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- * Letter from a former NYC Mayor
- * NYC BAR PEOPLE BALL at THE COPA Mon., Oct. 3 @ 9.
- * Letter from current NY Mayor



The Judge & The Queen

N.Y.C. JUDGE KAREN S. BURSTEIN, Dem./Liberal candidate for N.Y.S. Atty. Gen., with **QUEEN ALLYSON A. ALLANTE** at a recent "STONEWALL 25" Dinner where both were guest speakers. The S.D.C. event was held at the Woolworth Bldg.'s "Harry's Restaurant".

Queenly Trio

Baroness ANDINA (I), **Princess DANA (ctr.)** and **QUEEN ALLYSON ANNE** at "The 11th Garden Party", sponsored by the Gay Community Services Ctr., where **L.Q.N.Y.** participated, along with "The Stonewall Car" on display.



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Doin' drag on B'way

PROBABLY bound for Broadway is a rather camp revival of the 1962 musical "Little Me," now trying out in Birmingham, Mich.

The female lead is being played by one of Off-Broadway's most outrageous characters — Charles Bush, in full drag.

Bush, who's penned such trash classics as "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom," may just be ready for the Great White Way.

The show, written by Neil Simon, Carolyn Leigh and Cy Coleman, was last revived on Broadway in 1982, when it ran for only a month.

This time Jim Janek is producing for the Nederlander organization, which means they're serious, regardless of the camped-up treatment.

*Mrs. Cora
Spondent's*

I.Q.N.Y.'S : "LETTER-OF-THE-MONTH"

*(Winner Gets to Lick Our Stamps & Seal Our Flaps
except Public Officials, if Good, They Get Our Votes)*

JOHN V. LINDSAY
180 MAIDEN LANE
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September 20, 1994

Queen Allyson Allante
Imperial Queens of New York
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New York, NY 10011-8307

Dear Queen Allyson Allante:

I recall the letter I wrote on the
founding of the "Imperial Queens of New York" in
1969.

I salute what you are doing, particular-
ly, helping AIDS patients and on civil rights.
Both are very worthy subjects. You have always
battled for dignity and equality of all people and
for that I salute you too!

You are good New Yorkers and always will
be so.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Lindsay
John V. Lindsay

'Still a Struggle'

"Stonewall is still a struggle all over the country," said Edwin Greene, 41, from Cincinnati, where voters last year passed an initiative that removed all references to sexual orientation from a city human-rights law. "There are these ballot initiatives all over the country. This is the battle we are fighting today."

Five years in planning, the official march was led by a milelong, 30-foot-wide, rainbow-colored flag intended to symbolize gay and lesbian unity. Hundreds of volunteers had paid for the privilege of carrying the 7,550-pound flag. Their donations are to go to pay for AIDS services.

Among those near the front carrying the flag were Peter King, a 23-year-old bank employee from Sydney, who had chosen for his footwear a new pair of black patent-leather pumps, size 12½, and Lary Campbell, a 38-year-old nurse in the AIDS unit at Roosevelt Hospital, who said he acknowledged his homosexuality to his family at age 18 "directly as a result of Stonewall."

And there was Rose Walton, 57, who started Long Island's first AIDS education program for health providers in 1983. A multiple sclerosis patient, she carried the flag in one hand, a cane in the other. Walking behind her was Marge Sherwin, Ms. Walton's partner of 17 years, who won a bronze medal as a 10-kilometer runner at the Gay Games.

Like many who attended, the two women are seeking legal recognition for their domestic partnership so they might share Ms. Sherwin's health benefits.

Tiaras and Gloves

Behind the flag, which billowed its way up First Avenue from the United Nations, apparently without any significant hitch, came the parade's organizers, including a few drag queens in glittering gowns, tiaras and satin gloves. Behind them came the politicians, including Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, surrounded by a tight knot of police officers and security guards.

Mr. Giuliani's presence was, for the most part, received politely. A few onlookers booed from the sidelines, but others were pleased to see him, waving and trying to get his attention. "He shows up," marveled Kit Stewart of Bayport, L.I. "That's a start."

Slightly farther back came the Stonewall veterans, mostly men in their 40's and 50's, who had seen their impromptu rebellion at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village on June 27, 1969, not only transform their own lives, in some cases, but also become a rallying cry for a worldwide movement.

"That moment changed fundamentally how I saw myself and how I saw lesbians and gays around the world," said Jim Fouratt, who went on to help organize the first Gay Liberation Front. "Our young people, my lesbian and gay children, need to know what life was like only 25 years ago."

Meanwhile, the unauthorized march set off from Sheridan Square, the site of the Stonewall Inn, led by a red Mustang convertible and a 1969 blue convertible Cadillac that was used and impounded during the Stonewall clash. Ensnared on the Cadillac's back seat was "Queen" Allyson Allante of Long Beach, L.I., who at age 14 had been arrested at the Stonewall Inn.

One of the passengers in the Mustang was John Paul Ranieri of Milwaukee, who said he was on his first return visit to New York since the Stonewall clash, during which, he said, he was beaten two nights in a row and had to receive five stitches after a police officer hit him with a flashlight.

"The only way I can describe this experience is that it is like a Vietnam vet going back to Saigon for a reunion," he said. "It's not exactly a pleasant experience." Asked how he felt to see police officers lining the route, he said, "I still cringe. But what I find amazing is that they're protecting us today."

Visual Extremes

There were topless women and a few men running naked up Fifth Avenue. At the New York Public Library, a man in a white chiffon skirt performed pirouettes on the steps. "The impressive thing is the visual extremes," said Roger Pretto, a tourist from Miami taking photographs with his wife, Judy.

The Giuliani administration had refused to issue a permit for the march up Fifth Avenue, saying one parade should be sufficient. The route was designed to take the participants past St. Patrick's Cathedral.

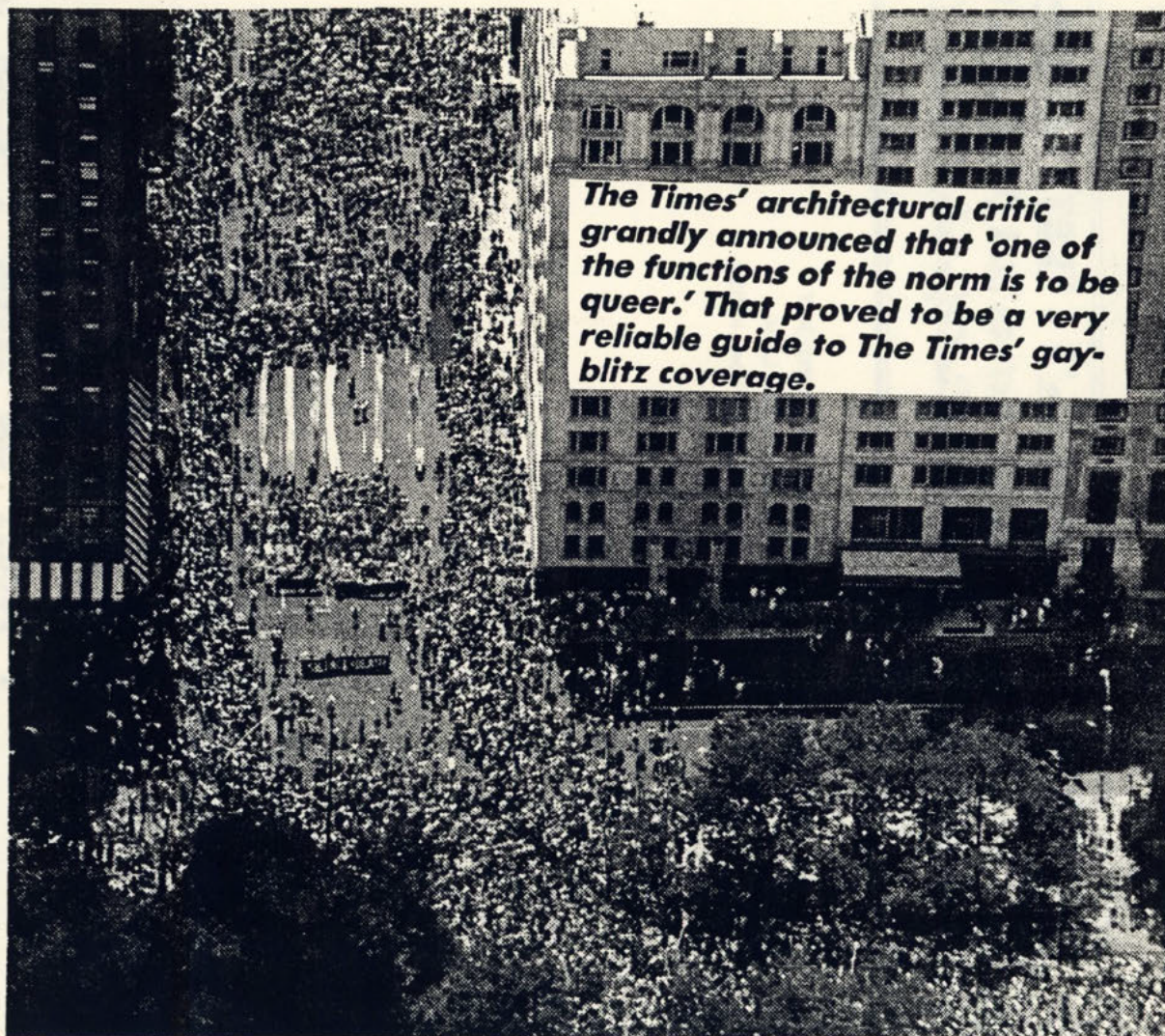
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Gay Marchers Press On in 25-Year Battle



The Times' architectural critic grandly announced that 'one of the functions of the norm is to be queer.' That proved to be a very reliable guide to The Times' gay-blitz coverage.

Michelle V. Agins/The New York Times

Tens of thousands of participants in yesterday's march through Manhattan commemorating the Stonewall rebellion pouring into Central Park from the entrance at Avenue of the Americas.

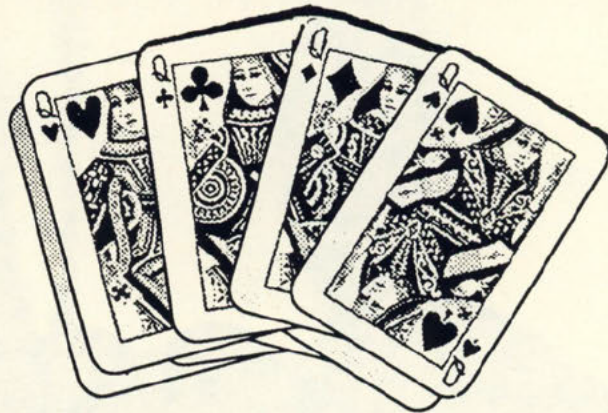
Gay Magazines.....

Word for Word

I've known people who have hidden the fact that they enjoyed cross-dressing, acted "too feminine" or "too masculine" in public, or liked to sleep and play with people of the "wrong" sex or gender, in a community that claims to cherish the sexual out-law.

This seems even more incongruous and ironic in the year celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, which were carried out by the very people who are looked down upon now: drag queens, effeminate gay men and diesel dykes, many of whom were people of color.

— Antoinette, editor, *Black-Leather, Leather on the Cutting Edge for People of Color and Their Friends.*



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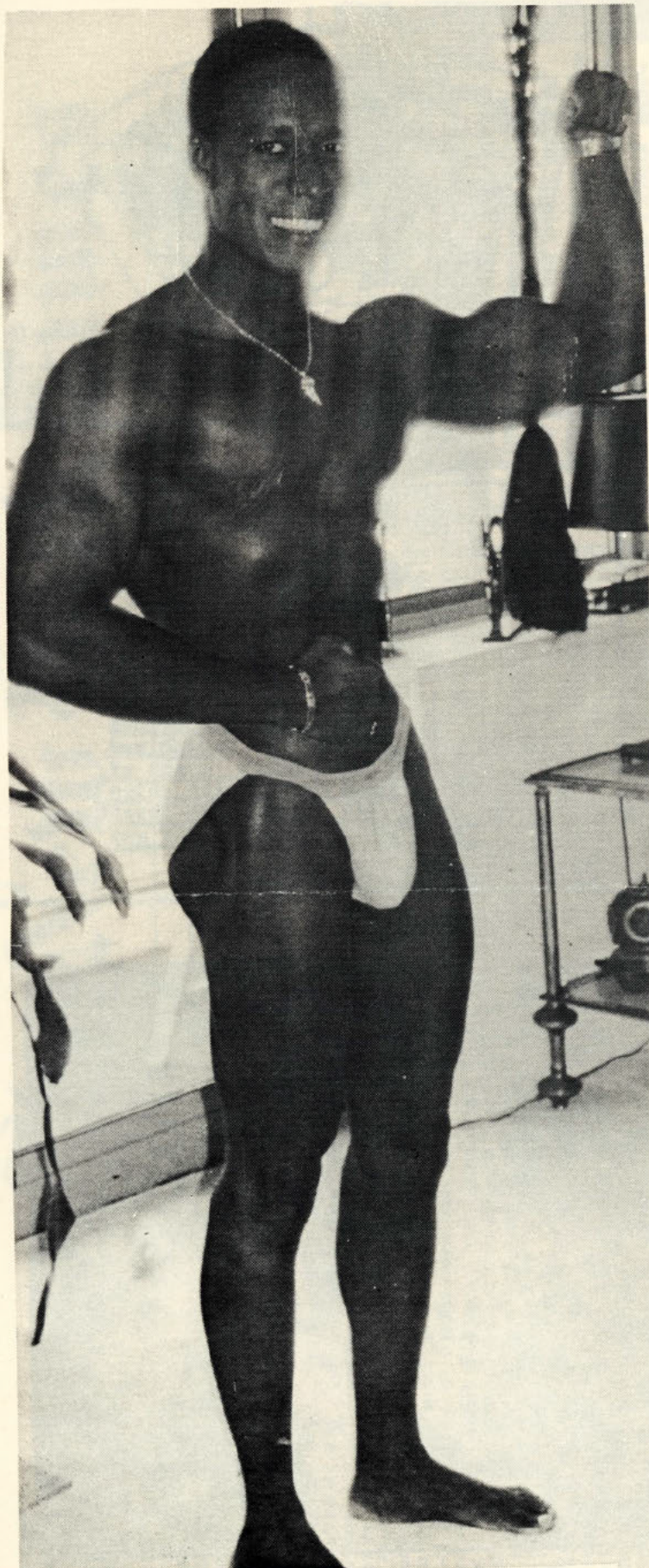


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ANTHONY "Suzette" WONG (left) with Queen ALLYSON ALLANTE at a festive D/Q celebration. Suzette, shown in one of her self-made designer outfits, died a casualty of the "AIDS War."



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October 3, 1994

Dear Friends:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to send my greetings to the members and guests of the Imperial Queens of New York as you celebrate "The New York City Bar Peoples' Ball at the Copacabana." This is a special event in which you celebrate your 25th year as one of the premier organizations in the City.

I commend the Imperial Queens for their contributions to our City's cultural richness and diversity. I truly appreciate your support over the years.

Donna and I send each of you our warmest regards, and I look forward to working with you to help our City, and to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration!

Sincerely,

Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor



The City of New York
Office of the Mayor
New York, NY 10007

Qn. Allyson Ann Allante
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@ 8:15 p.m.

at The Gay & Lesbian
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Friday, ~~Oct. 7~~

@ 8:15 pm sharp

at

The G. & L. Center
208 West 13 St.

(bet. 7th & 8th Aves.)
Greenwich Village, NY

Rudy backs homosexual rights

ALBANY — Mayor Giuliani strongly backed equal rights for homosexuals yesterday, endorsing controversial legislation adding "sexual orientation" to the state's anti-discrimination law.

"The need for such legal safeguards against sexual orientation discrimination is well-established," Giuliani's Albany lobbyist, Robert Harding, told lawmakers in a memorandum.

"While residents of the city enjoy these protections under current law, the administration believes that an anti-gay and lesbian discrimination law is of such fundamental import that it should be passed by the state Legislature," it said.

Frank Becker

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