The End of an Era

Boot Rack Closing

By Dot James

The Boot Rack Saloon at 415 Stockton Avenue goes out of business on Sunday, Dec. 1, states its owner Jack Britton. According formerly working in Silicon Valley's electronics industry, opened the Boot Rack almost seven years ago. Now he sees the recession in that industry as a primary reason for his decision to close down.

"I think Santa Clara Valley is in a depression," Britton says, "the decision to close down.

Richard Calmbacher, Boot Rack manager, agrees but adds, "The overhead is tremendously — liquor, insur-

ance and other taxes. Everything is against the

business these days because there's a kind of Prohibition mentality now.

"We used to think it might be
directed only at gay bars, but our

distributors say that business is
down everywhere, straight bars or gay. Most places are probably down half of what they used to be.

"It's the 502 law, I think, that had the biggest effect," concludes Calmbacher. "It's gay bars, it's true there's also the fear of AIDS, and gay men have
dropped their lifestyle because of it. But I don't think that's the main reason. People who used to
got out and drink are afraid of the 502 law, so now they don't go out."

Britton plans to focus his at-
tention solely on his other business, Main Street Saloon, af-

er he closes the Boot Rack.

Calmbacher, who has an acounting background, is not sure what

he will be doing after the first of

December. "I want to emphasize," states

Calmbacher, "how much the management of the Boot Rack has appreciated the hard work of all its employees, from Chris, who's been with us the longest, through Jeff, our newest em-

ployee.

Calmbacher also notes that the Boot Rack has been very generous in providing funds and fundraisers for gay nonprofit organizations over the years.

"We've been in the forefront many times," Calmbacher states, "in lending support and financial help to the AIDS Foundation, the community center, the Gay Rally, lots of other groups, and in organizing the Tavern Guild — all those different things.

"We'd like to be remembered for having had a part in all that. We feel very, very proud of our support through all the years."

Britton and Calmbacher plan a
three-day "End of the Era" party from November 29 through
closing day on December 1, and
closers of the Boot Rack's demise.

"End of an era." Not just a change in "gay thinking" will

have to happen, Calmbacher says, but also a change in "gay community" itself. I've been the Boot Rack's
director of the AIDS Foundation. Jack's

loan of his copy machine. Fund-
draisers. Personal donations from both Rich and Jack and

encouraging others to contribute.

My story is not the only one. Many gay organizations over the Valley's

Foundation was the day I first

met Rich Calmbacher. I had a

mandate that Friday from the

Board to produce two months' of office rent, or the Foundation's
door would close the following Monday.

Rich called me to say he had "a little bit" of money he'd collected; "it's not much, Dot, just a couple of hundred dollars."

But that was a beginning; by

Monday, thanks to the generosity of a couple of other bars and

their customers, I had the rent money and then some.

And I could go on listing the kindnesses of Jack and Rich to the AIDS Foundation. Jack's

the AIDS Foundation. Instead of "just a change in the bars, but in gay thinking."

None of us can know where the

change in "gay thinking" will lead us. I suppose my personal hope is that we will become more political and less closeted. That

we will be willing to stand up and

be counted for our contributions within the larger American society.

And I have the Boot Rack and

the other bars in the Valley to thank for my own personal growth toward visibility as a gay person. Feeling comfortable "out" in the bars helped me learn I could be comfortable "out" in the larger community as well.

So I'll be dropping by the

"End of the Era" party to say good-bye to the Boot Rack. Not because I've ever been a customer, but because I appreciate the efforts of Jack and Rich and our other bar owners in supporting our community and giving us a place to be when nobody else wanted us.
Gay/lesbian Pride '86: “Forward Together!”

By Michael WilUston

The Fourth Annual Convention of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Committees took place October 13th through the 15th at the Marriott Hotel in Miami, Florida. Over two hundred delegates from Pride Committees across the United States and Canada attended, making this the largest Pride Convention's conference in history.

Delegations were present at the Coordinator's Conference. Organizing Gay/Lesbian Pride Planning Committees from cities including Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Francisco, Portland, Boston, New York, Washington, DC, Baltimore, Chicago, Minneapolis, Deser, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, San Antonio, South Florida, Toronto, and more.

Workshops were held on such topics as national unity, media, outreach, pride parades, gay youth, workers, community, fundraising, and the AIDS issue. The National Association of Gay Rights National Leadership addressed a crowd of 300 at the banquet held Saturday night at the Marriott Hotel in Miami. Ms. Ruth succumbed to the Committee of the Liberty, a Washington-based Gay Civil Rights organization. Other keynotes included Bob Bernard, Chair of the South Florida Gay Pride Committee, Eric Lawson, Conference Coordinator and Jack Campbell, owner of the Club Body Carnarv Chair and board member of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, National Gay Rights Advocates and the Florida Gay Pride.

Resolution adopted by the conference includes designating June 28th as International Gay/Lesbian Pride Day, approving the rainbow flag as the International symbol of Gay Pride and retaining the organization the International Association of Gay/Lesbian Pride Coordinates—changing the name.

The Congress also chose to establish a National Speakers and Entertainers Ride Service through Heritage Pride, the New York City Gay Pride Committee. The delegates also decided to encourage their local Pride Committees to volunteer in the American and End AIDS (AREA).

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AIDS and Santa Clara County: An Interview

By Ted Sahl

My name is Bernadette DeArmond and I am the physican in charge of Communicable Diseases for the Santa Clara County Department of Health. My job basically is to be the County's health Department advisor and the public's information officer for diseases. Our main concern is the community and the medical community.

Because of a variety of changes over time, we have acquired most of the educational roll. We have an educational project for AIDS which is targeted to the general community, as well as those communities in special risk—such as drug abuse, and health care employers are involved in "hands-on" care of AIDS patients.

So we have two roles: surveillance involving case-tracking and education, and an educational role.

Q. Aren't these services tax-funded?

B.D. No, they're not on the state or federal levels.

Q. Well, even five years ago we would not have been talking about AIDS, didn't we know it was coming? Two years ago we had had years ago the Health Department and the AIDS E.S.P. Funding was not enough to keep up with the joint venture to try to reach folks from the Santa Clara County Department for the AIDS Education Project.

At that point both the laboratory community and the teaching and research community were talking about AIDS—that was before I was there. There was a joint project that was written at that time and the scope of this organization was expanded. The AIDS Education Project was also going to implement that program and give direct services to people with AIDS, or their families, or people worried about AIDS, or support groups.

B.D. We had 100 cases in 1983 and ran for that year.

Q. Since then we have conversed with a similarproject.

Recently we are involved with AIDS in various ways in the Health Department. We have the pool of project that comes from health care employers, who might not be knowledgeable of AIDS-related issues and helping to get them involved in more with the community. We also have a National AIDS Education Program, which results from the Department of Health and Human Services. The public education program is sponsored by the federal government. We are responsible for the educational program, training, and the other assistance between the public and the patients.

Q. How many people are doing work about AIDS?

B.D. The number of people is about 10.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

B.D. We are involved in the AIDS project in the hospital, in the community, in the schools, looking for the future.

Q. What does the Community Health Committee think of some of the larger case load which might be a reality in the future?

B.D. Our case load is doubling every nine months. Now we are at about 83 cases. I would think in a year from now we might see 140 to 150 cases of AIDS in the community.

That's the tragedy of it, I am saying that we have to aware when we have to have a case load and the community is more involved in seeing the rainbow flag as the International symbol of Gay Pride and retaining the organization the International Association of Gay/Lesbian Pride Coordinators—changing the name.

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Letters to the Editor

Columbia Day 1985

Gentlemen: When my children are reading these comments regarding Columbia Day 1985, they seem to miss the importance that Columbia Day is the one event that the entire city of San Jose has always enjoyed. It is not only a celebration of our city's history, but more importantly, it is a day to bring our community together.

I am writing to express my disappointment with the way the Columbia Day celebration was handled this year. Despite the efforts of the organizers, the event fell short of what we had hoped it would be.

The parade was well attended, but the quality of the floats, music, and entertainment left something to be desired. The decision to hold the parade on a weekday instead of a weekend also seemed to have an impact on attendance.

I understand that the organizers faced a number of challenges this year, including funding and logistical issues. However, I believe that with some strategic planning and resources, Columbia Day could be an even bigger event next year.

I urge the organizers to take this feedback into consideration as they plan for future events. Columbia Day is a significant part of our city's heritage, and it is important that it continues to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Gay Press Shows Signs of Life

By Steve Warren

After a year and a half of virtual dormancy except for a national convention in New York last May, the Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) held a Western Regional Conference in San Diego in mid-October.

One of the workshop workshops expressed the theme of the whole event: Revitalizing the GLPA. The West was chosen because four members of the organization's board of directors live in the region. One of them, J.B. Morris, Jr., admitted that he had been ready to give up if this conference had failed to generate response. Instead he seemed energized by the results.

There were about two dozen registrants plus at least as many locals who drifted in and out and attended some of the sessions. One came from Anchorage, two from Seattle, two from Portland and four from San Francisco. Everyone was a veteran of the regional conferences in the works in the years, according to GLPA's part-time administrative director R.J. Curry, and plans for next year's national convention—possibly in Atlanta—will be formed when the board meets in Palm Springs in December.

The keynote speaker was Ivy Bottini, a charming lesbian humorist. In a roundabout but entertaining way she presented her theory that societal conditioning makes it difficult for gay men to abandon unsafe sex practices despite the danger of AIDS. Her greatest concern came through to the men and women present, and her talk sparked the most stimulating discussion of the weekend.

Other workshops covered AIDS reporting, advertising sales and survival secrets of longstanding publications. New bands represented and accepted for membership in Lesbian and Gay Bands of America are: Fort Worth, Texas; Cow Town Symphonic Band, New York, New York; New York Metropolitan Wind Ensemble, San Diego, California; San Diego's Front City Freedom Band.

Decisions made by the Board of Directors included a donation in the name of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Lesbian and Gay Bands of America have been invited as the featured entertainment for the Opening Ceremony at Gay Games II in San Francisco, August 9, 1986. A major concert will also be played in conjunction with Cultural Week of Gay Games II. Many of the musicians will remain in San Francisco to take part in the Closing Ceremony, August 19, 1986.

If you are interested in forming or joining a band that already exists from organizations are invited to participate, too, please write: Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, P.O. Box 17096, Washington, D.C. 20037.
Kenna Hunt as Sarah in "Quitters," produced by the San Jose Repertory Company, at the Montgomery Theatre Nov. 14-Dec. 8. Production of this heart-warming pioneer drama set in the realms of racism and homophobia which all too often manifests itself in military barracks. The cast includes Roger, age range 21-30, athletic; he's innocent, but he's married and adding a bit to the ol' waistline from home cooking. Marian's now the deejay at Buck's. They telephoned Rich Calmbacher in flight "somewhere over Missouri" to tell him they'd be touring the Bacardi plant the next day. McEnery acted as emcee on Oct. 17 at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. There's a $3 cover for the chance to see "Patrice." You've seen the cans (those behind the bar, not those behind the doors) of a 501 (c)(3) — are eligible to receive UW funds. Lots of tax-deductible status — or one that is sheltered by the fiscal "umbrella" of a 501 (c)(3) — are eligible to receive UW funds. A word of caution: Only NPO's with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, money, remember, deductible from your payroll office.

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VOLEYBALL LEAGUE

By Gaild Montana
Formerly of the City of New York There is a great deal of excitement and fun being generated by these days and every passing week, the competition mount of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic 5th Anniversary Season is getting under way. All teams are invited to join and if you are interested in watching the games, the arena is always filled with a lot of fans from nations. School gym teachers' clubs. If you say, of course, I'll discuss that another time. No entries are allowed in the gym.

After four weeks of competition, the current standings are as follows:

First Place: Purple Passengers — 10 wins, 3 losses, 171 points
Captain: Phyllis Dela, Co-Captain: Alice Dook
Second Place: Orange Crush — 10 wins, 111 points
Captain: Ann Aron, Co-Captain: Ellen Conn
Third Place: Blue Busters — 9 wins, 163 points
Captain: Dr. John Allen, Co-Captain: Mark Princo
Fourth Place: Red Hot — 9 wins, 4 losses, 155 points
Captain: Gary Lawlor, Co-Captain: Laura Beiner
Fifth Place: Silver Swallow — 1 win, 6 losses, 137 points
Captain: Dr. Bob Carter, Co-Captain: Robert Stein
Sixth Place: White Rattles — 6 wins, 137 points
Captain: Ed Dinkler, Co-Captain: Sant Romani
Seventh Place: Golden Bears — 5 wins, 139 points
Captain: Charles Collier, Co-Captain: Mark Princo
Eighth Place: Black Rhino — 4 wins, 14 losses, 137 points
Captain: Kiki Nalabon, Co-Captain: Pat Threlk
Ninth Place: Rainbow Allstars — 3 wins, 10 losses, 126 points
Captain: Jim Hyten, Co-Captain: Laci Sue
Tenth Place: Green City — 2 wins, 16 losses, 105 points
Captain: Gary Montina, Co-Captain: Mark Cohn.

City of West Hollywood Co-Sponsors 1st Veterans Day Parade

West Hollywood — The City of West Hollywood voted to co­

sponsors its 1st Veterans Day Parade. The event, which will be held early in the fall, is expected to draw a large crowd.

The parade will feature a wide variety of participants, including veterans, community organizations, and local businesses.

The parade route will begin at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Jolla Avenue, and proceed north on Sunset Boulevard to Sunset Plaza Drive.

The event will include a variety of floats, music, and other entertainment. The parade is expected to last approximately two hours.

For more information about the parade, please contact the City of West Hollywood at 323-848-6800.
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