

St. Pat's gay flap steps off

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City Hall has muzzled Human Rights Commissioner Dennis deLeon for threatening anti-bias charges against the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee.

The Dinkins administration is hoping that higher-ups in the march's sponsoring group will help resolve the flap.

The city Human Rights Commission launched a probe into the parade last March after members of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization complained they were excluded by the march's organizing committee.

Group disinvented

The committee — part of the Manhattan chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which sponsors the parade — threw more fuel on the fire by again barring the gays and lesbians from the parade up Fifth Ave. next March 17.

In addition, the committee disinvented Manhattan Division 7 of the AOH, which this year allowed the gay group to march with its contingent.

DeLeon has said that in light of the latest moves by the committee, which have split the Irish community, charges against the committee and its president, retired transit worker Frank Beirne, are likely.

Mayoral spokesman Leland Jones said yesterday City Hall had asked deLeon not to talk about filing anti-bias charges.

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white male supremacists" — who she said included Gov. Cuomo, Attorney General Robert Abrams, grand jurors and the media.

In 1989, though a supporter of then-Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins in his primary campaign against incumbent mayor Ed Koch, she warned: "It is not enough to be a black candidate, if your allegiance is to the preservation of the white-led Democratic Party machine and not the people of this city."

Yesterday, the elections commission said the payments will be made to the candidates certified thus far after Jan. 1 and will total \$6,372,788.

Additional payments will be made as the campaign progresses and candidates raise more money.



NOT HOME ALONE: Darren Wright of Union City, unemployed man credited with saving life of woman motorist, with wife, Fanny, and daughter, Ashley, 3. ANTHONY PESCATORE DAILY NEWS

A tale of two lives

Stroke victim out of coma; rescuer out of work

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It was the best of Christmases, it was the worst of Christmases.

Barbara Rozmester of Hoboken snapped out of a three-week-long coma on Christmas Eve, but the unemployed man who saved her life was too broke to buy his 3-year-old daughter a present. Out of work for three years, he was on his way to a job interview on Dec. 5 when fate detoured him at an intersection in Hoboken.

Darren Wright, 32, an unemployed engineer from Union City, was driving to the interview when the car in front of his began swerving.

"I saw the lady swerve to the right, hitting the bridge," he recalled. "I knew something was going wrong. Glass was flying out from the broken headlight and a woman in the back seat was screaming, 'Stop the car, stop the car.'"

Rozmester had suffered a stroke and her car was out of control. Wright, who was about 100 feet behind her, raced to get in front of Roz-

mester's car. He "then slowed and stopped her car with my car," he said.

Rozmester, whom doctors at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken didn't expect to live, woke up on Christmas Eve.

She was well enough to enjoy the holiday with her husband, Bill, and her family. She was smiling and opened gifts in her hospital room, her husband said.

"You could say it was a miracle," he added.

Doctors said Rozmester must undergo months of rehabilitation and have not

ruled out permanent brain damage.

But everyone credits Wright, a former Marine, with saving her life.

While a friend of his called police, Wright kept Rozmester warm with a blanket and gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"He's a nice man. He saved my life, my daughter's life and my granddaughter's life," Rozmester's mother, Lucia Addesso, told The News. She and Rozmester's 5-month-old daughter, Diven, who were in the car, were unharmed.

Wright had been looking for work since being laid-off three years ago by the American Chemical Co. in South Kearny, N.J.

Wright said he had no regrets even though his good deed caused him to miss the job interview, and his unemployed status prevented him from buying a Christmas gift for his daughter, Ashley.

"I cried when I heard she came out of the coma. My Christmas might be miserable, but at least someone had a Christmas," he said.

Jail is Mafia prince's palace

Reputed Mafia prince Michael Franzese was hit with four years behind bars by a Brooklyn federal judge yesterday for violating his probation on a 1986 tax-fraud conviction.

"I do take responsibility for what I did," Franzese, 40, said as he hung his head in Brooklyn Federal Court before sentencing.

Franzese, a reputed former Colombo crime family capo and sometime movie producer, was arrested in California on Nov. 13. He was charged with violating his probation by using phony names, engaging in bank and real estate fraud, and making false statements to government officials to maintain his lavish life-

style, which included \$2 million homes, cars, maid service and private schools for his children.

Judge Eugene Nickerson said the one-time government informant would now have to live in the California desert at a federal detention center near Edwards Air Force Base.

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