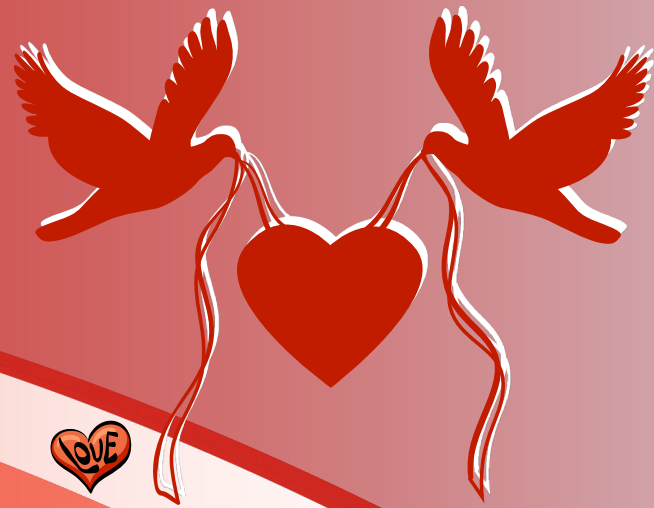



# Jon's View



Happy  
Valentine's Day

to all you love birds out there.

Seeing how this is the month that we set aside for our special loved ones or as some would say "OUR BETTER HALVES," please be sure to take some time out of your daily work schedule and do something nice for that special person in your life. Sometimes we forget how much they really mean to us until they are gone. Most people stop talking to each other long before they may think about looking for that special attention elsewhere. So, from someone who is single, take it from me - if you are lucky enough to have a special person in your life, take some time this month to let them know how much they mean to you and how you would be lost without them. If you happen to be single, take the time to look up and get out of your daily routine - you may be startled to see that person standing right before your very eyes. 

## What's ahead in this issue

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This is the time of year that we now have to get ready for the taxman, and pay the price to live in such a great country. We have so much going on right now for hot topics; I am not sure where to even begin. First off, since my last thoughts on the Supreme Court nominees we have lost Harriet Myers and picked up Mr. Alito. I made the statement, "if we did not keep a close eye on our President that this court could swing way to the right" – well, in



my opinion, I'm afraid this is exactly what we're now in for. I hope one of the first things that makes it to this new court is the obvious abuse of power that our President and Vice President have taken by the wire tapping without any court giving its approval, even if after the fact. I seriously hope each of you, no matter where you stand with any one person, in either party, can see that the profound influence in our government, at ALL levels is next to the worst it has ever been in the history of this country.



They say that countries like Mexico and Haiti have corruption that has long infested their leadership, but I think with our current Administration and Congress, we have the worst human rights violations we have ever seen.



We apprehend world fugitives in other countries - take them to places where the law is not like ours, treat them as we please, then say it's all for the sake of our safety. It took all Senator John McCain had to persuade our President to sign the "no torture rule" that is now the LAW of this



land. Worse yet, when they picked up the wrong person, held them for months on end and when it's discovered that they, in fact are not the enemy they are just dumped off any place and told to find there own way back to their family and homes.



Now, you take this lobbyist scandal from Tom Delay on down and you can see that Hillary was not only correct in saying they are running this government like a plantation but more like Castro runs Cuba. Then the first line of defense is that we must protect this country no matter how far we go in stampeding rights of people who have done nothing wrong or just happen to be Muslim or have the wrong color skin. I think the message for anyone who lives in this country is that you should be aware at all levels



of our government and what they are up to, and who is doing what and why. Now Big Brother (Bush) wants to go to **Yahoo** and **Goggle** and just throw a big net out and see what people have been doing online. If you had someone that was a suspect I could see getting a court to give you permission to follow what this person is up to but to just toss out a huge net and see what you may come up with is VERY scary.

CLUB 1220



Contra Costa's Best Gay & Lesbian Establishment  
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Now for some things going on at the bar.

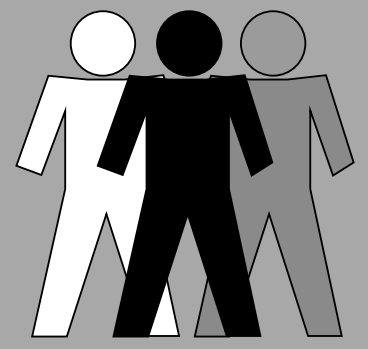
The best way to see what is on the schedule at the club is to check the **web page** daily. We have some great shows and events going on throughout this winter and early spring. If you have something that you would like to see at the club or have any ideas, please be sure to either **email** us here or tell one of your bartenders about your idea. We also rent the bar out for private parties during the weekend days or early evenings.

[www.club1220.com](http://www.club1220.com)

Some events that are not held at the club can also be found at our site by clicking on "Community" then follow the link to **RCC** and find all that your local gay and lesbian community center has going on. I know they have a crab feed coming up that you should not miss. If you have a link that would be of some benefit and interest to the gay and lesbian community please let us know. This would also be a great time of year to think about doing some volunteer work if



you have never done any, or just get back into it if you've been away for a while. After all the tragic events we witnessed last year, all needed some form of help. Does size matter? Regardless of the size, your financial contribution or unselfish effort, we can see



how much was done out of the goodness of individuals who had the time and money to make a difference. There are many places and different things that could benefit from some support by our community. We have many youths in our community that would love to have a big brother or sister they could talk to and help them navigate through possible hard times. No matter how much you are aware of what is going on in your town I can assure you that there is someone who could benefit from your background and/or advice. Please think about getting out of your own problems and try and help someone else - you will be amazed how much better you feel and how your problems will not appear to be as huge, I promise.

Have a safe February and watch your drinking and driving.



Jon and Champ

