

## A Sense of Pride

**T**hough we may not yet call the tournaments Gay Olympics, any doubts about the Olympian stature of the athletes at Gay Games II are quickly dispelled as one flips through *A Sense of Pride: The Story of Gay Games II*. Written by Roy M. Coe, with principal photography by Scott McLennan, *A Sense of Pride* documents a week in San Francisco when more than 3,500 athletes, most of whom are gay or lesbian, joined in a celebration

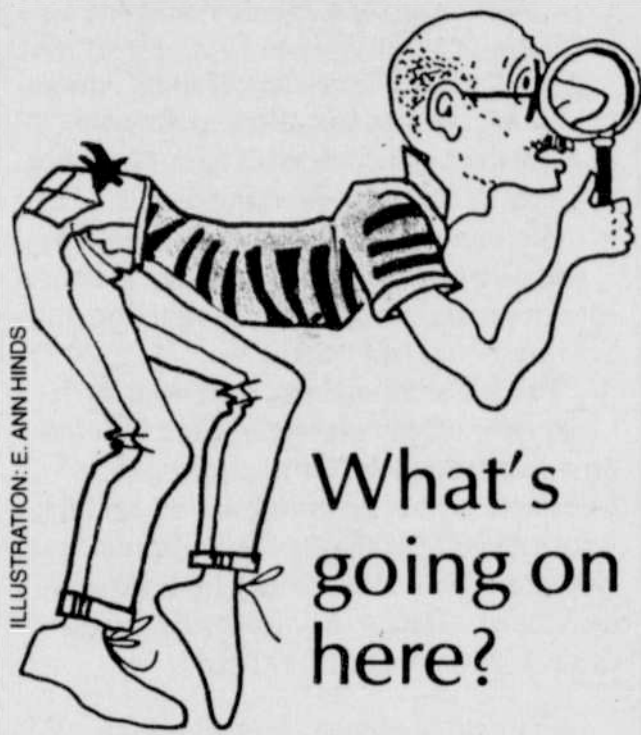


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What's going on here?

B Y J A Y B R O W N

of skill and courage.

Interspersed among the superb photographs (the work of nineteen women and men) are profiles of several athletes. Shaun Wardinsky, a medal-winning powerlifter from Portland, is one of those profiled.

*A Sense of Pride* is an inspiring record of healthy, productive, creative people having a wonderful time. No household should be without a copy.

Back in the late '60s, I lived in a house just one-half block from Kezar Stadium where many of the Gay Games events were held. I used to curse the Sundays when the 49ers played at home, but I sure would have enjoyed living on that street during the Gay Games. Those are my kind of folks.

## A new kind of hero

**N**o wimp would flout the traditions of centuries by refusing to live one's life as a militarist, especially if his father is the commanding officer. In my book, Prince Edward is a new kind of hero.

Besides that, he's interested in literature, theater and art. He's also cute in a kilt.

## Russo announces candidacy

**B**illy Russo, longtime gay activist has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Winston-Dillard School District Board of Education. Russo's candidacy will swing into high gear in the middle of February, leaving about a month to go before the election.

Through his high profile in Douglas County and his advocacy of gay/lesbian civil rights, Russo has gained the respect and trust of many. For about ten years, Russo has been employed at the Roseburg

Veteran's Administration Hospital, where he is also shop steward for his union local.

Before moving to Douglas County, where he and his lover own a farm, Russo lived in Los Angeles and was active in the Gay/Lesbian Service Center, one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Congratulations to Russo's campaign fund and words of encouragement may be sent to PO Box 942, Dillard, OR 97432 •

## Delta Park dangerous

**H**anging out in Delta Park has become a dangerous activity recently, reports a resident whose home is near the North Portland park. The harassment encountered by Steven Howe came from an unexpected source, though.

"It was about 7 p.m. and I was sitting in my car listening to the radio, when all of a sudden this cop is yelling at me to get out of the park," Howe said. "Since the park closes at 10 p.m. and it was barely 7:00 when this happened, I told him that I was not going to leave because I was doing nothing wrong."

At that point, Howe continues, the policeman became verbally abusive and told Howe "he could throw out anyone he wished" and "he'd had it with 'you kind of people.'"

Repeated attempts by Howe to determine the identity of the policeman proved fruitless; he would neither divulge his name nor his badge number. "When I tried to read his badge number he blinded me with his flashlight," Howe said.

Howe reported the incident to the officer on duty at North Precinct. In addition, Howe talked with Congressman Ron Wyden, who told Howe "he would make sure the Mayor follows through on this." •

## Safety first

**F**or the past several years, since the discovery of the ubiquitous HIV, sales of condoms have skyrocketed. Most of the surge in condom sales has resulted from "safer sex" campaigns aimed at gay men through, local AIDS organizations and from advertising aimed at heterosexual women. (Women purchase half the condoms sold in the US [Fortune 11/24/86]).

The Surgeon General of the United States, C. Everett Koop, in his recent report on AIDS recommends that a condom be used with all acts of sexual intercourse. Condom manufacturers refuse to go as far as Surgeon General Koop; they do not recommend condom use for anal intercourse.

In other words, as condoms are now made, the manufacturers do not guarantee that condoms will prevent the transmission of HIV when used during anal intercourse. According to a spokesperson of Schmid Laboratories, producers of Ramses and Sheik, condoms are manufactured for use during vaginal intercourse. The manufacturer claims that a condom is liable to break when used during anal intercourse; therefore, they take no responsibility when the product is used improperly.

So where does that leave gay men? Still shelling out the bucks with no guarantees of protection, just like always. •

## Reaching into the closet

**T**he Cascade AIDS Project is seeking ways to reach gay and bisexual men who do not frequent bars nor belong to community groups, men who are outside the gay mainstream, and men who have sex with men but who do not identify themselves as gay or bisexual.

"CAP is developing a Needs Assessment of gay and bisexual men to determine

their level of knowledge about AIDS," says Scott Ekblad, CAP Director of Education. "We are trying to develop educational programs to meet their needs and desperately need input from all men at risk, including those not accessed through the usual means."

Anyone who may be able to help get CAP's educational materials to men at risk for AIDS or who may have related suggestions should call Scott Ekblad at the Cascade AIDS Project, 223-5907. •

## International Women's Day

*The tradition continues with a strong multi-cultural celebration.*

**P**ortland's annual celebration of International Women's Day will take place this year on March 7 at the Northwest Service Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All people are invited to attend and participate in this celebration of women and their accomplishments. This event will have a strong multi-cultural, international flavor to it, as it is indeed a celebration of all women.

During the day, there will be many activities from which to choose: Films, art exhibits, poetry readings, folk singing, dance performances, live music, dramatic presentations, ethnic food booths, arts and crafts sales tables, and organizational information tables that will be operating throughout the day. At noon, there will be a political forum, speaking to the issue of Women and Social Change.

In the evening, there will be a concert featuring Edwina Lee Tyler and A Piece of the World, a seven woman group from Brooklyn, New York, who perform utilizing African percussion, chants, dance and

song, as a celebration of their African heritage. Pat Parker, black feminist poet from the Bay area will do a poetry reading prior to the Tyler concert. Beginning the evening will be the critically acclaimed short film "One Fine Day," highlighting the accomplishments of women throughout the ages.

In the two weeks preceding this event, there will be a speaker's series, held at Portland State University, with the same theme of Women and Social Change. Various speakers from Portland, as well as other states, will be speaking on subjects such as women in Asia, the Nairobi Peace Conference, and MADRE, an organization of women and children in the United States who are working with women and children from Central America for peace and health.

The Northwest Service Center is located at 1819 NW Everett. It is handicapped accessible. Many of the events will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. Child care will be provided on the site. •

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