

# THE DRAG RAG



## BLOOMINGDALE STAYS!

**“Retirement is a vicious lie”, says Diva.**

Washington, DC June 29 - Xavier Bloomingdale, reigning diva at *Mr P's*, NW dragdom's main stage Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, claims recent rumors of her retirement to a home for worn out crossdressers is a vicious lie born of petty jealousy and excessive drinking. When asked who could possibly be behind such a nasty campaign of lies and cruel distortions, Ms Bloomingdale merely noted that, like the Devil, her enemies -- petty wannabe drag princesses -- are everywhere, mostly on parole from Lorton.

Tossing her long blonde hair, the noted white woman reassured her masses of worshipful fans that she would be with them to the end bringing order, entertainment, and dance cards full of “the beautiful and talented” to the well-worn stage at *Mr P's*.

DC's most deeply tanned white woman says retirement is unlikely for one so continuously young and desirable. DC dragdom sighed with relief at the news that it would not be deprived of Ms Bloomingdale's tantalizing beauty, Springer-like wit, and disciplined order. **Xavier's cast of the “beautiful and talented” is on stage again tonight!!**

## GUCCI VS. GUCCI

**“I have the style, they have the profits.”**

Anacostia, June 30 - Gucci Rene Blackwell, the artist formerly known as Gucci Goddamnit, has sued Gucci Industries of Rome, Italy. Claiming that the Gucci conglomerate is profiting from Ms Blackwell's stage success, Gucci is demanding fair compensation.

Ms Blackwell's attorney, Sam Slick, noted that the latest line of Gucci summerwear copies his client's black-and-pink polka dot frock. Mr Slick also noted that Gucci Industries classic Gucci III perfume represents a clear copy of Ms Gucci's own personal scents.

Salvatore Cosa Nostra, spokesman for Gucci Industries, had no comment, though his leather outfit closely copied another of Ms Blackwell's outfits.

Ms Gucci's drag mother and hostess of Nob Hill's own stage, Ms Adrian Blackwell, has announced an immediate boycott of all Gucci products.

## TRANSSEXUAL WINS IN AUSTRALIA

**Opulence says no to Council bid**

Perth, July 1 --Australia elected its first transsexual politician in early May.

Leigh Varis-Beswick, 49, won a seat on the town council of the rugged West Australian mining town of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the Australian Associated Press reported.

Varis-Beswick works as a brothel madam and is a former stripper and drag queen. She had a sex-change operation in 1986.

“I don't have any skeletons in my closet, they're all out,” she told AAP.

In a local development, Stevi Opulence, DC's dramatic drag performance artist, denies reports she will run for a DC council seat. “No DC Ward is big enough to satisfy me,” she said.

## Patti Labelle & Chaka Khan

Kings Dominion 8/15/99



*Hear Patti Lypsych Capri Bloomingdale's Greatest Hits!!*

## Quote of the Day

**“Aw Shit!”**

Lamont: noted bartender and recovering boytoy

## Janelle Dubois, Drag Poet

Drag performer, poet and performance artist, Ms DuBois, no relation to Blanche DuBois, writes and performs in Dallas.



Ms Janelle on stage in Dallas

### Girls

(or in praise of Drag Queens)

Some girls are fat  
some girls are thin  
some girls like virtue  
some girls like sin

Some girls like tools  
some girls like toys  
some girls like girls  
some girls like boys

Some girls are sober  
some girls are drunks  
some girls are smart  
some girls are lunks

All girls are beautiful  
all girls are free  
all girls are fabulous  
all girls are ME!

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## INS Plants Bugs in P's Dressing Room

Ward 2, July 1 -- INS agents planted bugs in the dressing room at P's to identify visa-less drag artists.

In a scurrilous attempt to entrap popular drag artistes, Anita Wong, Miss Bea, and Miss Naomi Kane, INS agents reportedly planted listening devices cleverly disguised as dildoes and red pumps to catch English-challenged performers.

The plot was uncovered when a colleague of our international stars heard a rattle in one of the dildoes while handing it to a friend. Closer examination revealed a tiny wireless microphone had been inserted in the shaft of the implement and was rattling around inside. A half clad performer was heard to remark that it wasn't the first time a drag queen's dildo had been misused! A pair of microphones were also found in a pair of size 13 red pumps.

The house diva, Ms Bloomingdale confirmed the incident and revealed that a bevy of English-capable *artistes* are helping their less fortunate sisters learn phrases and parts of speech important to their careers on the circuit. Ms Stevi Opulence has undertaken to drill her more newly arrived sisters in elocution, voice projection, dramatic arts, and stage presence and walking on unsteady stages. Madame Regina will be giving pop quizzes on the constitution and American culture to performers with, or wanting, a green card.

In protest of blatant **Immigrant Abuse** patrons of performances at *Mr P's* are encouraged to wear lime green ribbons and shout abuse at INS agents. Please see the bartenders for liquid encouragement.

### Coming Events

## Camp Trans '99

August 12 - 15, The Transsexual Menace confronts the Michigan Womyns Music Festival's Gender Police at CampTrans, across the road from the biologically-feminine retreat.

### Wigstock

9/6/99

NYC



### Help, etc.

Scandals, rumors, innuendo outright lies, humiliating stories, candid photos, outrageous demands, and news of all kinds eagerly sought by *The Drag Rag*. All sources will be confidential until publicly named. Please pass information of whatever believability to the bartenders who will treat it with the respect it deserves. The names will NOT be changed to protect the innocent or the guilty!

### Name that Rag

Got a better name for the *Rag*? We tried a bunch. Some are copyright, others are lame.