25 Years in Congress for Don Edwards

by Ted Sahl

Friends and supporters honored Don Edwards (D-San Jose) with a $100 a plate dinner—toast ing his 25th year as a Congressman Elect.

The real star of the evening was Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, a tough talking lady who at the time of the dinner was on the campaign trail (unofficially of course). Schroeder spoke briefly and only on current administration policy—she was barraged with requests for autographs as she mingled with friends in the lobby of the San Jose Hyatt's Mediterranean Room.

Outside of politicians getting up during dinner to browse and talk to other politicians—it was just a rimnk you Mr. Congressman night.

Edwards spoke on the subject of the government's bad habits—his message was clear—Don't wire tap us; don't put surveillance on us; don't polygraph us; don't video tape us; don't drug test us; and stay out of our bedrooms, all of which got tremendous applause.

Edwards lauded his guest Congresswoman Schroeder as one who can "stir a crowd, draft a law, coin a phrase, fly a plane, bake a cake and run for president!"

Schroeder described Edwards as a "watch dog" of government—she denounced the conservatives in government as "radicals" saying, "we have to paint them as they are."

Schroeder quipped her usual stegans,—her style of shotT Criticisms of the policies of the present administration

"We have an administration that allows our intellectual property to be pirated all over the world by countries we protect with our tax dollars 24 hours a day; taking jobs away from US workers; Congressman Edwards is working to stop that pirating."

"On Judge Bork, Reagan's nomination for the Supreme Court she said, "The Courts are supposed to rule on constitutional law—not undo constitutional law—it has been Don Edwards that has been the one who thwarted the Reagan Revolution, and that's why I'm here tonight, to thank him."

With that, Schroeder stopped to say good-bye as a plane was waiting to take her back to Washington. She urged everyone to work to get Edwards re-elected for the next 25 years.

Edwards thanked all for being there with a toast—explaining they could take their wine glass home as a souvenir, but please, no silverware...

You should've been there!

HRCF to honor Patty Duke

New York-The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's only gay and lesbian PAC and leading lobbying organization will host it's Sixth Annual Dinner in the Waldorf Astoria on October 17, 1987.

Over 1000 of the most influential gays and lesbians will attend this event along with major political and civic leaders, stars of the theatre, film and fashion industries.

This year's event, which is the highlight of the political season, will honor Patty Duke for her outspoken support during the AID's epidemic, Larry Kramer for The Normal Heart, and God's Love We Deliver for their humanitarian efforts and Group W for its continual portrayal of gays and lesbians in a positive light and for exemplary employer policies.

"We are very pleased to have a surprise star of Les Miserables as well as the fabulous Bill Harrington Band" added Tom Minnihan, dinner co-chair and board member.

"It is the only event where all national and local gay organizations are invited to participate on the dais and share in the joys of our progress as a community," stated Rosemary Kuropat, dinner co-chair.

BayMEC representatives Ken Yeager (left) and Wiggly Sivertsen (right) welcome Congresswoman Pat Schroeder (center) at the San Jose Hyatt House.
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When asked why she was leaving her sacred domain, she simply said, "Blonde, I need more space, but I don't know how to get rid of it, and I don't want to leave."

We painted it red, white and blue, and put on a new floor—honestly, it looked like a new house. She was very grateful, and began to talk about the possibility of reopening the Oar Bootrack as a sandwich shop.

At the request of the police, she was moved to a new location, but she was upset. She said, "I want to stay, but I can't."

We offered to help her move, and she accepted. She was very grateful, and said, "This is the best place in the world."

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The Earliest Visions of Gay Unity

The concept of a gay political and social organization existed as early as 1865—far sooner than scholars had previously believed—according to a newly-discovered document. According to Kennedy, Ulrichs proposed a union that would "bring Urnings one of their previous isolation and unite them into a solidarity." Ulrichs was a colorful and strong personality. According to Kennedy, "Ulrichs was a colorful and strong personality."

Gay Singing Cowboy

The proposed by-laws went on to propose that the Union should "champion the inborn human rights of Urnings. . . before the 'law' and defined the further goal, "to found an international Library; they were Herzer in the Hungarian National Library; they were amongst a collection of papers that had belonged to Karl Marx. Here was a lasting inspiration for anyone interested in the gay movement."

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Beer Bust and Car Wash

by Ted Sahl

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Goodbye Camille
by Ted Sahl

According to Toby, this was not a funeral—we are taking her out the way she lived—this is a not a funeral—we are taking her to a posted sized picture of Camille's (she was taken the last time Camille had performed at the Savoy). Toby all acted as MC's for the evening. Toby presented picture of Camille to Mary, a special fan. Highlights of the evening came when Mary (of the Savoy) announced she would match all funds raised up to $1500. The Savoy—there was a Tinal tribute to a great lady. It was an emotional evening—this is a fully licensed professional who is also gay. Peggy's family and close friends were there from San Francisco—tips, door money, matching funds and $1000 donated by Camille's sister brought the total to $3400. You should've been there. Palo Alto Players: auditions
The Palo Alto Players will hold auditions for the Northern California premiere of the Michael Frayn translation of The Three Sisters. Auditions are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 30, and 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 150 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Roles are for 5 women (age range 20-80) and 9 men (age range 20-75). We prepare to read from material provided as the auditions.

Jazz Jazz Jazz
In its Fifth Anniversary Season, City Lights Theatre Company aims to capture the public's heart once again as the South Bay's most intimate, risk-taking, and best theatre company.

In October City Lights produce the explosive drama by Jack Collier, The Connection. The people with whom the drama is concerned are beyond the reach of "drama" as the word is commonly defined—they are heroin addicts, their lives are spent in expectation of the next "fix"—the next and themselves.

October 16 at 8 p.m. with tickets priced at $15—hors d'oeuvres and post show dancing will cap the evening. The show runs through November 14. For information and reservations, call 408/295-8318.

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SJCLO Seeks Crew Members
The San Jose Civic Light Opera is seeking properties people, dressers, scenic running crews, carpenters, assistant stage managers and other technical assistance for the upcoming 1987-88 season. All positions are paid a stipend to help defray travel expenses.

The SJCLO is the Bay Area's most popular professional musical theatre company and will be presenting 42nd Street (October 30—November 8, 1987), Chicago (January 22—31, 1988), and a variety of musicals in its Fifth Anniversary Season. For information or more information please call the SJCLO Production Manager at (408) 456-3325 or send your resume to SJCLO Production Stage Manager, 1544 Old Bayshore Highway, San Jose, CA 95112.

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Affirmation commits itself to General Conference Ministers

St. Louis-Affirmation: United Methodist Church's Consensus Committee has committed itself to a public, energetic presence directing the wisdom and witness of the United Methodist Church.

Affirmation members have served on the conference's executive committee, and have planned and led workshops at the conference. During the Conference, Affirmation will be present, open to presenting through a range of actions, models for Christian ministry and witness. The conference process will also allow for a full range of procedures for determining the comprehensive wisdom of the conference.

"Our church means the world to us, which means the world to us, which means the world to us," said one of the ministers directly involved in Affirmation's specific calls to the General Conference Minister.

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The 1987 International Gay Rodeo Association's Finals went off without a hitch—Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park was the site of Cowboys and Cowgirls competing for $20,000 in prize money.

There were over 60 competitors in thirteen events: barrel racing, flag racing, wild cow riding, break-away roping and bull riding on this hot dusty day.

I was just a "green horn," I mean, this was my first ever rodeo—and was I glad to be on this side of the fence—just watching those men and women was scary!

All year these same gay cowboys and cowgirls have been competing in Dallas, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles; Denver, Colorado; and Oklahoma City with the top point holders here for the finals.

According to Cindy, the league competing in high school—years later she saw a poster in a gay bar for Gay Rodeo—the grabbed her lover and off they went, and have been doing it ever since.

I personally would never get on one of those "mean broncos." Cindy explained that actually they are very gentle—it's when they tie that strap on them that makes them buck—that flank strap is what makes them buck.

The rodeo started and it was very exciting from where I was—I cringed every time someone was thrown from a bronco.

Before long cowboys were entering the grand stand area with a wrist in bandages or an arm in a sling—one unlucky cowboy could not escape the cruel horse. It was a really bad scene as she was trampled.

Prizes and awards were presented at a banquet at the San Francisco Hotel Ballroom.
has a positive effect on your health.

If you haven't been getting enough exercise, you're missing out on the benefits of regular physical activity. It's never too late to start taking care of your body. There are countless ways to incorporate exercise into your life, from walking, running, and biking to yoga and strength training. The key is to find a routine that you enjoy and can stick with. You'll not only improve your physical health, but also your mental well-being.

The importance of exercise cannot be understated. It helps to prevent chronic diseases, enhances mood and overall mental health, and increases longevity. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned athlete, there's a form of exercise that's right for you. So, what are you waiting for? Start moving today!

The benefits of exercise are numerous and far-reaching. It improves cardiovascular health, strengthens muscles and bones, boosts mood and energy levels, and promotes a sense of well-being. Regular exercise can also help you maintain a healthy weight, which is crucial for overall health. In fact, studies have shown that people who exercise regularly tend to live longer than those who don't.

Exercise is not just good for your health, but also for your relationships. Working together feels a whole lot better than working separately. This is especially true in romantic relationships. A healthy body is a healthy mind. When you feel good about yourself, you feel better about your partner. And when you're happy, you're more likely to be positive and supportive.

Gemini

A spirited union is the indirect result of your recent efforts. Congratulate yourself, as you should. You have a lot to be proud of. Keep up the good work. Your enthusiasm is contagious, and you inspire others to do better. You're a leader, and you know it. So, keep leading.

Virgo

Concerning attachments and possessions, along comes the opportunistic Leo. This planet is looking for something to cling to. Just can't pass up. So don't. Get a fortune.

Leo

It will be a joy to have you back. Your return will be a great source of comfort and reassurance to your friends and family. You're a loyal and trustworthy person, and your presence will be missed. So, don't be a stranger. Come back and see us.

Virgo

Pat's Haircut

With your new haircut, you're looking great. Your friends and family will be jealous of your new look. You're a fashionista, and you know it. So, keep it up. You look amazing.

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The astronomer is a wise and thoughtful person. You're a thinker, and you enjoy analyzing complex ideas. You're also a bit of a dreamer, and you often lose yourself in your thoughts. But you're a good listener, and you enjoy sharing your ideas with others.

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