Multi-Club Volleyball Tournament Schedule for Fall Festival, Oct 8-10

Nudist clubs from around California and Arizona have been invited to send teams to the annual water volleyball tournament at De Anza Springs October 8-10. De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, CA, is about an hour east of San Diego.

The events are part of the AANR-West Fall Festival, and it is hoped this can become a truly multi-club regional event. Awards will be given in both sand and water volleyball tournaments. On Saturday, there will be a water basketball tournament, which is a unique experience to see.

Saturday will also see a body painting contest on the patio. There will also be a 50/50 raffle on both Friday and Saturday plus other prizes awarded provided by both De Anza Springs and AANR-West.

Friday night, AANR-West will host a movie night on the clubhouse lawn. Saturday night, the park will host a band dance in the clubhouse.

It is hoped this program will attract AANR members from throughout the region to attend. The park has plenty of RV and dry camping spots available, but the rooms are sold out in the park motel.

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Deadline Nears for Regional Co-Op Advertising Reimbursements

The November 30 deadline is approaching for clubs to submit their receipts for 2021 advertising in outside (non-nudist) publications or online sites. Ads in AANR’s The Bulletin and other AANR publications are not eligible for reimbursement.

Receipts are to be sent to the AANR-West PO Box (see address in copyright notice). Receipts submitted in January will be credited to 2022.

Clubs can be reimbursed at either 50% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed $400 per year per club, or at 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed $1,000.00 per year per club, at the club’s option.

A bonus for 100% membership clubs: Reimbursement can be as much as 50% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed $800 per year per club, or 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed $2,000 per year per club, at the club’s option.

Advertising which conflicts with the principles and standards of AANR and/or AANR-West is not eligible for reimbursement.

Provisional (newly formed) clubs are not yet eligible for co-op advertising reimbursement.

The AANR main office has a similar program with similar guidelines. By submitting to both, a club could “double dip” and possibly get a rebate for nearly 100% of their cost.

Advertising does not need to be in the print media. If a club bought coffee cups with the AANR or AANR-West logo, for example, they could be eligible for reimbursement up to a certain dollar amount.

Do not wait until the last minute! Interested clubs should start organizing their receipts now!

Please contact us at information@aanrwet.org for further information about how to qualify for reimbursement.

AANR-West Women Will Host Online Meeting Oct 28

The Team for Women in Nude Recreation for AANR-West is hosting the first in a series of forums for women only to discuss social naturism and other topics of interest to women about the naturist philosophy.

The topic for October 28: at 7 pm (Pacific Time): “Introducing the WINR Team from AANR-West”

Host: Linda Weber, AANR-West board member and WINR Chair, @TrueBlueNude on Twitter and other social media platforms.

The Forum will run approximately an hour and will be clothing-optional. If you would like to be nude like the host, great! If not, please feel free to wear what you are comfortable in.

If you have a female friend who would like to “dip a toe” into nudism/naturism, please feel free to have them sit in as we will have a Q&A session to answer questions you may have regarding living the naturist philosophy.

To ensure the integrity of this “ladies only” event, participants must have a camera and be visible. At this time, we cannot entertain call-in visitors. Thank you for your understanding of this safety protocol.

On the call will be several of the region’s new members to its Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) Committee who reflect a wide range of interests and concerns.

The committee welcomes Kay Nauta of Mountain Air Ranch, Colorado, and Judy Tomboc of Glen Eden Sun Club, California. They join Linda Weber, of the Hangin Loose B&B in Hawaii.

The meeting is scheduled to last about an hour from 7 pm to 8 pm Pacific time. Please join them from your computer, tablet or smartphone through your Internet application. The link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89991387945?pwd=ZWZJOFFFL1U4V09xeTJkZk5KN11xUT09

Meeting ID: 899 9138 7945, Passcode: 984237

For more information visit our website page at: https://www.aanrwest.org/info/women.

AANR-West GPS T-Shirt Still Available but in Limited Sizes

AANR West members can still purchase one of our new “GPS” T-shirts, which list the latitude and longitude of each of the landed clubs in the region without naming the clubs. Prices is $20 plus shipping. Quantities are low check the web site to see if your size is available.

The T-shirt can be purchased directly through the AANR-West website at www.aanrwest.org/our-region/store. Purchasing a T-shirt gives the buyer an extra raffle ticket in next summer’s AANR-West super Passport drawing.

The T-shirt is designed to be a conversation starter when at the market or when shopping at store by people who ask what it is all about.
AANR Members Asked to Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Every October, people all over the world show their support for people affected by breast cancer. Statistics still show a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes. Innovations in detection, patient treatment, and surgical options continue to give both women and men (yes, men can get breast cancer too!) the ability to survive as never before.

We urge all AANR members and clubs to help support breast cancer research and care by finding a local support group, hospital, or research facility and to make a financial or volunteer contribution there, especially during this month. The national organizations are fine to support also, but your donation will have a greater impact if you focus locally.  
National Mammography Day is a part of Breast Cancer Awareness month and is celebrated on the third Friday of October every year. The National Breast Cancer Foundation reports that with early detection, a woman’s survival rate goes way up. That’s why breast exams are so very important. Regularly scheduled mammograms remain the most important method of early detection. But even more important is a periodic self-examination.

Everyone will have their own way of examining and looking for changes. Check your whole breast area regularly, including up to your collarbone (upper chest) and armpits and be aware of anything that’s new or different for you:

What are the symptoms of breast cancer?

- A lump or swelling in the breast, upper chest or armpit
- A change to the skin, such as puckering or dimpling
- A change in the color of the breast – the breast may look red or inflamed
- A nipple change, for example it has become pulled in (inverted)
- Rash or crusting around the nipple
- Unusual liquid (discharge) from either nipple
- Changes in size or shape of the breast

On its own, pain in your breasts is not usually a sign of breast cancer. But look out for pain in your breast or armpit that’s there all or almost all the time.

Although rare, men can get breast cancer. The most common symptom of breast cancer in men is a lump in the chest area.

Many AANR members know of someone who has been lost to cancer, and specifically to breast cancer. Please do something this month to help fight this disease. We love you all and want to keep you around for a while longer!

Linda Weber Interviewed on “The Naturist Living Show” Podcast by Stéphane Deschenes

Linda Weber, a member of the Board of Directors for AANR-West, was interviewed September 1 by Stéphane Deschenes, host of “The Naturist Living Show.”

Stéphane spoke with Linda by telephone regarding the new universal Naturist Symbol and her hashtag on social media, #IAmtheFaceofNaturism. During the 46-minute show, Stéphane queried her at length about the new symbol for naturism, which was voted on by naturists through social media. The Symbol (above) was created as a signal to others that a naturist is nearby. It also is subtle way for businesses to advertise they are nudist/naturist friendly. The Symbol consists of a yellow sun with seven rays which denote the continents over two blue wavy lines that look innocuously like waves or a bare bottom for those aware.

He also asked about her hashtag promotion on social media, #IAmtheFaceofNaturism. Linda explained she wanted to show that naturists are the same as everyone else, with the addition that we embrace wholesome, family-friendly, non-sexual nudism/naturism. She illustrated that “we are your neighbors, we work with you, our kids go to your schools, we shop at the same store.” The purpose is to relate to non-nudists as a conversation-starter.

Other topics discussed during the show was female empowerment, harassment issues, and how to find other nudists. Linda said she had always been a “house nudist” until she and her husband took a Bare Necessities cruise a few years ago and serendipitously met some AANR-West members.

You can listen to the podcast from the Naturist Living Show podcast at https://www.naturistlivingshow.com. The podcast (episode #134) originated at Bare Oaks Naturist Park in Toronto Canada.

AANR News

After Several Delays, New AANR Website Finally Launches

After months of refinement, the main website for AANR was finally launched on October 3, 2021. It is hoped this “new fresh look” brings more visitors to the site as it is now smart phone compatible and contains much more information that is far easier to access than the previous website.

The website was announced last June and a “beta version” was available to AANR leaders to review and to make comments. Many made suggestions and those improvements were incorporated into the final product.

Initial reviews are very positive. The consensus opinion is this is a significant improvement over the previous website version, with much easier menu navigation, better photos, and more interesting stories throughout.

Check it out at www.aanr.com
A Word About Wellness

Online Yoga Class Invite

I would like to invite AANR West members to join the GE yogis for an online chair yoga class on Thursday October 7, 9:00-10:15 am. Clothing-optional, but certainly not required. There will be an extended Q & A time at the end if you’d like to stay later.

AANR-West Yoga Zoom ID: 864 4429 5743
Password: vibrant
Or use the link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86444295743?pwd=LzVWVFltcHhlVFFnaExkR2pzVdpUT09

Welcome to Our Monthly Wellness Corner!

By Cindy Savage

What does wellness mean to me? It means making healthy choices to lead active lives. It means absorbing the good stuff—the healthiest food, the best relationships, the right physical movements for your body, and the entertainment that soothes your mind, enhances your awareness and touches your spirit. It also means letting go of the food, people and activities that do not serve you well. Wellness is a complete package. It is a lifelong pursuit.

I am the Yoga and Tae Kwon Do teacher at Glen Eden. Likeminded yogis gather on weekdays to flex, strengthen, tone and groan. We have been coming together like this for years, even if we have to be on Zoom. Some intrepid souls train in the martial arts, stretching in another way, learning to protect ourselves while earning belt levels. As with every other Nudist Resort, we are an active bunch—exercising all day and dancing all night. Nudism, naturism, the premise is connection with our bodies, minds, and spirits in our authentic skin.

This column will explore wellness ways, but with a practical bent. Today, for instance, I would like to share the three moves you should make every day to stay young and well-balanced for life (questionable for some, I know). You just need a wall and a chair.

1. **Young people stand up straight.** Stand with your back against a wall and the chair next to you with the seat facing the side of your leg. You are not using the chair yet. Press your heels, calves, buttocks, shoulders, and head to the vertical surface. Allow your back to stay in a natural J-shaped curve away from the wall. You should be able to slip your hands behind your low back into the space. Stand there. Close your eyes if it is comfortable and hold onto the chair if it’s not. Breathe 5-10 deep belly breaths. Let your belly go. No one cares.

2. **Smart people have strong legs.** Begin to slide down the wall, walking your feet out a little until your upper legs are parallel with the floor and your lower legs are at a 90-degree angle. Keep your J-spine intact while pressing your sacrum, upper back, shoulders and head to the wall. Hands on your thighs. Breathe. Keep breathing. Stay there for at least four breaths and work your way up to ten. Allow your legs to shake—you will stay there longer with relative ease.

3. **Resilient people get up again.** Slide down to the floor. Yep, you are on the floor. This is what I hear all the time, “I can’t get onto the floor and if I do, I can’t get up.” Being able to get on the floor and back up again is a critical skill to maintain throughout our lives. Old people cannot get up, but you’re not old—you’re vibrant! Slide your feet down next to you and turn so that you are facing the chair. Lift up onto your knees—use a pillow and your arms if necessary. Place one foot in front of you like a kneeling lunge. Use the chair, press into your front leg through the foot and press the ball of your foot into the floor as your rise. You did it.

Repeat this series at least once per day. It will keep you young. Promise.

Next month—The Healthy Food Conundrum.

Three Books That Belong on Every Nudist’s Bookshelf!

Available Through AANR-West
Contact us at information@aanrwest.org

The Nudist Idea: $27.32 incl tax, plus shipping.
Nakedness $19.66 incl tax, plus shipping.
Free and Natural $32.49 plus tax and shipping

AANR-West “Western Sun” Newsletter October 2021
September 18, 2021 - The Los Angeles entry of the World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR-LA) was back in full force for 2021 after having been cancelled last year because of the pandemic.

Ron Mercer of NitOC, event coordinator, did a fantastic job of “herding the cats” to ensure the bike riders were kept safe and within the guidelines of the ride. With several other “protest” events on the same day, police coverage was reduced to a car or two and an officer in the lead car for the event.

Sponsors for the WNBR-LA were AANR-West, The Naturists Society, and the SCNA (Southern California Naturists Association), and NitOC (Naturists in the OC) clubs. True Nudists provided the pace car leading the ride.

The ride attracted 355 riders and 30 tireless volunteers. SCNA President Rolf Holbach operated the SCNA/AANR booth, with SCNA members Ricc Bieber and Bernie Hilber driving cars and providing water to the riders.

My husband and I attended the event for the first time, and it was fun. There was a camaraderie between all the riders. There were even people on skateboards, rollerblades, and roller skates, plus a few electric scooters.

The route is not published until 24 hours or so before to avoid crowd control issues. Along the route were people who expected the event and those who had no idea what was happening but happily honked or waved their support. Several media outlets also covered the event.

Most of the riders went fully nude, and many had body paint, costumes, or signs on their bikes, touting clean energy alternatives and normalizing nudity. If you missed the Los Angeles bike ride, check to see what other city is having one and join in on the fun.
Glen Eden Hosts “Death of a Gangster” Murder Mystery Night

By Heather, GE member

The “Death of a Gangster” murder mystery was “fantastico”! In attendance were the best-looking dames in feathers and flapper dresses and their gangsters in pinstriped suits. The wedding was in full swing with fettuccine, spaghetti and death by chocolate pie. However, no Italian wedding is complete without a murder. The killer was amongst us. As we mingled with the suspects we gained clues, and paid some hefty bribes, to solve the case. Was it the rival Don-Doug Graves (Pete D.), or Gus the milkman (Bradley L.), who was also a bootlegger? Perhaps the womanizer Scott Free (Len R.), Eric the Enforcer (Jim M.) or that pesky 8-year-old, April Showers (Lia G.). With the help of the terrific Glen Eden investigative minds the murder was solved.

Who did it? Well, as they say in Italian... immagino che dovessi essere li.. arrivaderci.”

Kelli chimes in with, “I started the night sitting next to Peter in silver sequins and Tom in a white hat... and so many white ties...though, a man with a black tie sat at our table—always suspicious. We had to negotiate with another mafia family—nerve wracking at best.”

“Lou was killed, so we all had to interrogate the suspects. We had bribe money and clues such as:

• Some people think Lou didn't really get killed.
• The reporter loved Lou's sibling.
• Trish Fish was in love with Lou, who trusted her with secret information.
• Did Lou fake his own death? Rubber knife?
• Was it Don Doug Graves? Jenna Side, a Russian spy? Who did it?"

Peter M. won best dressed in his fashion statement flapper dress.

One table won the Dead Wrong Award.

Who was the true killer? You have to ask someone who was there at the GE event.

Sequoians Club Host Bocce Ball Tournament

By Jo Ann K, Social Chairman, The Sequoians

At The Sequoians we started our first Bocce league in April of 2021. Three teams; The A Team. color-red, song Theme from the A Team. The Bocce Machine, color-green, Captain Jose, La Michina. And The Quattros, color-yellow, named after the term for making all 4 balls count in one round.

For our first season we have played two matches each month on the first and last Sunday mornings. League Sundays begin with the home team prepping the course for play. Each team has grown to six players. Each match is five games long and is played to a score of seven. Usually, the match last from 11 am to about 1:45 pm. The California sun is warm and inviting. We have an awning for the shade lovers in the group. Snacks appear for both teams throughout the match.

The tournaments are open to all, no need to sign up in advance. We get visitors and guests at the park specifically to play! Sometimes we just play a tournament for fun, other times for prizes. Generally, it is double or single elimination style.

October 3 will be our last league match for this season. Then on October 9, starting at noon, we will host one last money tournament for this year: $5 entry, double elimination, blind draw for partners.

On October 16, we will finish our season with an outdoor luncheon on. Awards for the first place team, music, and food! We will also announce at that time the names of the captains for 2022 as we will be expanding to five teams and playing on three Sundays each month (instead of just one) next year due to the tournament’s popularity.

Above Left: Chuck contemplates a shot before throwing the ball; Right: Jose rings the bell for a win.

Maria and Jo Ann from the red team (The A Team), pose for a pic on a league day.
Beach Cleanup Draws More Volunteers But Less Trash

By Gary Mussell

On Saturday, September 21, once again, SCNA and Friends of Bates Beach coordinated the cleanup of Bates Beach as part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Nineteen club volunteers picked up trash and recyclables for three hours along the 2.5-mile beach, the parking lot, and the hiking trail above. We were joined by twelve volunteer students from the nearby Cate Private High School.

About 90 pounds of trash and 12 pounds of recyclable material was eventually collected from the beach area. This total is down from two years ago when volunteers gathered 113 pounds of trash and 14 pounds of recyclables. The lower amount was attributed to the efforts of the Friends of Bates Beach throughout the year to keep the beach clean, and a lighter than normal number of people visiting the beach because of the lingering effects of the pandemic. (The Coastal Cleanup Day was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.)

Coastal Cleanup Day happens each year on the third Saturday in September. 38 beaches and hiking trails in Santa Barbara were cleaned at the same time by different teams of volunteers, gathering over 2 tons of trash in the process. Beaches up and down the California coast were also cleaned up. This was the first time that Cate school had sent volunteers and the students seemed to really enjoy participating.

The park ranger, Alex Contreras, dropped by at the end of the cleanup to collect the trash (see photo) and to meet many of the Friends volunteers for the first time.

After the cleanup was complete, many in our nudist group enjoyed the afternoon at Bates and had no hassles at all. The overcast morning gave way to a beautiful afternoon with temperatures in the mid-70’s, although the sea was a cool 63°F. A pod of dolphins played just offshore. Except for the nudists, there were few beachgoers on the north side of Bates.

In Santa Barbara County, we had a total of 1287 volunteers, including those who did independent cleanups throughout the month. This is more volunteers than we had in 2018, 2019 or 2020! We collected a whopping total of 5,548 lbs. of trash and recycling.

Young Naturist Club Hosts Watermelon Games at OCR

By Dennis Crane, NitOC

Olive Dell Ranch (ODR) held its annual Watermelon Games on July 24. This is a grand event for ODR, and it attracted a large number of contestants. And in addition, United Naturists was also holding their camping weekend at the same time, so lots of youth to join the games.

The Watermelon Games consisted of many different types of challenges. Some of the challenges were seed spitting for distance, seed spitting for accuracy, running a lap holding a watermelon between your legs, watermelon speed eating, watermelon toss into your partner’s mouth and several other challenges.

One of the challenges was for couples, one was blindfolded and the other was sitting randomly in a chair someplace on stage. The blindfolded partner had to find their partner and feed them a large slice of watermelon. The seated person could not help with the feeding process as their hands were behind their backs. That was a fun contest to watch as the seated partner was calling out their partner’s name so they could locate them through the maze of other people sitting in chairs. Basically, it was fun chaos to watch.

Another partner game was watermelon toss. One partner tossed a chunk of watermelon to their partner, they had to catch it in their mouth with their hands behind their back. Then the next round they took a step backward and this went on until there was a winner. It was a very messy game and some clever strategy involved in the toss and catch used by the different teams.

The winner of the seed spitting contest claimed he spit his seed over 500 feet! So, there was some great competition on who could spit the furthest, but the record was a bit over 40 feet. The level of competition for the Watermelon Games was pretty fierce in all the games, but it had such a great level of enjoyment and fun and the contestants and spectators enjoyed the games.

Once the games were finished, there were award plaques given out for each category. Also, there was a lot of leftover watermelon to go around for the spectators to enjoy. There was a large board which listed numerous fun facts and nutritional facts about watermelons, which was pretty amazing to learn about. Able is already planning next year’s Watermelon Games.
De Anza Springs Hosts 3rd Annual Bare Booty 5K Fun Run

By Scott Schmitz, Participating Runner

Once again Graham H. has worked hard to bring another Bare Booty 5K Run to De Anza Springs, and this despite the change in ownership and the ongoing pandemic. While last year’s affair was a virtual race, this year Graham worked to bring a hundred runners together for some comradery and spirited competition.

Additionally, Chuy Gutierrez, the new Event Coordinator at De Anza Springs, has been working hard to bring a variety of activities to the resort. So, the weekend was not just about the running. Friday Night was “Paint and Sip” with resident artist William teaching how to reproduce a painting of the moon rising behind Temple Peak while the participants sipped wine.

The results were varied and interesting. On both Saturday and Sunday, I led hikes out onto the desert trails around the resort for those curious about what lay beyond the resort’s boundaries. Andrew led “Yoga Under the Stars” Saturday night which featured UV body paint so you could see at night using dark lighting what positions you were attempting.

The Yoga stretches were excellent preparation for Sunday’s run. And, of course, there were the regular volleyball games at 10 am and 2 pm. At Fonzie’s suggestion, Chuy bought new volleyballs that were similar to the ones used at Glen Eden. Fonzie helps to organize the interclub volleyball tournaments and he felt a more standardized ball would help De Anza players become more competitive.

Sunday morning dawned cool and there was dew on the cacti. At 7:30 am the armbands with the runner’s number began to be handed out. While 100 runners were registered, only 83 actually showed up. At 8:30 am, Graham asked for the runners to gather on the lawn north of the clubhouse where the Start and Finish banners were displayed. As 9:00 am approached, Chuy counted down the seconds until Graham shot off the starter’s pistol. The race was on.

The first part of the race followed the outer road around the resort. An initial uphill stretch separated the runners into groups while the downhill stretch allowed the runners to fall into their natural pace.

And then the race switched to the new section of the Peyote Trail that wound its way through a riparian forest past Hiker Clint’s branch-woven artwork. After the cool of the forest came true desert trail and several rollercoaster sections up hills and down dales. The cool morning air gave way to hot sweat and gasping breaths. After a final water stop at the Heartbreak Hotel, the runners were back on the resort’s main road and heading up one last uphill stretch to the finish.

In the Male division, David F. was first with a time of 25:41, but Christian was very close for second with 25:51, a mere 10 seconds behind. Steve R. came in third at 26:21. In the Female division, Michelle came in first place with a blazing 28:42. Second was Thanh at 32:23 and Mary K was third at 35:53. This was Michelle’s first nude event of any kind, and she told me she found the whole event “rather wonderful.”

The 83rd and last (name withheld) person crossed the line in 1:10:00 and then we were done. Everyone received a medal stamped with “First 100” and a tote bag with a 2021 Bare Booty 5K thermos and a “Drink Like an Olympian” drink coupon good at the newly renovated bar for the rest of the day.

Updates on next year’s Bare Booty 5K can be found on the “Friends of De Anza Springs Resort” Facebook group. I definitely will be back!

Above: Scott (the author of this article) strides toward the finish line.

Deadline Nears for Shangri-La 5K Bare Buns Run Oct 16

On October 16, Shangri-La Ranch in Arizona will host its annual Bare Buns 5K Run, beginning at 7:30 am. There is a $40 registration fee.

The 2-lap course will take the runners around the beautiful desert property, located remotely in New River, AZ. Nudity for the run is strongly encouraged; women may wear sports bras. A running swag bag, awards, and refreshments are provided.

Race registration is open, and it includes a day visit to the resort. Sign up at: https://4peaskracing.com/events/bare-buns-desert-run-2021/

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Fires Situation Eases Around Lake Tahoe But Problems Remain

By Guy Dannehl, Coordinator, Tahoe Area Naturists

September 23, 2021 - The state closed all beaches around Lake Tahoe due to the fire danger and the unsafe air until Sept. 18. When we got back, we discovered that some of our members’ personal beach equipment, which had been locked up, had been removed by the Forest Service when they shut down the area. No advanced notice was given, and nobody was able to get down past the closure to retrieve their items. At this writing some of our club beach equipment is still unretrievable.

“The summer season at Creek Beach was much different than in previous years because the lake water level was so much lower. We had a nice quiet beach experience until the smoke came.

The Cove was another story. Our nudist weekends were overrun with textiles. Why? Because the Nevada State Parks decided to limit attendance and vehicles at nearby Sand Harbor. This had nothing to do with COVID, but rather it was an arbitrary maximum occupancy number decided to control the number of people at Incline Village resort. In 2020, this maximum was extended to all local beaches. As a result, those tourists just come on down the road to use the next available beach – our Cove. They parked illegally anywhere and everywhere, left trash and graffiti and complained about the naturists already there. We contacted the Nevada State Parks and got the usual government responses: “we are trying to save the lake.” Excellent job, guys! We will be working on this in the off season, and plan to start contacting elected officials about this egregious situation.

The nudists at Creek Beach did not suffer as much as they are a half-mile further down the shore, and this beach is not as easy to get to.

Enforcement of forest rules at all the beaches was non-existent all year by the Forest Service and by the Carson City Sheriff. Servicing the trash and outhouse was farmed out to vendors, and the sheriff wasn't paid for the foot patrol, so nobody was there, and the trash cans were left overflowing. The mandatory beach closures during the fire weren't enforced as far as we could determine.

AANR Responds to Nirvana Album Cover Lawsuit

Spencer Elden, the man who was photographed as a baby on the 1991 album cover for Nirvana's Nevermind, is suing the band alleging sexual exploitation.

The cover depicts Elden as a four-month-old in a swimming pool, grasping for a dollar bill that's being dangled in front of him on a fishing line.

Elden, who is now age 30, claims his parents never signed a release authorizing the use of his image on the album. He also alleges the nude image constitutes “child pornography.” Non-sexualized photos of infants are generally not considered child pornography under US law.

The legal case also alleges Elden “has suffered and will continue to suffer lifelong damages” as a result of the artwork, including "extreme and permanent emotional distress.”

He is asking for damages of at least $150,000 (£109,000) from each of the surviving band members and photographer Kirk Weddle.

The album, which included the hits Smells Like Teen Spirit, went on to sell 30 million copies around the world.

In previous interviews, Elden had been more upbeat about the image. "It's always been a positive thing and opened doors for me," he told the Guardian newspaper six years ago. "However, he felt he should have made some money "Everybody made money off it and I didn't.” The family was paid $200 for the original photoshoot.

AANR’s Executive Director Erich Schuttauf said he has reached out to the legal team representing the defendants with various precedents and resources that may be useful in preparing a defense against the claim that a skinny-dipping baby is “pornographic.”

“Let’s also not throw the baby out with the pool water,” he said.
GAT Rep Speaks at Auburn Dam State Park General Plan Hearing in Support of Local Nude Beach

The California State Parks Commission held a public online hearing September 29-30 to review the General Plan Update for the Auburn Dam Recreation Area located along the North Fork of the American River, about 50 miles northwest of Sacramento. The Commission members were also asked to approve the Plan’s underlying Environmental Impact Report. This update directly affects the traditional nude beach that is located just below the dam.

Gary Mussell, AANR-West Gat Chair and Tim Mullins, AANR GAT Chair, submitted comments to the Commission. Here are copies of their remarks:

“We have spoken to you at many past meetings of the Commission, about reaching an understanding on how to accommodate all the Californians that enjoy clothing-optional recreation. Several thousand underdressed beachgoers and hikers are out there in the state parks every weekend, and they are not going away.

“Several years ago, the Parks Forward Commission asked us to put together a written proposal on how to resolve this never-ending request, and we did so. But they chose to defer our ideas to the Parks Commission, which is you.

“The Auburn Dam report mentions nude recreation 23 times across its text. All of them defer to the California Code of Regulations Section 4322 which states:

“No person shall appear nude while in any unit except in authorized areas set aside for that purpose by the Department."

“So, you do not need new legislation to resolve this issue. The CCR gives your commission that power. We ask for you to amend the report and retain the small beach below the Auburn Dam as an authorized clothing-optional area within the park. The Recreation Area cumulatively has hundreds of miles of waterways and hiking trails, and we are asking for a thousand feet in an area where it has existed peacefully for over fifty years. We ask for proper signage at entrances to the area to help avoid user conflict.

“I would remind the Commission there is no federal law or regulation against nude recreation.

“Please revise the report by doing your duty and officially designate the area.”

Tim Mullins submitted a written statement as he had trouble connecting into the meeting to speak:

“My name is Tim Mullins, I am a lifelong Californian, and enjoy and use the American River Canyon area.

“I am also the Government Affairs Chair for the American Association for Nude Recreation. We have participated from the beginning in this General Planning process. We have submitted our requests for specific use areas on numerous occasions.

“From the beginning we have asked that you, "Please recognize and provide for clothing-optional use in areas where clothing-optional use has long been traditional."

“We are disappointed in the lack of serious consideration for our requests in this Plan. By comparison, in Florida, the request for nude use areas has resulted in inclusion of our advocates in the planning process and a financial boom to the areas where they have designated nude use areas. California should be able to designate nude use areas within the proposal and meet the needs of those of us who prefer to use these areas safely.”

The General Plan Update has been controversial from the start. Although the existing Plan is 30 years old and in need of review, community leaders expressed concerns through all the hearings about the Park Department’s desire to expand the number of campsites from 36 to 135.

All of the other public speakers spoke to oppose this campsite increase due to increased fire danger and changes to the traffic infrastructure from additional traffic.

Despite objections from local County Supervisors as well as CalFire’s objections, the commission voted 5 to 0 to accept the draft Plan. More will be in an upcoming issue of The Bulletin.

Apple Postpones Nude Images Enforcement Plan...For Now

Last month, we wrote about Apple’s well-intentioned but profoundly unwise plan to begin scanning photos on user devices for Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). The announcement provoked a degree of outcry from privacy advocates and security researchers – and AANR – that seems to have caught the company by surprise—prompting Apple to press pause on the rollout in order to "collect input and make improvements before releasing these critically important child safety features.” While this is good news, the wording suggests they remain committed to moving ahead later when things quiet down - including the worrisome tool that scans the photos on an individual’s stored images.

Running a detection process on the user's device, critics charge, is a prelude to enabling full end-to-end encryption for files stored in the cloud so that end users cannot store images there that match certain criteria, such as nudity. Nor can such images be sent from end user to end user anymore. It is also logical to assume governments will want to extend the algorithm to include images they want to ban for political purposes. And we are then on a very slippery slope indeed.
Clubs are encouraged to submit feature stories about their past or upcoming major events.

**ARIZONA**

- **BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)**
The Tucson Buff-A-Teers are enjoying opportunities each month to responsibly get together for both textile and clothing-optional outings.

In September, members enjoyed a fantastic day at Mira Vista Clothing-Optional Resort. The resort management was very accommodating to us coming as a group and everyone had a wonderful time socializing, sunning, swimming. A few members even joined in for some exciting water volleyball.

Later we enjoyed dining in their wonderful Desert Café.

For October, members are looking forward to a textile dinner at a local Mexican restaurant followed by a pool party outing on October 16th and a Halloween-themed outing on October 30th. The outing on the 30th will be complete with competitions for Best Dress-up Hat and Most Creative Pumpkin Carving.

Updated details of all club events can be found at www.Meetup.com under Tucson Clothing-optional Recreation Meetup. Inquiries can also be emailed to the club at tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com.

- **CANYON STATES (PHOENIX)**
Sunday October 24 is our annual Halloween Costume Party for our members only. Prizes for best costume will be awarded. Contact CSN at http://www.canyonstatenaturists.net for a list of upcoming events.

Email: canyonstatenaturists@yahoo.com

- **MOJAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)**
Our Halloween party will be hosted in Morongo Valley, CA on Saturday, October 23 with games and events running through Sunday Brunch on October 24. With our hosts incredible decor, be ready to be wowed and scared in this imaginative and creative setting with scary and fun activities. We will have a nudist costume contest. There is space for RV parking, or you can stay overnight dorm-style by bringing a sleeping bag and cot, or a mattress for group sleeping.

RSVP to mohavesunclub@gmail.com.

- **MIRA VISTA (TUCSON)**
Wayne reports that construction has just begun on 10 new condo units at the park. Prices are not yet set, and deposits are being accepted.

On September 25, the park held a Back-to-School dance with music by DJ Suzy & Tiki Man. Much fun as people were asked to dress up in 1950’s school attire. There were even a few poodle skirts!

**Upcoming Events**
October 2 - Oktoberfest with DJ BNT
October 9 - Dance with DJ Harry
October 16 - Dance with DJ Suzy & Tiki Man
October 23 - Dance with DJ D & M

For room reservations, please call 520-744-2355.

- **SHANGRI-LA RANCH (N OF PHOENIX)**
We had a great Labor Day weekend!

- Friday Night Karaoke hosted by KJ Jason
- Saturday Poolside music hosted by DJ Jason
- Saturday Pool games with prizes
- Saturday Billiards Tournament
- Saturday Evening Body Painting
- Saturday Night Neon Dance Party
- Sunday Poolside music hosted by DJ Jason
- Sunday Night Gramps With No Pants Concert

During October, the club hosts Water Volleyball, Jungleball, and Water aerobics every day, and a dance every Saturday night.

On October 16 the park is hosting their annual Bare Buns 5K Run, beginning at 7:30 AM. There is a $40 registration fee. See Sports section for a separate story on this race.

Check our website at: https://shangrilaranch.com/for additional information.

**CALIFORNIA**

- **DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT (JACUMBA)**
DSR has a new Newsletter, starting in September. Among its stories:

> “It is an exciting time seeing all the upgrades happening here at the resort. The electricity in the park is our number one priority. We thank you for your patience with this grueling process.”

**Community Garden**

> “Along with the many clean-ups and upgrades, we are happy to share that DSR will offer a Community Garden. It will be in the Blue Section (near the Dog Park). We are expecting this to be ready in two months. This garden will offer veggies, as well as succulents and other native plants!”

September 26 the park hosted its annual Bare Booty 5K Run. Read an eyewitness account in the Sports Section above.

The AANR West Fall Festival and Sports Tournaments will be held Oct 8-10. See story on page 1.

Besides these big events, De Anza has weekend Karaoke and DJ Dancing for everyone to enjoy. Contact the office for more information.

For reservations, call (619) 766-4301 or visit the website at: www.deanzasprings.com Email: stay@deanzasprings.com.
• **GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB (TEMESCAL VALLEY, NEAR CORONA)**

**The Good, the Bad, and the Naked Cactus**

The park hosted its annual Naked Cactus Jamboree on August 20-22. There was an old time Western Melodrama alongside the pool complete with a “marshal” facing the bad guy in the middle of “Main Street.”

In the background played appropriate saloon music and a show performed by the Red Garter Gals. The women also carried trays of shots (not the six-shooter kind) and passed them out to the people around the pool.

The park also set up a water bull in the pool and the entertainment was watching different people try to climb onto it and stay on for more than a few seconds without tumbling into the water.

Audience members were invited to toss rope rings over some steer horns and shooting cans off a fence rail using Nerf pistols.

At sundown, there was a chuckwagon barbecue for all to enjoy. Later, the Doo Wah Riders band (straight from playing at Gilley’s in Las Vegas) played country favorites at the evening dance.

**Upcoming Events at Glen Eden:**

- **Brats Shack & Beer Garden**
  - **Oktoberfest**
  - **Saturday**
  - **October 2**
  - **12-3 PM**
  - Brats, Veggie Brats, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and Pretzels.
  - Two Beer Bars - Spaten & Hefeweizen
  - Dress in your Lederhosen, Dirndl, or come as you are.
  - “Bavarian Stew” Band 12-4 PM
  - Bavarian Tent, Contests, Prizes!

On October 29, the park is organizing a blood drive with a Halloween theme:

- **American Red Cross**
  - **Give Blood. Help save lives.**
  - **Blood Drive**
  - **Glen Eden Sun Club**
  - **Location:** Piper Hall
  - **25999 Glen Eden Rd**
  - **Temescal Valley, CA 92883**
  - **Friday, October 29, 2021**
  - **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Visit https://gleneden.com/calendar/ for a complete activity list, subject to change.

• **LAGUNA DEL SOL (SACRAMENTO)**

The club’s Nudestock Music Festival was held on September 16-19. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful weekend with friends, food, music, and vendors all three days.

The annual Home Tour, scheduled for Oct 9, is postponed until next year, due to COVID conditions.
Laguna always hosts two Halloween parties each year, one on Friday and one on Saturday. Friday is always the specific costume theme night and this year it is “movie characters”. There is no specific theme for Saturday night. Everyone should make future plans for November 13, which is the park’s annual Chili Cookoff. There is no entry fee so anyone can enter. Every taster is a judge and votes for their favorite. It’s usually an afternoon event. The chili cooks bring their prepared chili to the stage area for tastings. In the event of rain, the event moves indoors.

**LUPIN LODGE (SANTA CRUZ)**

Happy 86th Birthday, Lupin Lodge!

It was a very special 86th Lupin Birthday on the weekend of August 27-29 - and was it ever fun! It started off on Friday with a sip and paint at 5:30, then there was croquet at 7 pm and then from 7-11 there was a special Karaoke hosted by guest John P. and friends.

On Saturday morning our birthday started at 10 am with a viewing of Historical photos of Lupin which was shown all day in the restaurant. Music on the lawn began at noon and accompanied most of the day’s events. We thank Darin and Charles for arranging most of the music. At 2 pm a champagne toast was made, and candles smothered on the delicious cake, there was also an apple pie. At 2:30, Rochelle led a group in improvisation celebrating harmony and birthdays.

The children’s art project was created by two of Allison’s daughters at the pool.

Dinner happened from 5 to 8 and Chef Michelle created recipes from 1935. This reporter had the brisket and can only say they ate well in 1935. Thank you once again Chef Michelle.

At 8 pm The DJ group Tangerine and Moonbeam took over the microphone and led the very enthusiastic crowd in a Balloon Dance. Mindy provided costumes and the visiting children helped blow up balloons. What a wonderful Birthday party! Thanks to all who made it happen.

**Bodyfest 2021**

The weekend of October 1-3 will see the annual Bodyfest Festival at Lupin Lodge. The program includes:

Friday October 1: A falconry demonstration, a hula hooping instructional class, dinner on the lawn followed by ice cream! Karaoke will follow.

Saturday, October 2: the day will start with yoga on the lawn and a nature hike. The afternoon will see music on the lawn and a theater improv production, followed by some Nude Olympics games. Following dinner on the lawn there will be a glow in the dark “body painting” party.

Sunday, October 3: There will be more yoga, a Qi Gong class, and a kid’s art workshop.

At the end of the month, impress with the best of your imagination at our Halloween costume contest and DJ dance party on Saturday, October 30.

**Other Lupin Lodge News**

Thank you for helping us to conserve water. Our water situation has improved but we still need everyone’s help in water conservation. Be mindful of your water usage; always turn off the showers and the jets on the hot tub when finished.

Please, no fires for now or charcoal grills allowed at Lupin. Please do not start a bonfire and smokers be mindful of where you put your butts.

The hot tub is OPEN. Please remember: NO Music at the Pool! The pool is a quiet zone. Please listen to music on earbuds if you need tunes. Also, the hot tub will be closed first Tuesdays of the month for maintenance. And check out our new solar panels for heating the pool!

Because of the fast-spreading Delta COVID variant, all indoor activities will require masks, vaccinated or not. But to ensure safety do get vaccinated!

**NORTHERN EXPOSURE/RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)**

Nearby fires and their smoke are affecting air quality and the ability to plan any camping trips at the moment. For activity information, please contact the club at: members@norcalexposure.com
• OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)
Visit Olive Dell Ranch’s Facebook page for the most up-to-date information about their events. Park is closed to non-members on Tuesday & Wednesday Website: www.olivedellranch.com or Email: bnude@earthlink.net

Olive Dell hosted a United Naturists young adult club weekend at the end of July which was very successful. Read the story on page 7 of this newsletter.

Sept 4-5 was the annual Luau Festival, a tradition on Labor Day weekend. Sunday was the main event, the park’s annual Polynesian Dinner Buffet and entertainment.

September 17 - 19, 2021 Olive Dell hosted its third annual Gay Naked Camping Weekend. Great turnout and a way for the straight membership to open a dialog with a different way of life.

October 9 is a 60’s Dance. Come costumed in your favorite “hippie” clothes.

On October 30 the park will host a Halloween dance party with the usual costume contest. The park kids will trick or treat earlier in the evening. Our usual fun times!

Guests were invited to learn the hula and other Polynesian dances at the September 5 Luau and Polynesian Festival at Olive Dell Ranch.

• OLYMPIAN CLUB (TUSTIN)
Club members attended the Luau Festival at Olive Dell over Labor Day weekend.
A Halloween party and potluck is planned for members on October 30.
For more information, see the club website at: www.olympianclub.com or Email: olympianclub@aol.com

• SCNA (LOS ANGELES)
Saturday, October 16 is the monthly online game and cocktail party which attracts players from across America, Canada, and elsewhere. A variety of games are played (with or without clothes!) including You Don’t Know Jack, Cards Against Humanity, Naked Bingo, Never Have I Ever, Name That Tune, and others. The day ends with a scavenger hunt around one’s own home.
On Saturday, October 30, SCNA will hold its annual Halloween Party at a beautiful estate in Camarillo with a private yard, backyard BBQ, fire pit, indoor full-sized heated pool and Jacuzzi. There will be prizes for best costume and for the best potluck food item with a Halloween theme.

• SEQUOIANS (EAST BAY)
Unfortunately, we have cancelled most of our October indoor activities due to COVID and our County Regulations prohibiting indoor activities. Halloween was always big for us, and this is the second year the dance will be cancelled. We truly hope 2022 will be better.

What remains on the schedule is on October 2, the club has an outdoor Jazz Trio concert; October 23, there will be an outdoor round robin sports activity.

The end of our open season is October 31st. We will however allow AANR campers after the closing. They need to reserve via our website, www.sequoians.com
Visit www.sequoians.com, or call 1 510 582-0184 for updated information.

COLORADO

• FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (DENVER)
Unless otherwise stated, all events are for members of the Front Range Naturists (FRN) and their guests only, unless prior arrangements have been made with our membership committee.
Due to limited space, and the fact that our events are held at a privately-owned facility, we cannot extend an open invitation. FRN has moved their website to a new Word Press location: https://frncolorado.wordpress.com/.

• MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER)
Fireman’s Fundraiser
On September 28, MAR members welcomed the Inter-Canyon Fire Department to our property, for a special “thank-you” fundraising event.

Over 50 members and visitors attended
The Firemen arrived in spectacular fashion riding in on the new Spartan Reserve Engine 85 Fire Pumper Truck and a First Responder Ambulance. MAR kids of every age enjoyed the opportunity to climb in and inspect the fire trucks.

Mountain Air Ranch made a $1500-dollar donation in continued support of our Volunteer Inter-Canyon Fire Department.

MAR Memorial Garden
The park has developed a special place where members can contemplate the memories of loved ones. The Memorial Garden is located at Panorama Point to the south of the trail where there are many stunning views of valley vistas around MAR, ridge. Members are allowed to either inter or spread the cremated remains of past members here Headstones are also allowed. The entrance has an arch made up of special plants, with rocks lining its borders.

The October schedule:
October 2 - Highway Cleanup (volunteers are needed).
October 9 - Game Day.
October 16 – Karaoke.
October 23 - Family Halloween “Pumpkin Patch” Event.
October 30 - Haunted Halloween Dance.
The “Pumpkin Patch” Family event takes place at the community kitchen, where families can pick a pumpkin to carve, display costumes (there will be prizes!) followed by the kids trick or treating he park residents at their RV homes. AT 4 pm, there will be a magic show for the children.

The club has a promotion for families applying for full membership. They can qualify for a child credit of $200 per child as a deduction on their annual membership fees.

MAR requires all new visitors to call ahead to schedule a tour.

Visit our website at: www.trynude.com. Contact us at (303) 697-4083. Email: marinfo@trynude.com

**NEW MEXICO**

- **ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**
  October 9-11, 2021. Join other Roadrunners for a fun weekend at one of our favorite places, Mira Vista Resort in Tucson. Discount room rates available. Website: http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/ Email: RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com

- **FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, LLC**
  Faywood Hot Springs, a rustic natural geothermal resort in southwestern New Mexico, has many outdoor campgrounds and private soaking pools for those who wish to partake of its healthful and rejuvenating mineral water baths. There are separate clothing-required, clothing-optional (nudist) pools and private and group bathing areas. Contact us at https://faywoodhotsprings.com/.  New Phone number: (575) 342-8181.

- **SUN TREE TRAVEL CLUB (LAS CRUCES)**
  For club activities, email: information@suntree.net

**UTAH**

- **SUNS (ST. GEORGE)**
  The Southern Utah Naturist Association (SUNS) hosted a swim party on Saturday, September 25. The Game Night scheduled for September 29 was postponed due the small number of RSVPs. We will reschedule! For more club event information, email us at: info@southernutahnaturistsociety.org

- **WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)**
  Alas, our summer pool at Stansbury Island is closed for the season, and our year-round pool is still not available due to the COVID numbers. So, things are on hold at the moment, but at any time we may come up with another venue for activities. No, we don't have anything special planned for Halloween. For more information, email the club at: wasatchnaturists@gmail.com.

**HAWAII**

- **SWIM FREE HAWAII (BIG ISLAND)**
  Swim Free Hawaii is a clothing-optional boat charter that allows you the opportunity to explore the island in an exciting, safe, and comfortable environment. Whether you’re interested in snorkeling, swimming, or just sunbathing nude, Capt. Chuck offers a unique, safe, and quality experience we guarantee to be unforgettable.  
  Web Site: www.swimfreehawaii.com, Email info@swimfreehawaii.com or call (808) 938-1400.

**NEVADA**

- **NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (RENO)**
  Many members are going are going to Laguna Del Sol to participate in their activities this month.

- **TAHOE AREA NATURISTS (TAN)**
  Read the status report submitted by Guy Dannehl, Coordinator, Tahoe Area Naturists, under GAT on page 9.

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**
  The Las Vegas Bares sponsors overnight trips to hot springs or nearby landed nudist resorts. We have scheduled clothing-optional hikes and nude kayak day trips, full moon nude hikes, nude overnight kayak excursions on the Colorado River and visits to neighboring nude resorts in CA and AZ. Sometimes we also have nude pool parties with Nude Water Volleyball, and a sundeck to get your all-over tan! Come out and enjoy and an afternoon of relaxing naked in the sun or recharge your mind and body with a free hike in the desert while the weather remains nice. http://www.lasvegasbares.com/

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS**
  Las Vegas Naturists are looking forward to the Fall after a sizzling summer. On weekends, we will be playing bocce ball, badminton, and volleyball in the grass area and having our Saturday potluck events. We always have huge Halloween parties, this year it will be outside alongside the big fire pit near the new tortoise habitat.
  When in Vegas relax at our B&B! Guests can enjoy playing horseshoes, bocce ball, jacuzzi, and feast on the best potlucks in Las Vegas. Web site: https://www.lasvegasnaturists.com/ Phone: (702) 658-9444.

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'Today' Morning Show Gets Interrupted by Streaker

By Gary Mussell

For many decades, NBC’s The Today Show has broadcast from the first floor of New York’s Rockefeller Plaza with a large picture window behind them. The view allows New Yorkers to peek in at the live show so that television viewers can catch a taste of a city street in real time. One never knows what to expect as over the years there have been tourists, street performers, picketers, and whatever else New York has to offer through those windows, all the while the television interviews and commentary continues on this side of that pane glass.

On Monday September 20, just before the 8 a.m. commercial break, viewers got a quick glimpse of something unexpected, although perhaps not that uncommon a sight for local New Yorkers.

Just as show co-anchor Craig Melvin was pitching co-host Hoda Kotb’s new podcast, a naked man streaked past the window for perhaps two seconds. Almost as long as Janet Jackson’s Super Bowl “wardrobe malfunction over a decade earlier. If a viewer wasn’t paying attention, they missed it. In fact, only Melvin caught a glimpse at first out of the corner of his eye.

“Oh, there’s a naked runner,” Melvin casually responded as he turned around and back toward the cameras. It was only a few seconds until co-host and anchor Savannah Guthrie also turned and spotted the runner in his birthday suit.

"There he is! There he goes! Where are your clothes?" she shouted. [Like he could hear her?]

Hoda was even more indignant: “Get your clothes on!” she cried before waving him a “bye.”

The network immediately went to a commercial, the first word of which was a somewhat ironic word: "dignity."

The entire 20 seconds can be seen on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBqADj-xjSI

Online, viewers can see the streaker’s lower half was concealed (except for one stop-second frame) by a banner running across the bottom of the window. Hardly worth all the fuss.

But ultimately, the moment drew laughs from the Today crew, and fans on social media started immediately with their memes:

“Must have lost a bet,” wrote one. “The 70’s are back, baby!” wrote another. Another viewer joked it was a "stripped-down version of the news." A fourth observed: “It’s funny how you see the security guard just watch the guy pass him.”

Within hours, the excitement had passed, and the people of planet Earth went back to their individual concerns.

Hundreds Strip Off for Charity Skinny Dip In the North Sea

September 19, 2021 - More than 800 men and women of all ages stripped down in Druridge Bay, near the border of England and Scotland, to enjoy a naked frolic in the North Sea at sunrise for the ninth annual North East Skinny Dip (NEDS).

The Northumberland event is in its tenth year and raises money for mental health charities as it celebrates the Autumnal Equinox. This year, the dip took place on Wednesday September 19, a work day for most people. Yet participants came from all over Western Europe, playing hookey from their offices, to enjoy the event.

In 2019 an estimated 700 people attended, but due to pandemic restrictions, last year’s skinny dip was cancelled.

Aa quoted in a Daily Mail article, organizer Jax Higginson, 43, said that since it began in 2012, “the dip” has raised over £80,000 for mental health.

In the article, Jax, an artist from Sunderland, added: 'There's a few reasons for doing it when we do - one because we like to celebrate the transition from summer to winter and appreciating the summer we've had and welcoming the colder weather."

“This year, there were lots of newbies joining lots of regulars, all very happy dippers.

“It was really mild today, sometimes it's freezing, and people can't stay in the water too long, but everybody has commented on how warm the water was. Also, I heard a lot of laughing.

“It's wonderful that the beach is accessible and people with wheelchairs and other less able people could join us. I also saw lots of families and children - I appreciated that and I'm very happy about how it all turned out.”