The Night of A Thousand Gowns

Lynne Carter to be remembered and honored at Charity Ball. Imperial Court to present Lynne Carter Award.

New York—On March 28th, at the Night of A Thousand Gowns Charity Ball, the first Lynne Carter Award will be given to the Imperial Court System for its philanthropic work.

For over twenty-five years the Courts and their 10,000 plus members have quietly raised tens of thousands of dollars for orphans, seniors, AIDS and other causes.

Lynne Carter, known internationally as a female imper-sonator/impressionist, died of AIDS in January 1985. Carter himself was a great philanthropist and raised consider-able amounts of money for AIDS organizations.

One of the highlights of Carter's career was his success in securing and selling out Carnegie Hall for a memorable perfor-
mance. The first female impressionist to do so, he set the way for others to perform in this world famous concert hall. He also helped the careers of many current stars by offering them the opportunity to perform with him or by advising them. Lynne Carter brought humor and warmth to all who were privileged to see him perform. He truly was a great in the world of impressionism, and received gowns and original music from those he portrayed, including Pearl Bailey and Josephine Baker.

One of Carter's own gowns is currently on loan to the Museum of the City of New York. He is a legend in our own time.

One of Carter's last wishes was that AIDS be conquered and be encouraged support for AIDS causes.

"Night of a Thousand Gowns" will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York will salute the role of impressionists and impersonators in our society, as well as honoring the Imperial Court charity organization.

Impersonators from across the U.S. and Canada will be attending and performing at this history making event, with proceeds benefitting AIDS related organizations.

Formal invitations, including a "Debutante's Guide" can be obtained by calling 212/861-1139 or writing: Thousand Gowns, 1064 Lexington Avenue, New York 10016.


AIDS students select King of Condoms

Stanford, CA—America just barely inched out the Japanese in Stanford's First Annual Great Condom Rating Contest.

"Stanford University narrowed its choice to selecting the Gold Circle condom manufactured in New Jersey as overall best," said Ken Ruebush, "but a Japanese brand walked away with honors in the most categories.

"Let's hope American condom makers learn a few lessons from the experiences of Detroit, and rise to the challenge."

Ruebush, coordinator of the Stanford AIDS Education Project, opened the condom contest a week ago by declaring that "all condoms are not created equal."

He said the contest was inten-ded to "teach students about what's available in the marketplace in a fun sort of way."

Student organizers distributed packets containing over 6000 condoms in two hours last week as condominiums sized the cam-pus.

Each packet contained seven brands of condoms, brightly colored information sheets and an "Absolutely Official Ballot" which students used to vote for their favorites in different cate-gories.

Students reacted to the promotion with enthusiasm and scooped up all 500 packets prepared for the scheduled two-day promotion of National Condom Week within the first hour of the first day.

"We spent most of the night putting together another 400-plus packets," said Stanford junior Daniel Bao, "those went just as quickly."

While passers-by debated the fine points of condom etiquette, there was some griping about the strong smell and compensatory "let's hope American condom makers should stop promoting thinness and should have "steel-belted radial construction printed on the wrappers instead."

The contest was organized by the Condom Promotion Committee of the Stanford AIDS Education Project, a re-cogized student organization.

Ruebush said his group is working with students on other campuses to form the University and College AIDS Network (U.C.A.N.)

"Next year, we hope to run an even better organized contest on campuses around the world," Ruebush said.

AIDS employment discrimination ruled illegal in California

In a sweeping victory for people with AIDS, the Califor-nia Fair Employment and Housing Commission unanimously ruled that persons with AIDS are protected against job discrimi-na-tion.

In a case pursued by National Gay Rights Advocates, Dfhe vs. Raytheon, the 7-member commission awarded back pay to the estate of John Chadbourn, and indicated that California employers who continue to discriminate based on AIDS will be required to pay punitive and compensatory damages. A former Raytheon quality control analyst, Chadborne was barred from returning to work by Raytheon upper management who "believed," in contrary to medical evidence, that he might casually transmit AIDS in the workplace.

The commission ruling direc-tly contradicts the U.S. Justice Departments memo issued last year that allows employers to discriminate based on such a "belief."

"The commission has made it clear that AIDS related employ-ment discrimination will not be tolerated in the state of Califor-

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**EBG/LDC elects new officers and re-affiliates with CDC**

The new club officers of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club are Bob Kapko as president, Michael Studzinski as vice president, and Eric Zuniga as secretary. Jim Wilson will be the recording secretary and Andrew Pessen, public relation chair.

At its recent meeting members of the club received a letter from officials of State Superintendence of Public Instruction Bill White's, re-commendation that scores, not schools per se, should be considered for public school support, and that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, including Bill Baker of Emeryville, took the letter to heart. The instructions were re-affiliated with the California Democratic Club and will donate $100 to the GLAAD protests by Justice White

A group of gays and lesbians, who were gathered outside an auditorium, turned to the entrance to the auditorium to John Chadbourne White had been harried from entrance, despite the fact that other members of the public were being allowed to enter. Despite the police officers following a demonstration by GLAAD.

Approximately 156 people had gathered outside the entrance on January 24, in support of the Association of The Bar, in West, with the Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association providing over the Association's annual West Coast competition. GLAAD was protesting Wilson's appearance in front of the Superior Court's Hardwick decision, which upheld as constitutional. The demonstration had been spread out orders, with de-}...
Gay/Lesbian Issues Commission on Social Justice, Archdio­
Homosexuality & Social Justice: Report of the Task Force on recommendations; Update national anti-Lesbian/Gay viol­
be held at Wichita State University Campus Activities Center,
Alcoholism Treatment Unit at St. Joseph Hospital will
Johnson, from Christopher Street West in Los Angeles "Impact of AIDS in Relationships." Thursday, Sean
Alternative (onceptions special collection which includes a hilarious lesbian sit com, a
Mistress 'S' performs Burlesque Cabaret: direct from New
handbooks: The Rights of Authors and Artists. $3.95; The
$4.95. There is a charge for handling as follows: $1 for the
prepaid orders to: ACLLI. 132 West 43rd Street, NYC,NY
a political and cultural magazine; acting as a forum  for
than welcome. All contributors whose material is accepted
to lesbians, editorial and pictoral contributions are more

Who's Who in Gay San Jose
Jon Snell & Dale Hancock
Interviewed by Nikolie Nelson
Jon Snell, chair of C.B. St. John's, has been active in the San
Bay community for many years. With his lover, Dale Hancock, he
carries on a tradition of serving the area’s most popular gay disco bars, Desperadoes, in a
Champion shopping square for ten years before losing his his
last year. Jon in St. John’s establishment, C.B. St. John located at the corner of W. St. John
A. San Pedro in downtown San Jose remade and ready for business by early May. This
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February 14 was the night for a surprise birthday party in honor of Vern. He reached his big 50 and was forced to sit in a wheelchair—however, it did have its fringe benefits. Vern was allowed to “help” the male stripper drop his duds. His friend Gary was given a going away party—Gary was given a “driving under the influence” and was told to go to jail, not pass go and do not collect $200—Gary, you shouldn’t have been there!

**Benefit for Gay Pride Day Rally**

On February 14, a show in support of Gay Pride Day Rally 1987 was held at the Landing. Richard Kendall and Mr. Rebec- toile du Pla gave a little bit of Benefide in a good cause to raise funds for the San Jose Gay Pride Celebration. The party was provided by Cheri, Patrice, Stephanie, Shymel and Lucy. The first organizational meeting will be held on March 11 for volunteers to head up this year extravaganza birthday party. The last time the Watergarden was closed was three years ago for Women’s Night at the baths, of which Diet James exclaimed “What a great year!”

The party brought out the best in people who came from near and far to wish Sal and The Watergarden a Happy Birthday. The party was presided over by the board of directors. Salannounced to keep his speeches short, being that he had just been playing long speeches. Instead, Sal made ten short ones. Did anybody there think these were good speeches? Did anybody there think these were good speeches.

**Open Forum**

The patio looked like a wedding reception. It was the sort of gathering no one expected. Between pink flannel shirts and sparkling jewelry was the band from the New Belle Saloon in San Francisco. They played their rendition of “Do you know the way to San Jose?” which was interrupted while enjoying champagne or wine.

It was the fourth time The Watergarden closed its doors to the general public. It was a ten year anniversay birthday party. The Watergarden was closed was three years ago for Women’s Night at the baths, of which Diet James exclaimed “What a great year!”

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**In Touch Lounge**

The best for last. Get out your roller skates. The Billy DeFunk Coons’s youth group is sponsoring a roller skating party at the Stockton’s in Stockton, CA. That will be Monday night at 7 p.m. Oh Call The Coons for more information—-297-

For the younger folks, over 21, a Beer Bust will be held at The Renegades, Sunday, March 14th. It starts at 3 p.m. and continues till 7. The Mayor’s Council is putting this one on so enjoy with everyone a Happy The City of San Jose’s Day. In addition to the music, there will be a “bake sale” that will be held by the volunteers of The Coons. I’ll be the little lighthouse in the green waves.

Until next issue, this is the open forum. Your voice is very important to all of us. Your actions are important to all of us. Your donations are important to all of us. Call in and let us know how you feel about the area.

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**Entertainment & Easy Living**

The Seagull is shot down at A.C.T.

By Nick Bady

L withObjects. Anton Chekhov's 1985 play, directed at the American Conservatory Theater Festival 24, is a picture of violence from slapstick to melodrama to eye-opener, with steamy orgies.

It's all very Russian, with an all-but-cast-size cast, the play deals with characters whose melancholy is their most prominent feature.

These people think the world of themselves and think the world of others, love is in love and pain in love, and there's no escaping an attraction.

This particular translation by Jean-Claude van Itallie, a countercultural American English, often sets against the period.

The focus of all the performances seems to be individual characters, with no soul concept, as though each actor were always on stage alone and with his own self alone and with no other actor's role or style.

A particular success is played by Juan Alexander, who becomes the gentle complement of Ladkin Bell and Alphonso Carrington, a level cooperator and self-centered.

During the long, slow烘干, he saw a superior play to the new production, but could think little about it to enjoy the performance, and the play itself, with its afterglow of beauty and art, is an oasis in another world.

Even Peter Donat, as the aging fishmonger, acts like a decent married man, bouncing around, making sense of his character.

William Paterson is fun as the younger son, and Ken Karg as the kinds of Russian Dr. Cassells, odd at times. One has the sense of the play's world and so Cassells is possible to be the play's subject.

The Seagull continues in the City Theatre in repertory through April 4.

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**Fortunes By Tycho**

Airus (Mar 21-Apr 20) (Gore) Arries a man who likes to plan and later falls in love with a dream lover. He likes to have just a great deal of good luck and fun friends and his love is a balance of fun and useful.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) Libra is the best way to prepare a tired vibe. This is a time of falling in love with the other person and all the things that are happening. Don't get too dramatic.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) You've worked hard to achieve this, and while it looks like others are very nice about it, you require that you work out important details with others. No one or woman is an island.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) You're in a very comfortable spot, and you need to keep your head in your situation.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Consider your circle as a circle.

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**Our Calendar**

Mar 15: St. Patrick's Day: St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Irish Center at 2 p.m. Call 288-7150 for information.


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**Canada**

Canadian customs seize gay books

Canadian customs officials have seized at least 15 gay books from a ship that visited Vancouver earlier this month, according to a government source.

The books were seized as part of a routine inspection of the ship, which is expected to dock in Vancouver within the next few days. The Customs and Border Protection Agency has confirmed that the books in question contained explicit material that violates Canadian law.

The seizure comes two weeks after a similar incident occurred in Toronto, where customs officials seized dozens of gay and lesbian books from a passenger ship. The government has not yet revealed the titles of the books that were seized in both cases.

In a statement, the government said it was "taking all necessary steps to ensure that its laws are enforced to the fullest extent possible." It added that it would not comment on the specifics of the case, citing ongoing investigations.

The move has sparked concern among some activists, who fear that it could lead to a crackdown on the sale and distribution of gay and lesbian books.

"This is just the latest in a long line of attempts by the government to suppress gay and lesbian literature," said one activist. "It's clear that they're trying to send a message to anyone who might want to publish or sell such material that they won't tolerate it at all."
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