terry Bean.

Competition is not the only goal. Participation is the true reward. We are all winners.

Competition in Gay Games II will be held in basketball, bowling, boxing, cycling, marathon, physique, powerlifting, pool, racquetball, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, triathlon, volleyball, and wrestling.

For more information call Dan Pillers, (503) 777-8309 or Ken Davis (503) 227-0592.

Thank you

Dan Pillers  
PGGT2 Coordinator

## Those missing children

To the editor:

Floyd Conaway expressed my sentiments exactly regarding the missing children. Every time I pour a glass of milk from a carton with a little children's picture on it I get a sad negative feeling imagining the little victim being tortured and abused. When in 94% of the cases, they're probably being doted over by a parent who "stole" them to get them with them!

I think it is a breach of the public confidence to have us believe that all those

children have been abducted by strangers. Who would have an interest in this? The lawyers? The parents? If it's a custody case it should be stated with the picture.

Thank you Floyd Conaway for your enlightening article.

Patricia Allyson

## Important Notice

To the Editor:

Recent publicity of the relative effectiveness of the HTLV-III antibody test may imply to some people that this test makes continued, voluntary self-deferral of homosexual male blood donors unnecessary. THIS IS AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION.

The HTLV-III Antibody test is sensitive to the antibody once it has developed. However, a person infected with the HTLV-III virus can be infective to others for weeks to several months before any antibody has been formed in that person. In other words, persons incubating with the HTLV-III virus cannot be recognized as infective for some time. This limitation of the current test makes it essential that all homosexual males (with single long-term or multiple short-term partners alike) continue to abstain from donating blood.

A test that detects the presence of HTLV-III virus itself, rather than the antibody, may change blood donor screening to a more completely laboratory-based procedure. Such a test is under development but not yet available. Meanwhile, we urge the homosexual community to continue its earlier support of maintaining a safe blood supply by not donating blood.

NOTE: HTLV-III Antibody testing for non-blood donors is available free of charge through either 1) a person's personal physician, or 2) the County Health Department. Please note the first option!

Frans Peetoom, M. D., Ph.D.  
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