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REMEMBERING

THE FORGOTTEN STONEWALL:

THE TRANSGENDER REBELLION



This is the real picture of "STONEWALL 25". Pictured above are (L/R): Baroness ANDINA, Social Chairlady of the IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NY & LI; Imperial Queen ALLYSON ALLANTE, also of I.Q.N.Y.; Lady DANA TURNER, an official of the IMPERIAL QUEENS and lover of a STONEWALL vet (Chris); Lady EVALENA LANGE of THE GAY CENTER's GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT (GIP); and another STONEWALL veteran, YVONNE RITTER. Photographers were all over the STONEWALL PLACE area and in particular, in front of THE STONEWALL on Thursday, June 16, 1994 after a truly historic and Gay cultural event at THE CENTER: "THE FORGOTTEN STONEWALL: TRANSGENDER REBELLION". A full turn-out with S.R.O. in "The Network ROOM".

Dr. BARBARA E. WARREN, Director of THE CENTER's G.I.P. coordinated the entire event with welcome organization tables, refreshments, speeches, entertainment and culminating with historic, police-escorted, candlelit procession led by STONEWALL VETERANS ALLYSON ALLANTE and transexuals, YVONNE RITTER and RACHEL POLLACK. A touching photo of ALLYSON & RACHEL even appeared in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS on Sunday, June 19 along with a full two-plus pages story of "STONEWALL & ITS SURVIVORS". Also shown in the story is the "STONEWALL CAR" -- the impounded 1969 CADDY "ragtop".



Empress Saleen (on the right)

pictured with her partner, Prince Chet Cagle. Personable Saleen always did a lot for the D/Q community as an officer of I.Q.N.Y., her "Miss New York City" contests and her own talented shows. She easily coaxed King Farrell to enter the "Uncle Charlie's Hard-Body Competitions", which she hosted. Saleen used to say there were "Bad Queens" like "Razor" & "KoKo" and "Good Queens" like US! Happily, we have Ms. Saleen on video being interviewed at one of Queen Allyson & The Allysonians' D/Q shows. Saleen will be missed!



Social & "STONEWALL ANNIVERSARY" Mtg. of IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NY & LI. Shown: Pres. ALLYSON, Prince ROCKWELL & Guest Speaker Lady LYNN WALKER of M.G.N.

1994

*Commemorate the past.
Celebrate the future!*



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ALAN G. HEVESI
COMPTROLLER

June 1, 1994

Queen Allyson Allante
Queen of the Imperial
Queens of New York
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New York, N.Y. 10011-8307

Dear Queen Allante:

On behalf of New York City Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi, I thank you for your recent letter and for providing us with the Imperial Queens of New York newsletter.

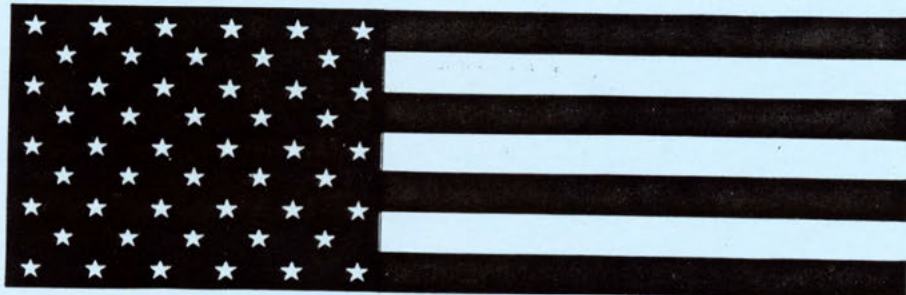
Over the next four years, the Comptroller plans to use his office to advance the struggle for lesbian and gay rights. We look forward to working closely with you and your organization to help you make your goals realities in 1994. Please call on me at (212) 669-2697 in the Community Relations Office at any time.

Comptroller Hevesi sends you his best wishes for a happy, healthy Lesbian and Gay Pride & History Month. He looks forward to seeing many of you at the Stonewall 25 and Gay Games IV celebrations.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Joyce Johnson
Director
Community Relations



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"UPSIDE DOWN" TRIANGLE



Gay Pride

The Pink Triangle has become internationally recognized since the Nazi death camps of Germany as a symbol with which to remember those who were persecuted for being gay and lesbian.

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Gays' Hard-Won Political Power

By Ted Knap

Only 12 years ago, when he was the Democratic presidential front-runner, Sen. Edmund Muskie went into a panic when he heard that a New York homosexuals' group wanted to endorse him.

Muskie slipped around to the back door of his hotel to avoid meeting them, asking plaintively, "Why do they want to do that to me?"

My, how times have changed.

This year each of the three remaining Democratic presidential candidates has sought and accepted support from gay and lesbian groups. Each of them has endorsed gay rights.

The 1980 Democratic platform broke new ground by opposing discrimination based on "sexual orientation" as well as on race, color, religion and so forth.

The 1984 Democratic platform to be voted on in San Francisco, the unofficial gay capital of the United States, reaffirms the antidiscrimination pledge and applies it specifically to employment, immigration and military service.

The platform also deplores "acts of bigotry" and "violence" against "gay men and lesbians."

Following up on that, the Democratic Rules Committee adopted language assuring gays and lesbians participation in the party at all levels and membership on each of the party's various committees.

Remarkably, all this was done without uproar. The fear of backlash prevalent in Muskie's time is greatly diminished.

Ann Lewis, the Democrats' national political director, says gay rights is "no longer a debatable issue" in the party.

Tom Chorlton, lobbyist for the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, says they did it the old-fashioned way — by hard work and political organization.

Starting with the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club in San Francisco in 1974, Chorlton said, gays and lesbians now have a network of 110 Democratic organizations in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

They range in size, he said, from 30 members in Fargo, N.D., to 560 in San Francisco.

They contribute time and money to campaigns ranging from city council to president.

They endure the boredom of working on phone banks, and they vote.

Polls indicate close to three-fourths of those eligible vote.

The support or opposition of organized gays and lesbians has made a difference in elections in Houston, Sacramento, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Miami, Fargo, New York State, the District of

Columbia, and of course San Francisco and Key West, Fla.

The landmarks of political progress by gays and lesbians are characterized by reaction to overt repression.

Take the Stonewall rebellion. The Stonewall was a gay bar whose patrons endured abuse by New York City police for years until they rose up and fought back one day in June of 1969.

Ever since, Gay Pride days in June commemorate the event.

Anita Bryant's widely publicized campaign against a proposed nondiscrimination clause in the city of Miami aroused many gays and lesbians to come out of the closet in the 1970s, according to Chorlton.

Early on, there was a Gay Liberation Front that worked with the Black Panthers and the Women's Liberation movement.

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"Even in those circles we were discriminated against," Chorlton said. "In 1971 we formed the Gay Activist Alliance and began to address our own agenda."

The various groups joined in a national network in 1979 and scored their first success in the 1980 platform.

Republican gays have not moved as far, but "they're planting the flag," Chorlton said.

Getting into the GOP platform is difficult because it is being drafted in private by a small group headed by Rep. Trent Lott (R-Miss.).

The gay community is not hostile to President Ronald Reagan.

While uncomfortable over his close alliance with fundamentalist preacher Jerry Falwell, the most vocal foe of gay rights, they remember with appreciation that as governor of California Reagan risked popular disfavor by defending homosexual schoolteachers.

Ted Knap covers the White House for Scripps-Howard News Service.

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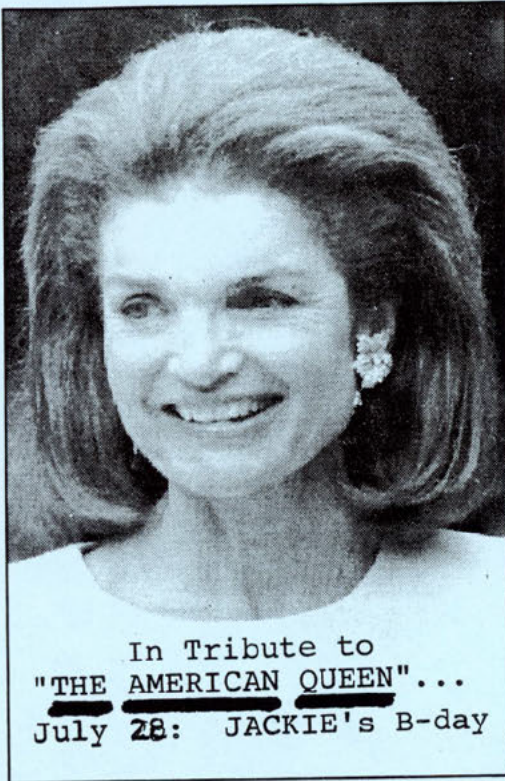
The Summer of 1969

True, "The Summer of 1969" (SOCIETY, July 3) brought us the moonwalk, Woodstock, gay rights, Manson and the Mets. But to many of us, it brings back remembrances of Vietnam—the sounds of helicopters and gunfire, the heat, the smells, the absolute boredom and the sheer terror. Above all, we remember America's youth who died in places with far stranger names than Chappaquiddick.

Imperial Queens of NEW YORK

'There are people who've been around awhile, but that doesn't mean they're aging or don't have their finger on a certain pulse.'

David
Schneiderman,



In Tribute to
"THE AMERICAN QUEEN"...
July 28: JACKIE's B-day

Times files

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday. She died May 19 at age 64.

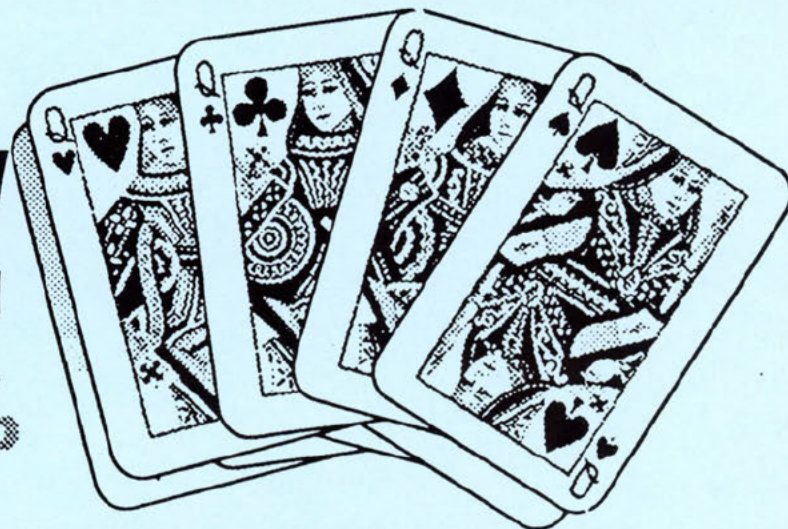


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except Public Officials-- They Get our Votes)



PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

MARK GREEN
Public Advocate

Queen Allyson Allante
Imperial Queens of New York
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Dear Queen Allyson Allante:

It is almost one year since the last annual Garden Party at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center. I remember meeting you, and I recall our discussion. I do appreciate and support your efforts in the area of civil rights. Your organization's battle for dignity and equality has not gone unnoticed by the Office of The Public Advocate.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call Allen Roskoff from my office at 212-669-4129.

Best regards,

Mark Green

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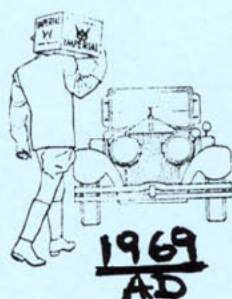
Try New Imperial Delight!

"IMPERIAL" insert (above) is from 1994, although then and now, the "IMPERIAL" crown was one of the factors in choosing our club's name.

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letta of July 1969, when it was only two pages!!



Kayak Aqua-Bike photographed at Point Manalapan, Florida.



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Guest Speaker:
Ms. Donna
Red Wing*

*Nat'l Chapter Director
of
G.L.A.A.D.
(Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Against Defamation)*

Hi-Lites of Encore Presentation:

- ★ Improving attitudes on Gays
- ★ Community-building
- ★ "H." Horizontal Hostility (H H H)
- ★ Media-monitoring
- ★ Educational campaigns
- ★ Cultural advocacy
- ★ Gay public image promotion
- ★ Question and answer session

*Please Attend the Next
Social and Business
★ Meeting ★
of The
Imperial Queens*

*on
Friday, July 1st
@ 8:00 p.m.
at The Gay & Lesbian
Community Services Center
208 West 13 St.
(bet. 7th & 8th Aves.)
Greenwich Village, NY
(admission: \$2. for The Center)*

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