

# Group seeking Danner recall set to begin collecting signatures April 14 *RP 3-28-95*

*District Attorney*

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SANTA CRUZ — The group seeking to recall District Attorney Art Danner will file its formal papers Monday and begin circulating petitions April 14, recall-drive spokesman Bob Lamonica said yesterday.

"I expect Mr. Danner will resign or be recalled by the end of the year," Lamonica said. "Just as the president of the United States was forced to resign because of falsified records, Mr. Danner will be (forced out) because of falsified time cards."

The time-card comment-refers

to former Assistant District Attorney Catherine Gardner, whose dismissal by Danner last year sparked the recall drive.

After she was questioned by Danner's staff about alleged drug use, Gardner was kept on the payroll for three months, without being required to work, before she was fired.

Recall proponents say falsified time cards were filled out for Gardner, but Danner said the cards were filled out properly, listing her as "not available."

The Coalition to Recall Danner has been circulating leaflets entitled

"Danner's List — An Incomplete Chronology of Whitewashed Impropriety," making allegations against him on a number of issues.

"I note that the recall people are meeting on April Fool's Day," Danner said. "That seems to be an indication of where they are."

Danner has been district attorney since 1978. Last June, he was elected to a four-year term that began Jan. 1. The recall drive can't officially start until next week because the law prohibits drives in the first three months of a term.

Ed Frey, who lost bids to unseat Art Danner in 1990 and 1994, heads

the list of 20 people signing the notice of intent to circulate recall petitions against Danner.

Others on the list are:

William Anderson, of Capitola, active in the Libertarian Party; Alfred Gilhousen, of Felton, who works in computer software; Phyllis Wright, of Ben Lomond, who runs a typesetting business; Marvin Cohn, of Santa Cruz; Joanne McKown, owner of Aries Arts, a Capitola gift shop.

Pierre Sogol, of Santa Cruz, active in free-speech issues; Robert Newport, a Santa Cruz doctor; Dennis DuBois, a former cafe owner in

Santa Cruz; Barbara Conner; David Minton, active in the Green Party; Barry Hoffman, who was active in Jerry Brown campaigns.

Anne Scott, active in liberal causes; Liberte Chinal, of Aptos; Richard Quigley, unsuccessful write-in candidate for sheriff last year; Kathleen Wells, attorney; Alan Brady; Robert Norse, Santa Cruz homeless activist; Dorothy Welch; and Lamonica.

Lamonica said the list contains names of people "who were willing to initiate the process" and not necessarily a cross-section of those who will sign the petitions.

"This isn't a liberal or conservative issue," Lamonica said, acknowledging that he expects to get more support from liberals. The petition drive will aim across the political spectrum.

Danner said the leaders of the recall are those with a "personal agenda" with decisions by his attorneys to prosecute or not prosecute certain cases.

Those who signed the notice of intent who don't have a personal agenda "are leftover supporters from the Frey campaign," Danner said.