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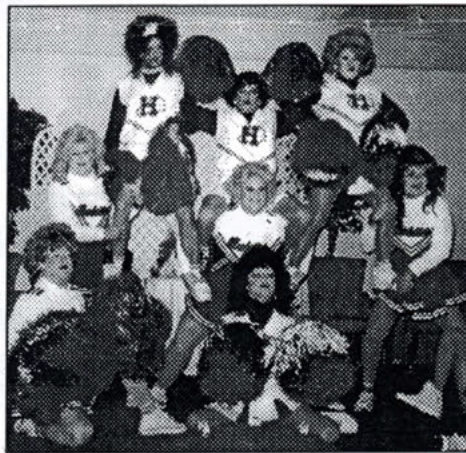
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NEW YORK WHORES IT UP FOR CONNECTICUT!



By Princess DaisyMae

While we in NYC love going to the wonderful Coronation in Connecticut and annually look forward to it, under our dear Empress Panzi's guidance, we showed them the way we do business in the Big Apple! Whorehouse Style! With the able assistance of Princess Royale Victoria Weston, the boys and girls of our court showed the adoring crowd that they could just *Call Me* and we are ready for fun! We were really honored to give an Out-of-Town Court Command Performance at the Coronation. We enjoyed the Connecticut's Hartford Harlette's cheerleaders with their wonderful precision drill routines! High school was never this fun! We were also honored to have Empress Panzi, Princess Royale Victoria and Princess Royale Bella and her boys sparkle us with command performances. Jacqueline Joneé honored us with the Canadian anthem.



In addition, many from the New York Court were invited to sit on the dais during different times during the evening; Emperor William; Empress Panzi; Emperor Tomàs; Empress Billy Ann; Imperial Crown Prince Chet; Imperial Crown Princess Anne Tique; Prince Royal Gabrielle della Notte; Princess Royal Mae Nicole; and Princess Josephine. The performances of the contenders for the Connecticut Throne were wonderful, especially the Tina Turner rendition of *Proud Mary* by Princess Greta Davis-Cruz. The crowning of the new Monarchs, Emperor Eric and Empress Ramona was a fitting end to a wonderful

evening!

With 47 people in attendance from New York, we were the largest out-of-town court there and we had much fun seeing old friends and making new ones! It was especially wonderful to again see our Empress XII-1/2 of New York, Jazzmine Taylor, Empress VI of Rhode Island. Princess DaisyMae was thrilled to meet the new Connecticut Emperor, Eric, as

they had been e-mail pals for months but had never met face to face! Finding out when the Buffalo and Rhode Island Coronations are was on our minds, while we certainly invited everyone to come down and see us in Little Old New York!

The following day after a wonderful breakfast New York was again highly honored. Marchioness d'Ville won the best costume award. Panzi got an Emperor to Empress award and was named Empress VI-1/2 to the Court.



William received an Emperor to Emperor award. Coco received Emperor to Past Empress Award. Billie Ann got an Empress to past Empress Award. Tomàs received an Emperor to Past Emperor award. Josephine was named a sister to the Empress. And the New York Court received the Best Performance award. Panzi was inducted into Stella's Michael LeBancs' and Savvas' Societies. Tomàs was inducted into Stella's and Michael's

Societies. And Gary Cosgrove was inducted into Savvas' Society.

We certainly thank Connecticut for their grand hospitality! ♀

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San Francisco Opens Its Golden Gate!

By Lady Wen-D Bouvier Pinkhouse

I flew off to San Francisco with great expectations. I had heard that the community there did things in a special way. I was not disappointed. The entire gay community of the city is invited to vote for Empress and Emperor. The polling place is set up in the community center in the center of the Castro district. Just like the Oscars, an accounting firm tallies the votes, and the results are revealed only at the



meager dinner, she was given a bucket of chicken by funny MC Jackie Best. Although we saw many great performances, the Hawaii court was the hands down winner, performing a tradi-



coronation. Thursday night was the In Town Show at Harvey's Bar in the Castro. Most of us attended and we all enjoyed the show. Friday evening we attended the José Honors and Awards Dinner at the host hotel. We witnessed a special moment when José paid special honor to his lover Marcus. Empress Panzi, Empress Coco and Emperor William accepted a Founders Award for the New York Court for our work with God's Love We Deliver. There was a silent auction of memorabilia items belonging to José. Lord John came home with a beautiful Victorian red glass perfume bottle, which he had bid on. Following that dinner was the Out of Town Show in the hotel, where each court performed in competition with each other for the right to perform at the coronation. After Empress Panzi complained of a



tional Hawaiian dance production. Then on Saturday evening, the Coronation was held at the Gift Center, an attractive multi-leveled modern building. Each table brought their own edible goodies. During the ceremonies, each Empress and Emperor candidate performs a production number. These production numbers were all excellent, as well as the command performances by Empress XXIV of Denver Nina Montaldo and Empress

XXV of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Emperor XXII & Empress XXII of Salt Lake City. The stage had a regal, impressive set with plenty of spacious thrones to provide a dias for the local and visiting monarchs. The evening was filled with many wonderful performances. Our handsome Emperor William sat on the dias throughout the first act, and Empress Panzi, looking very royal, sat on the dias with the monarchs through the second act. During Act III the fabulous Hawaiian court's production number was performed again, and was very well received. The New York court was presented during the second act. Empress Panzi was given Empress to Empress recognition. A total of 43 courts were represented, including courts from Canada and the UK. The exiting monarchs Empress Alexis Miranda and Emperor Fred Lewis performed their last walk and song performances, all heartfelt, touching numbers. The newly elected monarchs, Empress Sheba and Emperor TJ were crowned at the coronation, but they took their oaths the next day, Sunday, at the cemetery. That was a unique experience we have all heard about. Starting at 8am at the host hotel, the busses made three pick-up stops to load attendees. We proceeded to Woodlawn Cemetery in Colma. We walked like a funeral procession to the grave of Joshua Norton, where the adjacent stone has José's name inscribed. There was a brass band, a 21 gun salute, music, singing, dance performance, a religious convocation, and some phlegmatic comments by José, the Widow Norton, mourning her late husband Joshua. Empress Panzi playfully chose to mourn Iranian style, each time José spoke, irking him in fun. This was all a unique experience, and the rain held up almost through the ceremony. The busses took everyone back to the hotel for the Victory Brunch and Awards. Panzi was given Sister Empress to Sister Empress Award from Empress Ricky of Seattle and was named Ambassador. After that there was a Victory Walk with the new Monarchs around the Castro. More bar parties followed, but I was too worn out, and

sadly had to prepare to come home. It was a really great experience for everyone I spoke to, and I will go again next year! Hope you can too!

Bella - The Pizza Lady or Dining for Dollars

by Duke Oliver von Birkenwaldau

A little bit of Italy came to the Upper East Side as HRH Mama Bella hosted TMISM Emperor William and Empress Panzi of the Emerald Empire, friends and family of the ICNY to a benefit pasta dinner. The event raised \$1350.00 for the Tijuana AIDS Project from the sale of tickets and cash donations from Grand Countess Brandy (George Susani) and her many friends and an additional donor who wished to remain anonymous.

The event took place on a rainy Sunday evening in the home of Tillie, a friend of Court members Patrick O'Connell and Jimmy Morrow. She undertook every effort to make everyone feel at home. She even let us smoke inside! Imagine that! As the ghost of Errol Flynn mingled among the 55 guests, we dined on home made Italian fare and shared in the warm atmosphere. In the spirit of the Court, the event could not have taken place without the hard work and contributions of time and labor by our many Court members. Their Graces Duchess Angela Mercy and Duchess Freeta Chews welcomed guests at the door of the historical townhouse. The pasta, sauce, and fresh caesar salad were donated, prepared, and served by the distinguished and handsome "Chef" Baron Clemente Palompelli and his very cute personal assistant, David Falcone. Emperor VII Tomàs showed us his gifts in the meat department by preparing and serving very fresh Italian meat balls. (They can serve me meat and sauce any time!). Baron Walter Breyer prepared and served wonderful cheese cakes and cookies. As it was Sunday evening and most offices were closed, counseling services for the evening were provided by Baron Angelo. Angelo had a busy evening tending bar and keeping an eye on a beautiful new redheaded glamazon who was his guest that evening. (She seemed very friendly with those Italian

nephews of Bella, I wonder why?). A crystal bowl donated by Emperor Tomàs was the door prize of the evening and a stunning floral center piece, donated by HH Princess Alexandra von Birkenwaldau, AKA Duane Alexander, was the hostess gift to Tillie.

What would be an evening in Italy without a little music? To the delight of her fans and their Majesties, Princess Royale Bella performed a lovely, tradi-





IRMA VEPP! What can you say about a play with the lines, "A man who dresses in women's clothes can't be all bad" and "virginity is like a balloon at the circus, one prick and it's gone forever!!!" We of the ICNY roared with Everett Quinton's interpretation of this charming Penny Dreadful written by Charles Ludlam!

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 tional Italian folk song all about a pizza. It made us cheer for more. She was in the finest of voices with her song about her ever so hungry husband who asked for a pizza every night! Buon Appetito!

Our Own Jacqueline Joneé Debuts Solo at Carnegie Hall!

By Babs Casbar

On Monday March 15, Jacqueline Joneé, the noted gender bending, serious, high brow, long hair, (I don't think she's really French) classical concert pianist, accompanied by some real males, will perform at Carnegie Hall! She was chosen to do a solo number for the Gay Men's Chorus' special salute to Cole Porter. Expect the evening to be, "S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous", an evening of scintillating elegance! We in the Court will definitely rattle our jewels in approval! Go Girl!

Travelling & Dining in Drag PROVINCETOWN A Safe Haven for Transgenders

by Carol & Babs

Abandoned after five weeks by our Pilgrim forefathers for the safety of the mainland at Plymouth in 1621, Provincetown, at the extreme tip of Cape Cod has become a safe haven for the transgendered vacationer. Known to many simply as "P-town", this eclectic community is full of American history and character. This unique character has been shaped by the fishing industry, which still dominates its economy and harbor. Its fishermen, mostly of Portuguese ancestry, the old New England Yankees, and its large "out and open" Lesbian and Gay community is a curious blend of different cultures that are both very separate, yet appear comfortable together. It is popular as a resort for families of all

definitions. For us in the Transgender Community, Provincetown is special to our way of life. You have the complete freedom to be yourself, not only during the outrageous Carnival Week in August or Fantasia Fair in October, but all year long. There's even a gay and lesbian beach out among the unearthly picturesque sand dunes! Bring a camera! A car would be recommended for getting there. Provincetown is sort of a border town where a melange of cultures mingle, interlock and remain separate at once: straight and gay year-rounders, summer people, tourists, all commingling in a fascinating spectrum of relationships between gender, orientation and identity.

Because it is a special place to so many different people, the town offers a wide variety of activities and for almost all activities, and one doesn't need a car to get around to sample the museums, historic sites,

art galleries and the countless shops featuring every kind of merchandise and price ranges for every pocket book. One of the joys of a visit to P-town is an unhurried walk through its narrow streets. You can walk from one end of town to the other in less than an hour (try that in sneakers, not in 5 inch pumps). The commercial area at town center is filled with shops, galleries, outdoor cafes, guesthouses and restaurants. Take a few minutes to sit on the benches in front of Town Hall and enjoy the favorite P-town pastime, people watching.

No walk through town is complete without a stroll down MacMillen Wharf. It's the home of the town's fishing industry, where you'll see not only fishing boats, visiting yachts, whale watching boats, but also fisherman mending nets and unloading their catch. This fall Babs finally went out on a whale watch boat, picking a mild clear day, with very little wind so she didn't have to hold on to her wig! Our guide on the boat, a scientist from the local

Center for Coastal Studies gave a very informative and enthusiastic lesson about the cetaceans, what species were endangered and why they come with regularity to this particular area only a few miles north of P-town. We saw a few small "minke whales" and several large and sleek fin whales, whose spouts could be seen for miles, but the "stars" of the day were the many humpback whales that surrounded our boat. Most of these leviathans she identified by name, recognizing the unique makings on their flukes. To see these graceful giant creatures up close, feeding, playing, sounding and breaching was truly a singular experience, and highly recommended. But remember to pick a good weather day. As per the locals, spring and fall are optimal times for sightings.

There are many excellent restaurants here, and we list below our favorites, those which we have found consistently good from year to year for their quality of food and service:

NAPI'S- A most unusual restaurant featuring a fine selection of seafood, meat and vegetarian items with an international flavor, but also including local dishes. The quality of preparation has been very consistent, a tribute to its owners. Its unique ambience and charm is strongly influenced by the tastefully eclectic art that adorns its walls. You must see its "wall of bricks". Free Parking available. 7 Freeman St. (508)-487-1145. Major Credit cards, plus Transmedia.

FRONT STREET- Located in the cellar of a Victorian Mansion, it features a high quality Continental menu, with service to match. We've been impressed by a wide range of menu samplings, beef, seafood and fowl. The atmosphere is intimate bistro style, sometimes noisy, but fun and friendly. 230 Commercial St, 487-9715. major credit cards.

STORMY HARBOR- Originally recommended as a good place where the "local straights" ate, we welcomed its quality, yet modest fare with a wide enough menu to satisfy a

Editor's Note: I received this e-mail from Court member Babs Casbar and feel it's something we need to be aware of and supportive to. It can be us as well!

What Transpired at the "Trans-Safety & Violence Town Meeting" on 3/4 in NYC

From an e-mail from: SpeakOutNY

To those who want to make a difference:

At 7 PM on March 4th, 1999, The Gender Identity Project (GIP) and the Public Policy Department of the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center (the Center - www.gaycenter.org) sponsored a Town Meeting regarding safety issues for people of transgender experience. This important event was free and open to all who have an interest in the horrific situation that the transgender community encounters in daily life and on the street.

A group of speakers lead by Rosalynne Blumenstein, Tracy Caranante, Victoria Cruz, Carrie Davis, Imani Henry and Stacey Meadow joined the community in a speak out and discussion of this deteriorating situation.

The evening was an outstanding success. The auditorium was "standing room only" and filled with 100 to 120 transgender identified brothers & sisters and our partners, lovers, boyfriends, girlfriends, friends, politicians, reporters, social workers and other allies, many of whom added their voices to ours. Members of our community were given an opportunity to tell their stories in a safe environment by participating in a speak out, moderated by Carmen Vasquez, the Director of the Public Policy Department of the Center.

Openly gay State Senator Tom Duane, and openly lesbian City Councilmembers Chris Quinn and Margarita Lopez, along with officials from the NYC Police Department, the AVP, GOAL, GenderPAC (www.gpac.org), NYAGRA (www.nyagra.org), MGN and other organizations listened and added their voices to those expressed by the other speakers. It was everyone's hope that the evening marked the beginning of a useful dialogue between city officials and community leaders that will ultimately enhance everyone's quality of life.

For assistance, or additional Information, contact the Gender Identity Project @ tel.: (212) 620-7310, web: www.gaycenter.org or e-mail: carrie@gaycenter.org



wide variety of tastes. Since 1996, its new owners, from the mainland, have gone out of the way to seek the GLBT business and have added a little entertainment, as well. We enjoyed the lovely, but very tall, you guessed it, female impersonator who gave out make-up tips as part of "her" performance. It's a friendly place for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 277 Commercial St. Major credit cards (508)-487-1680

THE CACTUS GARDEN- A refurbished Victorian home offering innovative Mexican-Southwestern cuisine with an ocean view and several outdoor tables. The interior decor is Southwest to match. We only ate here once, for Sunday brunch, but found not only a charming place, offering a pleasant ambiance and innovative food, but owners who, although busy, took that extra care to make our meal enjoyable. They offer a full menu 'till 11 PM and entertainment. 186 Commercial St. Major credit cards (508)-487-6661

Most of the restaurants have Portuguese inspired dishes. Remember that "linguica" is a Portuguese sausage, not an Italian pasta!

For a wide range of accommodations and general information, contact the Provincetown Business Guild, the Gay business association at P.O. Box 421-94, 115 Bradford St. Provincetown, MA 02657, phone number, 800-637-8696. We also found the Chamber of Commerce helpful at 307 Commercial St. at MacMillan Wharf, P.O. Box 1017, Provincetown MA 02657, 508-487-3424

Keep in Touch!

Deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is March 24th. Please submit articles either on diskette or via e-mail in ASCII (text) format only. We can scan photos or incorporate graphic files. Call me at 212/208-1691 or 212/989-8113 if you have a submission or questions. You can e-mail the articles to **ICNYDAISY@AOL.COM**
Thank you! Michael Weyand, Editor

UP COMING EVENTS March

Monday, March 15.....Gay Men's Chorus at Carnegie Hall
Wednesday March 24.....Prince & Princess Show at Splash
Friday March 26.....Out-Of-Town Show at Limelight
Saturday March 27.....International Court Council Meeting -
New York Marriott Marquis
Saturday March 27.....New York Coronation -
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Sunday March 28.....Victory Brunch - New York Marriott Marquis
Tuesday April 2.....Tough Drag - The Web

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