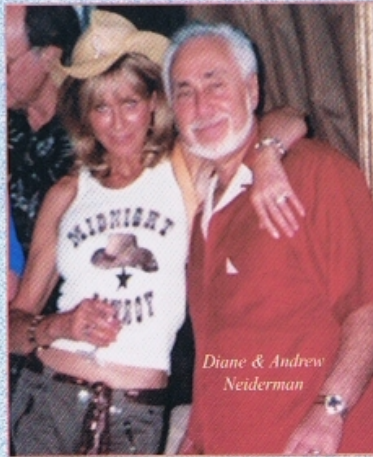


It was for Carlota Garcia. It was a small but feisty group that included real estate entrepreneur Rich Meany, our near neighbors, Diane and Bjorn Ahlstrom, Beverly Rogers, the widow of matinee idol and the first man to win the Academy Award for "Wings" back in the 20's, Buddy Rogers. He, of course at one time was married to another screen legend, Mary Pickford. Talk about history. On hand too, were gorgeous Diane and Andrew Neiderman — he is such a profound writer. Andrew is penning a script called "Rain" — a more contemporary version of "Imitation of Life" which will be produced by his good friend and one of my favorite people, Merv Griffin. The Neidermans were off to Italy for a holiday combined with the completion of his script. Also TV legends Mike and Bob Pollock together with Betsy Hammes, Scott Franson, Lisa and Marty Greenberg, all there to cheer the Geminis. In the medical department there were Rollin and Dr. Howard Baer, Dr. Gordon Miller, an early advocate of preventive medicine and Dr. Steven Frank, who is now combining his top medical career with doing a television show (if only Vince Edwards was in residence now), accompanied by his southern belle spouse, Birdie, as well as his TV producers, Fred Williamson on hand applauding his wife Linda's birthday is constantly garnering kudos on golf courses around the country in addition to keeping up with his television and



Diane & Andrew Neiderman

film career. Hanging out near the grill were Haddon Libby, Lana and Sid Schervone. And laughing along with the revelers were Roger Stoneman and Mary Jane and Michael Dante who are hard at work on the new season of his radio show.

Bernardo Puccio, one of LA's top interior designers, surprised his long-term companion, Orin Kennedy, with a birthday bash at Cafe Roma. The guests were assembled from a list of those who were meaningful in Orin's life over the past 30 or so years. In the room cheering the birthday boy were Celebrity Society publisher Ada Sands and her Great Gatsby look-alike husband, Leonard Sands, Arthur and Barbara Lewis, who love being at sea so much they often take great cruises to Europe and sail right back. Also June Winkler, who is quite a party-thrower herself, Helen Rosen, Stephanie Hibler, Margarith Kraus and Lubie Bross, one of the most darling gals in our city. Also Nanelle Levine, Marcelle Becker and oodles and oodles more. The evening was highlighted by TV host Skippy Lowe who acted as MC and presented a wonderful show of young and talented singers.

So its bye bye for now. As I head for Europe I am more than a little bit happy that the Euro is edging down while the dollar is edging up. Always thinking about shopping! Have a fun one.



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6th Annual Denim Day in L.A.

On April 27th, over 150,000 people protested attitudes that excuse rape by wearing jeans, posting education materials about rape and talking about sexual violence. The protest culminated in a rally across the street from the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles which over 500 people attended.

The event was organized by the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW). LACAAW was started over 30 years ago after a woman was raped on Sunset Boulevard. Her friends, dismayed by her poor treatment and lack of services, started the organization to educate and help other survivors of rape. LACAAW now runs a 24-hour crisis hotline to help both survivors of rape and domestic abuse, and offers free counseling, advocacy, and self-defense. Working with the community, LACAAW also has services to help youth, deaf and hard of hearing, and Latinos. Recently, LACAAW began providing legal services to help survivors with domestic violence restraining orders, divorce and child custody proceedings, and immigration issues.

LACAAW started the annual Denim Day rally in April of 1999 after an Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction based on reasoning that the victim must have helped the attacker remove her jeans, which they felt implied consent. Women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans and this outrage spread to men and women throughout the world.

For more information about LACAAW and Denim Day please check out their websites at www.lacaaw.org and www.denimdayinla.org.

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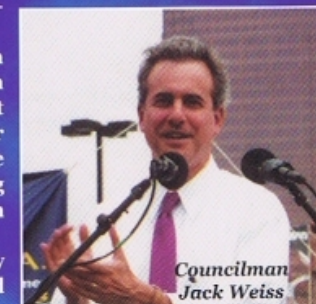
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