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As of April 15, 2000

Fiscal Year		Number	% of 98-99
1998-1999	Total members	291	100.0
1999-2000	Renewals	208	71.5
1999-2000	New members	48	16.5
1999-2000	Non-renewing	83	28.5
1999-2000	Total members	256	88.0

Fiscal Year		Number	% of 99-00
2000-2001	Renewals	43	16.8
Apr 2000	Expirations	106	41.4
May 2000	Expirations	26	10.2
Jun 2000 -			
Mar 2001	Expirations	81	31.6
1999-2000	Total members	256	100.0

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Plunging Deeper...

Have arrived safely in Janesville, Minnesota. Population around 2,000 - about an hour and a half drive south of Minneapolis/St. Paul. One traffic signal on Main Street. Land of 10,000 Lakes - which means to this city gal untold millions of mosquitoes in the next month or so. I hate bugs.

So it seems that I have moved even deeper into the belly of Rural America. I mean, this place makes Oklahoma City look positively cosmopolitan by comparison. But hey, they got sidewalks and real beer, a statewide ordinance protecting TG's from discrimination and boy is it green! Corn, soy and alfalfa fields for days.

My sister, her husband, and their two little boys live on a tidy 17-acre farm accessed by a two-mile drive up a packed dirt road, 'bout ten miles out of town. Spring has brought the births of baby geese and goats. Excitement is high at the prospect of obtaining a milk cow. Cooking and heating is done by propane. Half a dozen barn cats dash madly towards anyone opening the front door, and lovingly follow my nephews as they romp around this truly beautiful place. I'm looking for a straw to stick between my teeth, but will stop short of saying "shucks, ma'am" if at all possible. But so far I've painted their porch (which is now freshly re-screened to ward off said mosquitoes), and I'm going to learn to pilot a tractor (can you see me in John Deere green?) and maybe mow a lawn or two - big lawns out here. No fences to really speak of either.

It's actually very peaceful and quite pleasant; am really enjoying spending time with my Dad, whom I haven't really seen much of the last ten years, except for the odd holiday visit from time to time. And it's nice to be here this time of year, and not at Christmas time when it's consistently 10 degrees below zero and there's snow up to your ass for weeks on end.

So I'm trying to avoid a winter here and the game plan is to move on back to California sometime this Fall - September maybe. Although I'm totally open to finding a compelling reason to stay up here. I have a few irons in the fire (am trying to contact Wells Fargo to see if I can latch back on with them in some capacity). Trying to earn a little money to keep the credit cards current, and if the right offer (or the right guy or gal?) comes along, who knows what could happen. Seems my lifepath these days is destined to continue taking many strange twists and turns, so I've decided to go with the flow and enjoy what pops up.

Speaking Of Which...

Attended my first "play party" last night with a new pansexual group up here. It never ceases to amaze me that no matter where my travels take me, the kink community is composed of the most creative, talented, intelligent and friendly people. The minute I walked in the door I felt right at home and was welcomed warmly. And after just one evening, I've made many new friends - perhaps a legitimate source for that compelling reason I'm open to. In any case, I always enjoy beating...er, meeting new people.

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THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS' COMMENTS

By Leslie Bailey

I really didn't plan (in my wildest dreams) that I would be writing another column for the newsletter. At least not this soon. What I thought I would do was to join the ex-president's club (which I understand specializes in deep breathing exercises), help out with the Cotillion and just generally look fresh and perky while attending monthly meetings. Oh well. I thought that the vote for president would be close, I just never even thought about the possibility of a tie.

I'm going to be a bit frivolous with this space, but I hope at the end there might be some point to it all. At the time that Ginny twisted my arm four years ago and got me appointed to the ExCom I considered myself a bit of a wall flower who was shy and not a little scared. I had been divorced for about three years and indeed one of the major issues was crossdressing. I had a sixteen year old son living with me and one or two of my other adult children. My house was constantly populated by two cats, myself, my children and what seemed like a dozen of their friends. Very few people knew about Leslie besides my children and a few very close friends.

Four years later my neighbors all know Leslie, my kid's friends all know about that part of me (they still visit and eat my food and drink my beer and give me big hugs), I go and do anything that I want as Leslie (well just about anything) and I've discovered that some rather special women actually can appreciate a transgendered person. My ex and I are even getting to a more friendly place which makes me happy. I don't know if she will ever be interested in the learning and the growth that I've experienced as Leslie but it doesn't seem so impossible as it did four years ago. If I can celebrate her growth as a person, it seems ok to at least wish that she could do the same for me.

To complete the metaphor of the wall flower I need to relate an anecdote. I've worked in sheet metal for the last 30 years and have been an assistant plant superintendent for 14 years. My cousin Lisa is a very fine portrait photographer. Recently I did some major copper work for her kitchen remodel. As a thank you she in turn is doing a 30 x 24 portrait of Leslie. Now instead of those early feels of being a wall flower I'm going to step back from the wall and look at this image of what/who I am. I would not have been able to find or get comfortable with this personal truth without ETVC/TGSF and for that I am forever grateful.

I'm now excited to see where the next four years will take me. Recently my renters moved to Arizona and my oldest son moved into his own apartment. For the first time in the last thirty years I have the house all to myself and I must admit that I'm excited. I've cleaned, rearranged and simplified. I'm going to paint, garden and generally make the house my own. I'm giddy. Steve and Leslie are in balance and Leslie is less of an exigent issue and more of just a comfortable reality to be enjoyed as opportunity and want arise.

I look forward to your friendship and working with TGSF in areas that I feel that I can be useful. God bless you all for all that you do.

(Ed. Note: I think I can safely speak for us all in saying Thank You, Leslie, for a great four years!)

New Member(s) since May Issue:
Carla Cabana
Welcome!

From the Editor...

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Tattoo U...

Got a tattoo during my last days in Oklahoma, even though that practice is outlawed in the state (such a rebel Ayme!). Went to a friend's house for a barbecue/tattoo party one afternoon and decided to bite the bullet - literally! Not really, although I did squeeze a teddy bear rather viscusly. My friends had invited one of their close friends who happened to do excellent work out of his home - very skilled and talented guy and the result is one of complete satisfaction.

I have had some interests for many years in body modification, figure training for example, in addition to tattoos (piercing, however, isn't my gig except for my ears). And I've had this particular design in mind for a long time: a budding red rose on the right side of my right calf, it's thorny stem spiraling down my leg to the right, circling across the front and ending again at the ankle. But after the emotional ending of my relationship with Micheal, I modified it and added a fine black chain that entwines itself about the stem of the rose, ending at an open padlock suspended below the bud, keys inserted in the lock. Two red teardrops drip gently from the occasional thorn.

Due to the size and location of my tattoo, it was a lengthy (and at times extremely painful) process, but one that I ultimately experienced as transcending, running a gamut of emotions and sensations. Thought I was gonna see God when that needle went across my shinbone...talk about sub-space! And Kevin (the tattoo artist) says he always recommends a tattoo tells a story. Doesn't necessarily have to be a happy story, but tell a tale that's meaningful to you. So mine speaks to me of the bonds of love, a broken heart, and hope for the future. Besides, it makes my leg look incredibly sexy.

Like all tattoo virgins, now I'm hooked. I'm thinking of adding the Golden Gate Bridge somewhere symbolizing the heart I left there. Seeing as how the dot com nouveau rich have made living in San Francisco impossibly unaffordable, perhaps the one regret I harbor as I reflect on the past year, is losing my toe-hold in paradise.

A Family Tale...

A cousin of mine here is a massage therapist, and I've been seeing her weekly to alleviate some trouble I'm having with the sciatic nerve in my left hip. Haven't seen her in ages either, very much the conservative type, but she said the nicest thing to me the other day. She said, "Ayme, I don't understand you, but I love you anyway." I could cry every time I think about that. And I think about how many of my sisters (and brothers) in the TG community who would give anything to hear that from a loved one or a friend. I pray that they do one day.

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ExCom MEETING MINUTES



The monthly meeting of TGSF's Executive Committee was in Albany on May 7, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were Outgoing President Leslie Bailey, Vice President and acting President Aiyana Eveningstar, Secretary-Elect Debbie Cook, Treasurer Deborah and Outgoing Treasurer Janis Ryan, Outreach Chair Telzey Adams, Education Chair Stephanie Ann Blythe and Outgoing Education Co-Chair Nancy Cupps, Outgoing Social Chair Nicole Cook, Education Co-Chair Meredith Memaran, Outreach Co-Chair Kalani, Outgoing Education Co-Chair Tianna DeVil, Outgoing Vice President Lulu Blau and Outgoing Secretary Roxanne were absent. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

Communications: Outgoing President Leslie thanked everyone who has worked so hard in the last year. She will be writing a final column for the newsletter in June. The results of the election were: the President position was a draw, Vice President and acting President Aiyana, Secretary Debbie, Treasurer Deborah, Education Stephanie Ann and Meredith as Co-Chairs, Outreach Kalani and Telzey as Co-Chairs and Social Chair Tianna. Leslie wondered if each Co-Chair was asked to come on board by their respective elected person. Nicole mentioned that that wasn't how the Bylaws worded it. The top 2 people running are elected to the office as Co-Chairs. Leslie welcomed all those who are serving for the first time. The meeting was then turned over to Aiyana. It was suggested by Leslie that as much business should be postponed until the following month until a President is elected. The essentials should be dealt with to allow the ExCom to run. It was also suggested that whatever reports need to be done should be short and sweet for now. Leslie will be available for questions if needed.

Janis asked about the ballots and whether or not they were sent out yet. Leslie mentioned that they have not been done yet. The statements from each candidate have been received and should be stuffed on Tuesday and mailed out.

Old Business: None.

The Minutes: There was some discussion that a reference to Anne Giles should have been to Diane Giles instead. Also, there was a reference to Secretary Janis which should have been Treasurer Janis. Stephanie Ann moved that May's minutes be approved, Debbie seconded; they were approved.

President: Held off until final election results.

Vice President: With the pride parade and Big Shew coming up in the next 6 weeks, there needs to be a committee organized for the float building. Aiyana asked Leslie if there was a permit to be in the parade. Leslie mentioned that an envelope has come back since she turned in the application which is probably the acknowledgment of our inclusion to the parade. There will be an orientation meeting on May 16th. The application for the booth has not yet been sent in. Aiyana suggests that the Outreach Chair should be in charge of that. Exchange of information about the rental of the truck will need to take place. A place to decorate the float is needed, but Aiyana mentioned she could come up with a place if one cannot be found. Aiyana's friend Lichen will be helping with the float building this year. The theme of the float needs to be discussed. There were many suggestions like Trans-Arama (The Future Tranny), A New Century A New Perspective, Transforming the Gender Barrier (A Millennium of Changing Faces), Spice Girls, a D.J./Nightclub theme with the catch phrase It's About Freedom or Vegas in Space. Stephanie Ann suggests Trains-Gender. There are parts from last year's float that can be used to build the float this year.

Nicole mentioned that Miss TGSF usually gets a preference on how the float is to be decorated and right now our current Miss TGSF has moved to Arizona. Michelle cannot really fulfill her duties from there, and it was mentioned that Tianna should be allowed to step up and take Michelle's place. Leslie mentioned that Michelle left with the intent of returning to attend some of the major events, but there are other smaller events that Miss TGSF should really attend like the socials or other group meetings. It would be understandable if the First Runner Up to Miss TGSF, Tianna Marie, was requested to step up and take the role of Miss TGSF. A motion was made by Secretary Debbie to bring Tianna Marie into the Miss TGSF title, Treasurer Deborah seconded, and the motion was approved. It was discussed whether or not the previous Miss TGSF passes on their tiara or keeps it. It was determined by Leslie that the Scepter is passed on and the tiara and sash is kept. Debbie and Nicole has volunteered to take care of getting Miss TGSF a crown and sash. A statement should also be made in the newsletter thanking Michelle for the work she has done.

The Cotillion will be back at the San Francisco Design Center. January 27th and February 3rd have been spoken for by other groups so Leslie has reserved February 10th for the event unless one of the other dates opens up. January 20th was suggested but Leslie mentioned it is too soon after Christmas.

The Big Shew and End-of-Month combined is on June 22nd. Nicole states that Kimo's is already booked for the event. Access to the building is at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 8:00 p.m., show starts at 9:00 p.m. Kimo's will handle the bar and the sound. We handle the door and give Kimo's 15%. There are at least 4 acts that will perform. Jaime Fenton has expressed an interest in being the producer/director. There will not be an End-of-Month on June 29th. The Parade is on June 25th.

Secretary: The Outgoing Secretary is on a business trip. .the new Secretary will begin reporting next month.

Treasurer: Outgoing Treasurer Janis announced that she had a computer tragedy and it's now in the shop. The financial reports cannot be generated at this time because of this. However, the financial data has been backed up and all membership data collected for the elected Secretary has been extracted. The information from the Bank Statement for the period reads:

Beginning Balance:	\$9,140.38
Deposits:	\$3,077.43
Spending:	\$3,934.93
Final Balance:	\$8,282.88

There is still \$1,000 in outstanding checks. Due to the rain, Janis was not able to bring all of the materials to turn over to the incoming Treasurer. It will be handled off-line. It was mentioned that last year, the turn-over of materials was quick and not very detailed and Janis would like to go into better detail about the Treasurer's duties with Deborah.

Janis has obtained some of the forms needed for the transfer of newly elected officers like the Bank Signature Card and the forms for the Secretary of the State. Also authorization for the P.O. Box. Currently the Signature Card for the bank has 2 sets of people information listed on it. One is for 1 or 2 people authorized to open new accounts. The other is the authority for up to 6 people to sign check on the account. In the past, the Treasurer, Secretary and President sign the card. Since there is no President at this time, the Treasurer is the first signature with overall control of the account while the Secretary has the secondary.

The bank has an official resolution form Janis would like read into the minutes. It states:

The name of the organization, Educational TV Channel doing business as TGSF resolved that this organization establish one

Meeting Minutes...

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or more deposit accounts with Bank of America (the bank) and that this organization adopts for each account the authorization in the bank's agreement entitled Master Agreement Business Deposit Accounts. Resolved that the persons whose names and titles appear below are each authorized, acting alone, to establish for this organization one or more deposit accounts now and additional accounts from time to time, and to designate from time to time persons to operate each account. Authorized persons: Deborah (last name omitted at request of the Treasurer), Treasurer.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by this organization in accordance with law and its charter documents, and is now in force. I certify that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear above are authorized to establish accounts for this organization and to designate persons to operate each account. I certify that each person who has signed on the reverse is authorized to operate each account established under this agreement. I certify that all of the signatures are genuine. Signature: Debbie Cook, Secretary

It is required that 2 signatures be on checks over \$250.00. Janis suggested that a motion be made to adopt the above resolution. Debbie makes a motion to adopt the current resolution as noted on the Bank Signature Card, Deborah seconds; the motion was approved.

The other form is form for authorization to the Post Office Box. Janis states it is only necessary if someone goes there and requests additional keys. There are currently 3 keys; 1 is in the possession of the Outgoing President Leslie, which she still needs to collect the election materials, 1 is in the possession of the Outgoing Secretary Roxanne which she is to give to Treasurer Deborah, and the Secretary-Elect Debbie is now in the possession of the third key.

There is still one outstanding invoice from the Cotillion that has not been received yet. It will be carried as an Account Payable.

Social Chair: With Tianna absent, Nicole mentioned the social events as per Tianna. Much of the event planning is around the Big Shew. Tianna is still looking at the mid-month and will have something scheduled by the 15th of this month. The End-of-Month is the Big Shew in June.

Outreach: Stephanie Ann mentioned an Outreach session scheduled at DeAnza College on May 15th for their Human Sexuality classes. There is also an Outreach session scheduled at the College of Notre Dame on May 21st. Stephanie has been logging in all the presentations and locations of Outreach seminars and finalizing the turn over to Kalani.

Nicole mentioned an event she had attended on May 5th, a Transgender Medical Conference. She was also at the Transgender Human Rights Implementation Task Force meeting in which 11 members were chosen to fill the spaces filled by the City Council Sub-Committee..

Leslie received a call from KQED regarding Pledge Night. No date is yet scheduled. Stephanie Ann mentioned that Pledge Night was held last year during Pride Week.

Stephanie Ann mentioned she attended the first meeting of the Mid-Peninsula group. 8 people attended. Among the attendees were Rachael Janelle who is the organizer, Becky from RGA and others.

Telzey will handle the booth at the pride parade which she has handled for the past 5 years. Last year, the spot they gave us was in a windy area and with the canopy with no sides, it would be nice to have a better spot this year provided the permit reaches Telzey in time. Normally a canopy, a cooler with some food and

drink, flyers and a table is brought to the spot that is just marked with a number and TGSF sets up the booth.

Joe Cushman of Transaction is holding a seminar with Susan Stryker on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. The subject is about Transgender Resistance History in the Tenderloin and will be held at 474 Valencia and 16th Street. For more information call (415) 951-4844 Ext. 27.

The Pride Guide Calendar will be coming out during Pride Week. The deadline to get anything in to the guide is May 9th. The Big Shew should be put into the Activities Schedule. Nicole will call and get the event into the Guide.

Candy Love requested to hold Poker Night at her house next time. Janis will talk with her.

The hotline received a call from a place called the CRA about a bad check that was written. The person they referred to was a Lynn Brown on 15th Street who wrote a check against TGSF. It was most likely a mistake and the CRA will be taking care of it.

Monday, May 15th is DVG's anniversary.

Sandra Brewer has donated tapes, magazines and books to the club. An auction may be held to benefit the club.

Telzey mentioned that it would be nice to have a couple more volunteers for the hotline. At least 2 times a month is good. Nicole and Debbie have volunteered their time.

Education: Nancy said Dr. Preecha from Bangkok, Thailand is willing to present a seminar on SRS in San Francisco after August, but not in October. Nancy asked for advice from the ExCom to determine dates that would not be in conflict with other events during September. It was decided the 9th, 10th or 16th of September would be best. Nancy will ask Dr. Preecha if those dates are acceptable. Final scheduling will also depend on the availability of a lecture hall at San Francisco State to seat 100 people. Nancy asked if anyone knew of a good place to hold the seminar in case the lecture halls at San Francisco State were unavailable. Nicole said she could get a lecture hall at the College of Marin if that would be suitable. It was noted that many of the people that will attend this seminar live in San Francisco and must rely on public transit. For that reason, the preferred location must be in San Francisco.

Announcements: It was requested by Becky of RGA that Miss TGSF attend one of their monthly meetings if possible.

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County is having their honors night on Saturday, May 19th. They are honoring the owner of Club 1220 in Walnut Creek. Contact Donna Freeman of DVG for more information by Friday the 12th.

Gender Speak, A Reading by Transgendered Voices will be held Saturday, June 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth Street in Downtown Oakland.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is having an Open House 2000 to meet and greet the Executive Director Serena Kajin at their offices on 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200 on Wednesday, May 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Complementary hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

A question arose about the TGSF Library. Much of the items are at Joanne Handa's garage and Leslie will go over to her house to go through the boxes of stuff. The Library will end up at Leslie's house in the next week or so.

Adjournment: At 5:13 p.m., Treasurer Deborah moved to adjourn. Secretary Debbie seconded the motion, the motion was passed. Debbie and Janis went over the Secretary stuff and Janis and Deborah went over the Treasurer stuff.

Next ExCom Meeting is on Sunday, June 11th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Pacific Center in Berkeley.

Saturday / June 10th / 7:00pm

**GENDER SPEAK: A READING BY
 TRANSGENDERED VOICES**

Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth Street (near Broadway), downtown Oakland. For information call Patricia Kevena Fili at (510) [REDACTED] Also see the article on Page 8.

Sunday / June 11th / 4:00pm

EXCOM MEETING

TGSF ExCom Meeting (4:00 pm) - The monthly meeting of the ExCom will be held someplace new. We will be trying out the Pacific Center this time. They have mentioned that they would like to see more TG groups there, so we have answered!! We need volunteers for the coming months. ..Pride Week is upon us and with float construction as well as The Big Shew at Kimo's headed our way, more bodies are desperately needed!!

The Pacific Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley. If you need more information, please feel free to contact your Secretary Debbie Cook at (707) [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Sunday / June 11th / 6:00pm

KQED PLEDGE NIGHT

TGSF's annual stint for KQED is coming this month and volunteers are needed now! Contact Stephanie Ann Blythe at (510) [REDACTED] for more information and to sign up. Also see the article on Page 8.

Thursday / June 15th - 17th / 8:00pm

**TOO TALL BLONDES DO SEX, DEATH &
 GENDER (A PERFORMANCE)**

Too Tall Blondes have dark roots in the Sexual Revolution, the AIDS crisis, and cyberspace. The Blondes have done Sex, Death & Gender everywhere from junior high to 42nd Street, from Brown University to the Australian outback, from male to female and back again to neither. They've done it in both the Catholic Church and the Church of Scientology. They've done Tantra in lap-dancing parlors, and sadomasochism in ashrams. Now they wanna do it for you.

Kate Bornstein and Barbara Carrellas live, love, work, and make art outside the boundaries of traditional gender and sexual identities. Kate is the author of Gender Outlaw, My Gender Workbook, and Nearly Roadkill and is a highly acclaimed performance artist. She was born a boy, grew into a man, became a woman, and now considers herself none of the above. Barbara Carrellas is an internationally acclaimed sex educator and the cofounder of Erotic Awakening, a pioneering series of workshops focusing on the physical, spiritual, and healing powers of sex. Barbara has identified as heterosexual, bisexual, lesbian, gay, pansexual, omnisexual, and just plain queer. She now considers herself all of the above. . .for starters.

You can see the performance of Too Tall Blondes Do Sex, Death & Gender at the ODC Performance Gallery, 3153 17th Street @ Shotwell in San Francisco. Tickets are \$15. Order online at: www.queerculturalcenter.org, by phone at (415) 552-7709 or by email at Qcc99@aol.com

Friday / June 16th / 8:00pm

TGSF MID-MONTH SOCIAL

Okay girls, you wanted 'the wild child' to be your Social Chair! So belt up, strap in and keep your hands in the ride at all times, we're going in! Join your 'Resident Diva' at JEZEBEL'S joint - "The Bar for Doms & Daddies, Strippers & Trannys"! JEZEBEL'S joint is located at 510 Larkin St. @ Turk in San Francisco. You may want to grab something to eat in the Polk Street Area beforehand. I assure you this is only the beginning of many interesting excursions with 'the Diva' as your cruise director!

Thursday / June 22nd / 8:00pm

TGSF BIG SHOE AND END OF MONTH SOCIAL

Join TGSF as we celebrate PRIDE with the combined End of Month Social and our annual Talent Review 'The Big Shew'. It will be held at Kimo's, our last year's venue. Very cozy and intimate! There will be an excellent show with lots of great talent. So bring your friends and loved ones to Kimo's upstairs for an evening of fun and entertainment! Located on the corner of Polk & Pine. The doors open at 8:00 P.M. and the show starts promptly at 9:00 P.M. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

Sunday / June 25th / 10:30am

THE GLBT PRIDE CELEBRATION & PARADE!

The parade will start at Market and Beale and will proceed west on Market Street to Market and Eighth Street, which is an entrance to the Celebration Site located in San Francisco Civic Center. Come out, come out wherever you are, and march with us - show your Pride!

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Calendar of Events - June 2000

OTHER GROUPS

Pacific Center for Human Growth

A counseling oriented growth center sponsors all-inclusive gender support groups on every Friday at 8:00pm, 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-548-8283

Rainbow Gender Association (RGA)

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month 8:00pm at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose. Write to RGA, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170 or call 408-984-4044.

Sacramento Gender Association (SGA)

Blue Rose Chapter meets 8:00pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in Sacramento. Write PO Box 162907, Sacramento, CA 95816 or call 916-364-7212 for meeting locations. Website: www.sga-tg.org; email: www.sga.com.

Diablo Valley Girls (DVG)

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. 8:00pm at Club 1220, 1220 Pine Street in Walnut Creek. Write to DVG, PO Box 272885, Concord, CA 94527-2885 or call 925-937-8432.

DVG Rap Group (RCC)

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:00pm at Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Road, Suite 500 in Concord. For more information call 925-937-8432.

FTM

A support group for Female-to-Male cross dressers and transsexuals; Holds open Informational Meetings and closed Support Meetings. Write FTM International, Inc., 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415-553-5987.

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A social group for transgenders. Meets one Saturday each month at a private home in Santa Rosa for a potluck social from 4:00pm until early evening. Space is limited - Reservations Recommended! Call Diane or Anne at 707-██████████

Silicon Valley Gender Association (SVGA)

A new transgender support group meets at the Billy De Frank Community Center in San Jose on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. For more information, call 408-293-2429.

Far West Women (FWW)

A support group for TGs affiliated with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance in Humboldt County. Meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00pm in the GLBTA Center at Fourth and "D" Streets in Eureka. For information call the Center at 707-445-9760.

Santa Cruz Trans (SCT)

Bi-weekly social/support group for gender-gifted persons serving Santa Cruz and Central Coast. 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month at The Diversity Center, 1328 Commerce Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (831) 425-5422; 7:00pm

The Mid Peninsula Transgender Group (MPTG)

A support group for the LGBT community that meets at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Health Boutique, 1115 South B Street, San Mateo. For more information, call (408) 619-2908.

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Of Interest To You!

A TGSF Special Event!

THE REALLY BIG SHOE!

By Jamie Fenton

On Thursday, **June 22**, the talented women and men of Transgender San Francisco will present our annual variety show "The Really Big Shoe" at Kimo's. The show theme will reflect the theme of the GLBT Pride events taking place that week: "It's About Freedom".

If you have a variety act to perform and want to join us, please contact Jamie Fenton at [redacted]@tgforum.com or by calling (408) [redacted]. We will hold our rehearsal on Sunday, June 18th at 1 PM, also at Kimo's.

Working on "The Really Big Shoe" is fun, and it is a great way to warm up for the Cotillion. We welcome your participation, whether you're interested in performing or assisting as a volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Since becoming Secretary, I have been looking at the membership information trying to get the correct numbers for the newsletter. However, when looking at the last membership count in the May newsletter, the 1999-2000 Total Members is 256.

Figuring out the Total Members for this newsletter, I arrive at almost 100 less which can't be right. I will be making changes to the way the database has been maintained so I can get a more accurate count of the number of members we have in the club and hope to have a count for the next newsletter.

Debbie Cook

New Group Forming!

THE MID PENINSULA TRANSGENDER GROUP

Starting a new meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Location: Women's Health Boutique, 1115 South B Street, San Mateo CA 94401 / 650-357-9236.

Meeting dates and times: June 7, July 5, August 2, 2000, 7:30pm to 10:30pm.

Come join us at our first meeting May 3, 2000 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Two dressing rooms and one large bathroom for changing. Refreshments and friendship will be provided.

For more information contact Rachael Janelle at [redacted]@hotmail.com or call 408-[redacted] fax: 408-739-1199.

Significant Other Support - East Bay

Questions or concerns about your partner's crossdressing? Please call Julie at (925) [redacted] e-mail [redacted]@home.com or write to: Julie Freeman, PO Box 272885, Concord, CA 94527-2885.

Coming June 10th!

GENDER SPEAK: A READING BY TRANSGENDERED VOICES

Come listen and enjoy transgendered voices in our communities express their perspectives and their lives in a reading that celebrates another color of the rainbow we know as diversity. Come hear voices that challenge what is normally known as gender, and much, much more.

Saturday, June 10th, 7:00 - 10:00pm at the Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth Street (near Broadway), Downtown Oakland. For more information contact: Patricia Kevena Fili at (510) [redacted]

This event is free to the public and is sponsored by AIDS Project East Bay and the Butterfly Project.

Sunday, June 11th!

KQED PLEDGE NIGHT

By Stephanie Ann Blythe

Hello all you aspiring TV stars!

TGSF is volunteering to answer telephones for KQED Pledge Night on Sunday, June 11, 2000, from 6:00pm - 11:00pm. This is an opportunity to have fun and help support your local public broadcasting station. KQED's programming for that evening is: Greek Americans, Visions of Italy, and Irish Tenors.

The Irish Tenors is sure to make the phones jump off the hook. I have done two Pledge Nights and the music programs always draw a big response. Between pledge breaks you will enjoy a dinner provided by local restaurants and meet with the other groups who are also volunteering that evening. You can come en femme or in drab, but you will definitely be on camera several times during the evening.

If you are interested, please contact me by email: [redacted]@tgforum.com or by telephone at (510) [redacted]. I need to provide KQED with a list of participants by June 4, 2000, so don't delay. I will also be making an announcement at the May 25 end of month social at The Blue Muse.

Special Workshop - June 16th!

TEA FOR TS

On Friday, June 16th, from 6:30-8PM, Dr. Suzanne Dibble will be presenting a Breast Health Workshop for women in the Transsexual Community. Please join us for tea and cookies and a wonderful evening of learning.

The workshop will be held at the Billy De Frank Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 938 The Alameda in San Jose. For more info, please call Marianne Gallagher at the Billy D Center at 408-293-3040, x116.

Of Interest To You!

YOUR NEW ExCOM FOR 2000 - 2001!



From left to right standing: Nicole Cook (Prez), Aiyana Eveningstar (VPrez), Tianna DeVil (Co-Social), Telzey Adams (Co-Outreach), Stephanie Ann Blythe (Co-Education), Debbie Cook (Secy)

From left to right seated: Kalani Makanani (Co-Outreach), Serena Anderson (Co-Social), Deborah (Treasurer)

Missing: Meredith Memaran (Co-Education)

ELECTION RESULTS, 2000

A number of people (candidates) have asked if we would publish the election tallies and I have been informed that we are actually obliged to do so. As many of you already know, we had a rather large voter participation which I think bespeaks the interest that this election generated and your appropriate response. The unusual turn of events was of course the tie vote for the office of president which occasioned the runoff election that went on in May (*Ed. Note: since won by Nicole Cook*). I think we should express our gratitude to all these members who were willing to put themselves forward and I hope that we will all give our support to this ExCom.

President

44 Janis Ryan
44 Nicole Cook

Vice President

58 Aiyana Eveningstar (as a write in)
(three other people garnered one vote each)

Treasurer

80 Deborah C.

Secretary

54 Debbie Cook
35 Roxanne C.

Social

84 Tianna Marie

Outreach

48 Kalani
35 Telzey

Education

56 Stephanie Ann
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ON THE ROAD WITH MADAME PRESIDENT

By Nicole

Once again there was quite a bit going on, the end of April seemed particularly busy. The first event was the TGSF Mid Month Social on April 15th. This social was a bit different, we had a shopping trip to the San Francisco Shopping Center on Market street in San Francisco. Although a number of people have asked me to hold events like this we had a surprisingly small turn out. We actually started the event at the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station. Four of us (Stephanie Ann, Ally, Debbie and me) boarded the BART train and headed for the mall. The SF Shopping Center has an entrance from the Powell Street BART station. When we entered, a few people were already there (one was a visitor from England) and in the next 30 minutes we were joined by Aiyana and Lynnea. Our group proceeded from the food court on the BART level up the other seven floors of the mall. We stopped in a number of stores on our way up including Bebe where the clothes were nice but the prices were high. The top 4 floors of the mall is all Nordstrom's. I had contacted the Personnel Shopper program at that Nordstrom's and they provided me with brochures on their program, these were handed out to anyone who was interested (I have more if anyone wants one). By the time we reached the 8th floor most of our 8 shoppers had purchased something. Aiyana and I both spent some time in the dressing rooms (mainly on the top two floors where the cheaper stuff is). The make-up counter was a popular spot, as was the accessories area. As it got close to closing time several of us boarded the BART and headed back to the East Bay.

Every third Thursday which fell on April 20th this month is the San Francisco Community Center Program Committee Meeting. This group is working to get the new SF LGBT Community Center on Market Street open on time. During this meeting we had a number of LGBT groups who may want to have an office in the building in attendance to review our newly completed rules and application for tenancy (Which by the way the President of TGSF wrote with input from the rest of the sub-committee). The response was favorable.

On April 22nd in what has to be one of the largest turnouts that I have seen for a non-show SGA event, the SGA Social was held at Joseph's. Over 50 people were present at this meeting - more people than I have seen at any non-event transgender social I have been to. It was fantastic, I got to see many people who I had not seen in quite some time as well as a number of familiar faces. Now if we can get all of these people to renew their memberships we would really be in a good position to make some things happen in the Sacramento TG community. At first there was a mix up on our usual table in the dining room and it looked like we would not be able to get dinner to everyone but Joseph's arranged for us to be served in the bar area. We have since made arrangements to formalize our dinner reservations with Joseph.

I would also like to mention something else about Joseph's. Unfortunately the SVG event on May 6th was canceled due to some booking problems. This was unfortunate, but we need to keep the big picture in mind. Joseph's and SGA have a symbiotic relationship (we each need each other). No other group in the bay area has a venue like this where they can meet (and TGSF has been looking ever since the Chez Mollet closed). Keep in mind the discussions last year about the possible sale of Joseph's. We want Joseph's to stay in business and under it's current management. With this in mind Debbie and I are going to work more towards keeping informed with what is going on at Joseph's so we can try to avoid the sudden closing of any future TG events.

April 27th was a busy day. I ended up driving to San Francisco twice that day. The day started off in the morning at a City Council Sub Committee meeting where 11 appointments were being made to the Transgender Human Rights Implementation Task Force. I was one of 23 candidates who had applied for the Task Force. Each of the 23 candidates (who seemed to be mostly TS but evenly distributed among the FtM and MtF population) had about 2 minutes to speak. At the end of the meeting 11 candidates were selected. All of them were residence of San Francisco except one. This residence criteria seemed to be a primary concern. At least one and possible two members of TGSF were selected (I was not, I live 50 miles from SF). I am attempting to delicately inquire with Councilman Leno's staff about why the task force uses the term "Transgender" but seems to only have members who are "Transsexual". I do not want to impede all the potentially helpful work the committee could do, but I think they should represent the entire TG community (TS, CD, DQ or any other facet of the community).

Later in the evening of April 27th the TGSF End of Month was held at the Blue Muse. This meeting was the election for new officers. By now you may already have heard the results but here are the highlights. For the position of President there was a tie between Janis Ryan and myself. I know this is hard to believe but it actually happened. This underscores how important it is for each member to vote. Less than half the membership participated in the vote. Each of you must consider that this is one of the most significant ways you decide which way the organization goes. The uncontested Vice President position went to Aiyana Evening Star, Secretary went to the very talented and amazingly special Debbie Cook :-). The uncontested position of Treasurer went to Debra Canino. The other six seats went as follows: Social Chairs - Tianna M. DeVil, the other position is currently open and we are looking for volunteers to fill this position, Outreach Chairs - Kalani received the most votes with Telzey taking the 2nd position, Education Chairs - Stephanie Ann receive the most votes with Meredith taking the other seat. The run off election for President is in progress at the time I am writing this. We will know the results on May 25th. Remember to make your voice heard vote, or to really make a difference come to the ExCom meeting and volunteer.

Only a few days after the TGSF End of Month it was back to Sacramento for the Sacramento (CGNIE) Coronation on April 29th. This event was held at the Ford Museum, which is a rather interesting place with a wide variety of old cars in most of the building. The event was in their events room, which looked like it could handle about 200 people. Debbie and I drove there from work and did the "dress at the event" thing again. It worked great. We had a large restroom with almost no one else in it. We arrived about an hour early and after we got dressed we looked for other members of the CGNIE Ducal House (who are also SGA members). After hooking up with Krystal and Liz D. we headed for our table in the events area. The event was like most coronations, but the singing of the national anthem by TJ and Sheba was just fabulous. I am surprised they are not professional recording artists. It was interesting to see SGA members walking with three different courts.

On May 5th I attended the Transgender Health Care Conference at the Loral Heights campus of UCSF. This conference was held primarily for medical professionals who worked with Transgendered patients in the San Francisco area. A number of doctors in our resource guide (and some that are not) spoke at this conference including: Lin Fraser, Barbara Anderson, Lori Kohler, Dan Karasic, Virginia Cafaro and Barry Zevin. I was amazed to see how disconnected this group was from our community, a definite sign that we need more volunteers to help keep them informed. There were about 15 to 20 TG people in attendance both MtF and FtM, all of them appeared to be TS. About 6 of them were

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Coming Out Diva Style!

AND SO NOW YOU KNOW!

By Tianna M. Devil

As we all know coming of the closet is a very difficult task! Going out that door for the first time can be a gut wrenching nauseating experience. But eventually if you are lucky and get support, you will take that step and go timidly out into the world. First there

are the little trips alone to the mailbox, the ATM and other places where no one will really get a good look at you. Eventually there are small venues with other supportive people around. Yes and it gets better, you get more comfortable being out, but still mostly with friends. You get use to people looking at you and actually start to enjoy it when they do. You may even find yourself being put off a bit when they don't notice you at all! How ironic, eh!

Well for those of you that know me, know I've come down that path rather quickly to say the least! I've gone from being that shy blend with the background 'little' girl from Nebraska (yeah that's right, I'm originally a heaven forbid 'Cornhusker') to being your 'Resident Diva' and current Miss Transgender San Francisco 2000! I've been everywhere as far as clubbing is concerned! They don't open clubs or close clubs without 'The Diva', Honey! Being the high profile party girl that I am, my presence is requested at many social engagements. Tianna's face is well known. In fact, more people know me in femme persona that in male mystique! And I have a blast!

I do go pretty much wherever I want and people for the most part, accept me without hesitation. (Although there have been a few times, but that's for another story!) I'm not even averse to going shopping for Tianna in male mode, which always raises an eyebrow or two until I produce pictures of 'the Diva'! Now you would think that's being out wouldn't you? Even better, I've been 'out' at both my jobs with my co-workers for quite sometime now. And I have no issue at showing other interested parties my pictures either!

My job, (I work as a clinical nurse in Performance Improvement at St. Luke's Hospital) was to have their annual talent show on May 11th and my co-workers asked me to participate. Of course they were requesting 'the Diva'! At first I said sure why not! But then as the day grew closer, I started to have reservations! Sure I've done shows before, but they were always for a TG friendly crowd! Not only that, if I did this show, I would be 'out' in front of everyone at this hospital! All the cute girls that flirt with me, all the macho men that slap me on the back while telling about the cute girls and all the upper echelon bosses! Everyone!! And once you're out like that, you can't go back!

For the first time since I did my first Cotillion, I felt afraid and uncertain as to whether I could go through with it! So I called upon my crew (support group). Should I do this? I asked. And without hesitation, each one said "of course, you'll do just fine"! It being held at 2:30 p.m. on a Thursday, I figured that most people wouldn't be able to make it! But when I called my Ohana (family) Debbie and Nicole Cook and my sweet friend Ramona, "We'll be there girl!" was their only response! Now how cool is that! My ace running buddy Rachel couldn't make it due to family obligations. All right, my support is in place, my routine is almost flawless and I have the skill to make a good showing. Why am I still so nervous? My 'twin Dom sister' Nimat, came to my house a couple of days before to see my routine and help me pick something to wear. "Girl you'll do just fine", she said! "Just be 'the Diva'!"

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On the Road With Madame President...

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able to present, several more made comments during the conference. In the material they handed out there were Resource guides for the Transgender community in San Francisco that I have never seen (I have a copy of them and we are looking at including some of the resources in our guide). This was a full day event and a lot was discussed, talk to me if you want to know more.

On the 13th of May it was time once again for the SGA Social. This time we did not get 50 people but we did have a respectable 32 people present at the meeting. This time around we had made reservations and had our table in the dining room, which was expanded 3 times to accommodate all the people. A number of people signed up to go to the TG Social event at Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo. I think we have more SGA people than TGSF people going. I do not remember seeing any new faces, but I certainly saw a number of familiar ones. And I have to say that it is really a treat to go to an event with this many great people.

The 15th of May was a long day. After waking up at 4am, we began the day at DeAnza College where we spoke with 5 other TG people for 4 Human Sexuality classes. The first class was at 9:30am and the last class ended at 3:15pm. These classes however, are lots of fun and it is our chance to give some TG exposure to the younger segment of the population. While we do get some occasional "Pure Males" in the class we almost always get several people who express their genuine appreciation for our being there, not to mention the younger people who may be TG's asking us for more information. If any of you are thinking about being a speaker, let me know, it is lots of fun.

We left the South Bay and headed for the East Bay. Yes the night of the 15th was the DVG Anniversary party at Club 1220 in Walnut Creek. We arrived early after a trip through San Francisco to pick up the mail. We stopped at McDonalds for a bite to eat around 6:30pm and we were both tired. Just as we were talking about needing to do something to stay awake, a girl at the next table dropped her coke and a good bit of it hit me. Now freshly showered off with Coke we were off to Club 1220. We arrived around 7:15pm and were the first on the scene. We played pool until the girls started to arrive after 8pm. I was surprised to see such a large turnout. I did not take an exact count but it looked like more than 25 people were there. Some of the regular DVG members arranged for an award for Donna to recognize all of her effort in keeping the organization going (a well deserved award I might add). There was also a cake and several door prizes, in fact Debbie won a \$40 gift certificate to Penny's while we were there. I did see a number of new faces at DVG, however since we have not been there in a while this was not that surprising. Around 10pm we took off and headed home, we did not get to bed until around 2am.

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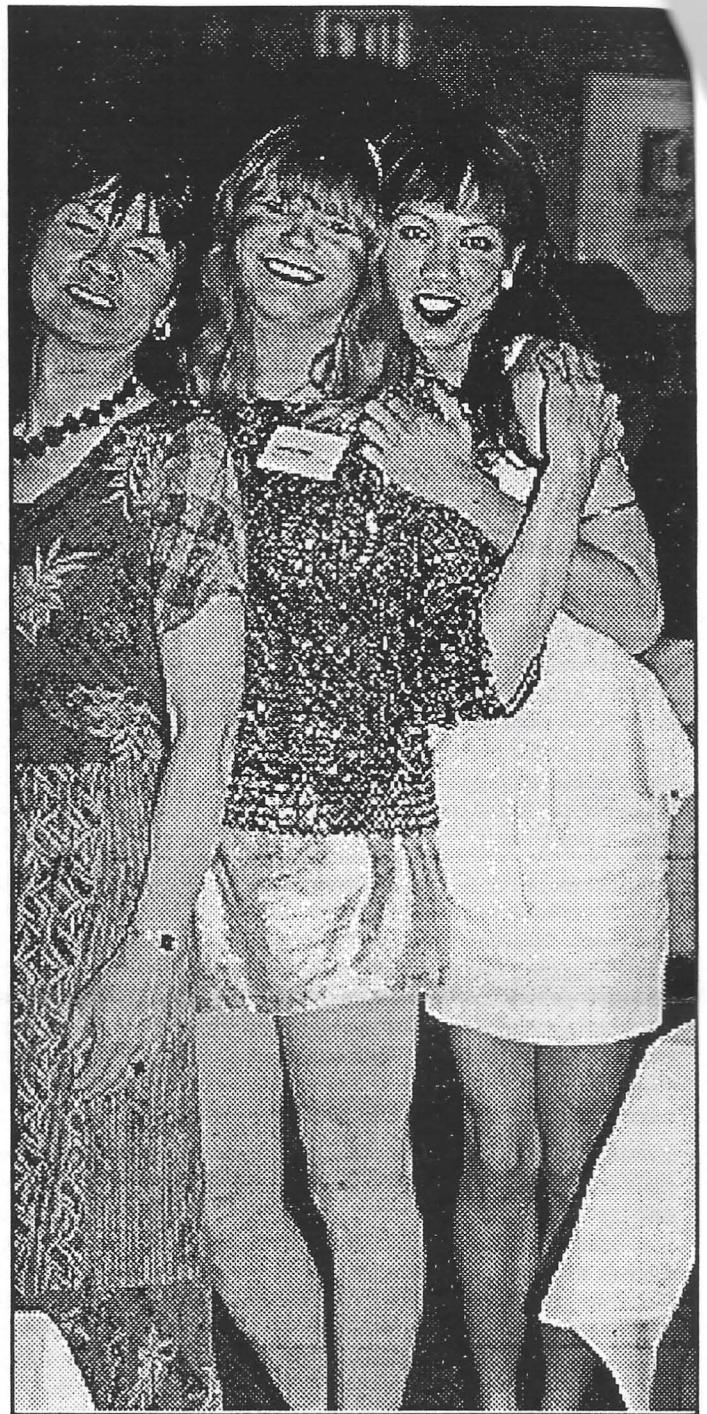
by Aiyana Eveningstar

When is enough enough and too much too much?! Some might say that everything has its limits, and some might say, "probably never". Of the two I am in the latter category. I don't know if it means I was deprived as a child, but I do know I want to experience as much of life as I can in the time allotted.

For me it is the philosophy of the Zen Buddhist who experiences every moment like the opening of a flower that must be nourished according to its needs. Some flowers will wither without great care, while others need hardly any attention at all. The trick to understanding it all is to sort out what's there and care for what you got.

I felt very honored at the awards ceremony to be the recipient of the Ginny Knuth Award. I expected to be elected your vice-president and spend the next few months quietly working in the background until I felt more confident about what I was doing. Life has a funny way of not turning out as we expect it to, but as the old Rolling Stones song goes it gives us what we need not always what we want. How did I end up being acting Vice-President? A mystery of life, but why else would I be here. I have talked with many members who have served TGSF in different capacities. Almost all of them have said that a person is never fully prepared for what needs to be done, but with the help of others it is enough. I hope with the help of others that I can do enough to make TGSF the best platform for transgender people to express their needs, communicate and interact in society as we have a right to do.

When I first came out and joined TGSF, I did so because I wanted Aiyana to have the right to be because "I" have a right to be. There are people who knew me before I came out that think that me being Aiyana is too much. As an individual it's hard to stand up to prejudice, bias, and bigotry. Each of us are as unique in who we are as those flowers that I mentioned in the beginning of this article. Each of us needs to have enough care according to who we are and what we are trying to be. In our group there is an assortment of people in various stages of coming out. Being in a group gives a person a certain recognition in society and the power to effect that society for change. Working together is the only way we can have enough of what it takes to change society. I don't think that's asking too much because that's why we're here. In my life I believe we're all here for a reason and there's no getting away from it, be it to care for others, sort out problems, or just plain old fun. When a person does all they can do that's always enough and never too much. It's the way of finding the truth of who we are and what we can be.



TGSF Socials are always a good place for cuddling up!

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MMOW SPEECH BY DANA RIVERS

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One year ago, almost to the day, I was an award-winning high school teacher working near Sacramento, California. Little did I know then that in the weeks and months to follow, my life story would be splashed across the pages of every major newspaper and television screen in the country. The reason? I am a transsexual woman. My decision to follow my doctor's advice and begin living life in my appropriate gender role hurled me from the complacent world of straight white male privilege into a whirlwind of discrimination and ignorance. Since those fateful days a year ago, I lost my job, my home, my marriage, and my financial security. Were it not for the compassion of friends and family, and a deeply rooted spirituality, I believe even my dignity would have been swept away.

Why is this? Why was I subjected to the ridicule of elected school board members who stated publicly that getting me out of the classroom was a 'holy issue'? Why were there no laws to protect me as a transgendered individual from their moralistic tirade? While most in the community supported my efforts to remain, it took just a few bigoted zealots to create an atmosphere of intolerance at my school. The time for quiet acceptance of this behavior is over. Our collective silence on matters of gender-based discrimination must end and the reason is not just because what happened to me is wrong. Consider that my problems are your problems. What happened to me can happen to you.

When one of us is victimized by discrimination, the perpetrator is rarely motivated by who the victim is sleeping with. Rather, it is often the victim's gender expression that causes the problem. Flaming gay men, butch lesbians, youth that choose to dress and act gender-queer. These people are my people, as they are yours. These people are subject to the same heinous behavior that I was subjected to, and in far more tragic circumstances, that Brandon Teena was subjected to. It is our silence that allows this to happen.

Last night as I rocked with over 40,000 of you at RFK stadium, I enjoyed the incredible music and I was inspired by the touching, sometimes tragic stories presented. I also noticed that at no point in over four hours of celebration was even the word 'transgender' uttered from the stage. This must change.

Today, as we stand together where so many civil rights activists have stood before us, we must make a pledge so that I can teach and people like Brandon can live and so we can all live our lives free from fear. We must set aside our differences and shatter the silence by declaring that each of us will work to promote gender rights in all places and at all levels of government. Together, we have traveled far on a road that has taken us from Joan of Arc's smoldering stake through the doors of Stonewall to this majestic mall. Together, the next page in history is ours to write.

GenderPAC's founder Riki Wilchens says that gender rights are human rights. I agree. Gender rights are human rights. We must own these words and their meaning. Gender rights are human rights. We must go back and act upon them in the towns and cities where we live and love. Gender rights are human rights. Today we must raise our hands and pledge, "I will not rest until we are all protected equally under the law, because gender rights are human rights."

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The morning of the show, I did what I usually do to ready myself for action, but still feeling a little queasy. Nicole and Debbie arrived to pick me up a little before I was ready. They could both sense my nervousness. Again support. As we headed toward the Hospital, it seemed to be the longest ride I'd ever taken. It didn't help that I was on tranny time either! We pulled up in front, Debbie and I got out and headed in. As we walked through the lobby, everyone's head turned to watch! I mean how often do you see a 6'7" black Diva in a miniskirt and fur trimmed bolero jacket walk anywhere in the middle of the day! Let alone in a hospital!! Even in San Francisco!!!

As we walked through the halls, people passed and look, but no one really recognized me. Except my co-workers, who've seen pictures. Now the show was being held in the cafeteria, a large space that grew larger as I entered. With 'my girls' flanking me I must say, that did enter in style! Fashionably late! I walked to the back leaving 'the girls' behind. I sat alone waiting for my turn to go on. There was some fabulous talent there! I sat and listen to each one, as my number was 9 out of ten contestants. Finally it was my turn, my co-worked Pam introduced me, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the stage San Francisco Resident Diva, the reigning Miss Transgender San Francisco, Diva Star 2000, Tianna M. DeVil." I walked out with my heart in my mouth to the most thunderous applause and greatest reception that I could image. Oh my god I was so overwhelmed! As my music began and I started singing, the crowd was really with me. At times cheering so loudly that could barely hear my music! (Of course it didn't hurt that I flirted with them either!) I could see the approval on their faces, in their smiles and in their eyes! As I finished, the ovation was incredible! Standing, applauding, whistling and shouting! I had won them over!

The awards were 1 through 4 going by talent, presentation and audience approval! So take a guess who won? If you guessed me, you're right! Again the audience was off the hook with cheers and approval! After the show, everyone came up to me saying how wonderful I looked, how much they liked me, how surprised they were and where did I get that skirt? The most recurring comment I heard was, "I didn't know"! My answer that was "and now you know"! I took pictures with a few of them and talked with as many as I could. It felt so very good to have everyone know and feel the acceptance of all but one. Who made a comment that I looked better than she did. I could tell she was a bit put off. But ya know Honey, she was right I did look better!

So Darlin' let me tell you, that you're not truly out until you're out in full face with everyone knowing who you really are! (Ask Darcy who did it before me!) And that's the story of 'How the Diva came out! Oh by the way, my name is A. Tamir Dillard aka Tianna M. DeVil 'Resident Diva'! And so now you know!



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LITTLETON MOTION FOR REHEARING DENIED — ONWARD TO US SUPREME COURT

By Phyllis Randolph Frye

On Thursday, 18 May 2000, the State of Texas took on the look of just plain SILLY!

The Texas Supreme Court (all elected Republicans) denied the Motion for Rehearing in the matter of Mrs. Christie Lee Littleton. Filed by out-and-proud, TG attorneys Alyson Meiselman (Maryland) and Phyllis Randolph Frye (Texas), the Motion's denial ended the final step available in Texas to appeal the silliness of a case published as LITTLETON V PRANGE and found at 9 S.W.3d 228.

Why silly? In denying even the chance to be heard, the Texas Supremes upheld the lower court which ruled that a person with a vagina cannot be legally married to a person with a penis if the court presumes that their chromosomes are the same. No testing was ever done.

Even though the lower court's decision was in violation of Texas law and the "Code of Medical Ethics" of the American Medical Association as to the confidentiality of genetic information, the Texas Supremes (all elected Republicans) refused to even hear it.

Even though the lower court's 1999 decision was in conflict with a 1991 federal decision covering a near identical fact pattern, with nearly the same issues, covering the same Texas laws and using the same caselaw references, the Texas Supremes (all elected Republicans) refused to even hear it.

Even though the lower court's decision was juxtaposed against over twenty years of numerous prior state actions done for and to Mrs. Littleton, the Texas Supremes (all elected Republicans) refused to even hear it.

And even though the lower court's decision was in violation of the Texas Constitution, and numerous provisions of the U.S. Constitution, the Texas Supremes (all elected Republicans) refused to even hear it.

Notice please that it was worse than just listening, considering and then ruling in favor of supporting the lower court's silly decision. No, the Texas Supremes took the election-year (all elected Republicans) way out and DID NOT EVEN HEAR IT!

So what happens next?

Meiselman and Frye are already setting their calendars to work with their volunteer, national legal team and present a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in August, 2000.

"It's just so damned unnecessary," says Frye. "This case is going to come around on down the road of time and bite a lot of people in the butts. The irony is that most of folks to be hurt in the future will NOT be the transgendered. Indeed, a good share of the future-butt-bitten will be conservative Republicans. If it was not so sad for Mrs. Littleton, I could almost laugh!"

Twenty years ago, Mrs. Littleton had genital corrective surgery and hormone therapy to correct birth differences so that she appeared as the vaginaed woman that her brain had told her she was since early age. Ten years ago, she married a man, he knew of her past, and they live happily with lots of vagina/penis intercourse for seven years. As Mrs. Littleton says, "My husband and I never used our chromosomes to have sex." While he was temporarily ill and unemployed, the Texas Attorney General even forced her, as his legal wife in a community property state, to pay his

child support. The husband died three years ago from an alleged medical malpractice. The courts have prevented Mrs. Littleton from suing the doctor, presuming (neither were ever tested) that she and her husband had matching chromosomes and so were of the same legal sex. (The story with photos is at <http://christielee.net>.)

It was a homophobic display by all elected, Republican judges of an anything, everything, even foaming at the mouth and wide-eyed radical right religious "by our Creator" determination, to keep a same-sex marriage of any configuration whatsoever from ever occurring. Please read the silly thing at 9 S.W.3d 228. (A copy is at <http://christielee.net>.)

As a result of this lower court's decisions, and the Texas Supremes (all elected Republicans) decision to not even hear the case, it will be just a matter of time before NON-transsexuals begin to feel the adverse results. It will not happen immediately, but in time, people will begin to have chromosome tests before they get married to protect themselves from a LITTLETON-type ruling someday in the future. For if not, later on down the road of time, say at death time (as the case of Mrs. Littleton's husband) or divorce time when lots of money or children are involved, smart trial attorneys will use LITTLETON V. PRANGE to presume chromosomes and try to void the marriage from ever having happened and boot out the aggrieved party as was Mrs. Littleton. If those smart attorneys do not, the chances are good that they will be sued for malpractice if their client loses and they did not try a LITTLETON chromosome presumption.

Between 20,000 and 800,000 Texans are intersexed and do not know it. Many of them are also conservative Republicans. Their chromosomes are neither XX nor XY. What do they do when they discover their marriage is now void and their adopted or surrogate kids may not be theirs? Or they are on the short end of what had been community property but now is back to separate property. Or they cannot sue for wrongful death of their spouse (as happened to the vaginaed Mrs. Littleton). There are a multitude of more adverse effects that can visit the NON-transsexual population of Texas in the future. Visit <http://christielee.net>.

These NON-transsexuals can always thank the Texas Supreme Court (all elected Republicans) for not even hearing the case. And many can blame themselves for voting a straight party slate at election time and not bothering to learn what so-called religious, extremist nuts are backing each down-ballot judicial candidate. This decision by the lower court (of all elected Republicans) and the refusal to even hear the merits on rehearing (by all elected Republicans) has nothing to do with a Republican perception of being economically conservative. No, this has to do with pure and hateful homophobia, vented at the benches of our legal system in preventing a grieving spouse from ever telling a jury how her spouse was wrongfully deceased. Not even a day in court.

But while each of you are thinking about it or just waiting to see what happens, play it safe by having sex with your chromosomes instead!

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Far Left Photo, Member of the Year, Aiyanna.

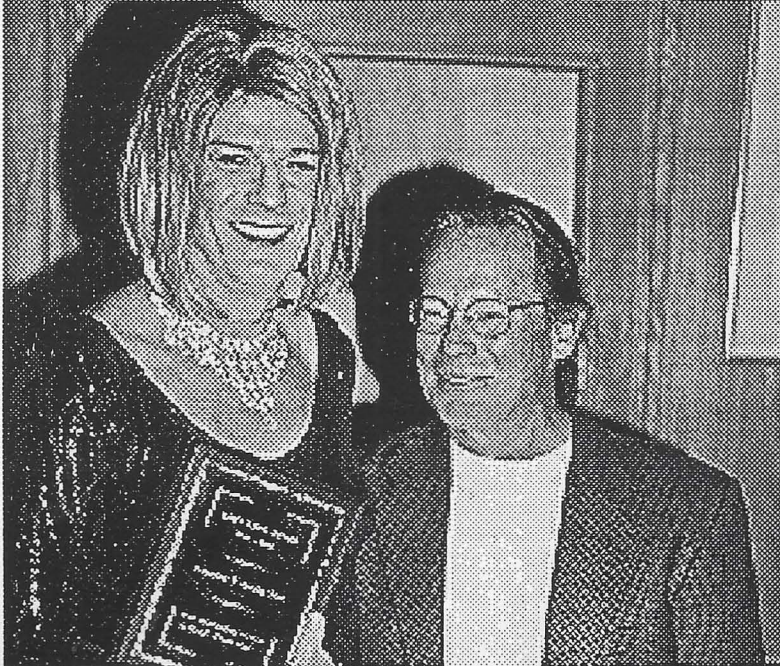
At Right, award winner Jamie Faye Fenton with Lulu Blau.

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Hey, who's that handsome guy next to Aiyanna?

Woo Hoo!

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**By Stef Brynen, Volunteer Coordinator
510-548-8283 or stef@pacificcenter.org**

We are having our annual Yard Sale fundraiser the week-end of **June 10 and 11** and we would love to have your help!

Do some spring cleaning and get rid of your (usable!) junk! Yard Sale donations are welcome here at the Center between Saturday, May 28th and June 9th. Please drop any donation off on the back porch and let us know if you would like a receipt for tax purposes. Please no electronics.

We're also looking for people to help with set-up and take-down, being a cashier and helping people in the various departments (clothing, shoes, books or furniture). There will be plenty of non-lifting jobs. Ralph is hosting this event, so you know it will be fun. Here is the breakdown:

Friday / 9am - Noon; We need people to help categorize the abundance of items.

Saturday / 7:30am-9am; Set-up (lifting and carrying is necessary here).

Sat & Sun / 8am, 11am, 2pm; The shifts are from 8am-11am, 11am-2pm and 2pm-5m. Here you will work departments and cashiers. No lifting necessary.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me (stef@pacificcenter.org), or Ralph (ralph@pacificcenter.org) here at the Center.

Enjoy your spring!

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New online mailing list for wives and SOs of crossdressers and men who consider themselves to be transgendered; no topic off limits. Attitudes range from complete acceptance to really struggling. Open to women only—no crossdressers please! Women need a place where they can feel safe to discuss these issues.

Write to Jenni at www.aluckywife@aol.com and explain a little about your situation.

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TRANS NEWS IN BRIEF

Taken from PlanetOut News

CA Assembly OKs Trans Rights (with thanks to the Lambda Letters Project)

The California Assembly on May 11 gave the minimum vote for passage to AB 2141 (Keeley), a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment and housing based on gender expression. Winning the 41 - 30 vote against opponents who didn't want employers forced to allow workers to cross-dress on the job is probably a bigger hurdle than the bill will face next in the Senate.

Sponsor Assemblymember Fred Keeley (D-Boulder Creek) said the bill would not alter employers' right to impose dress codes for legitimate business purposes, but that it would provide recourse for individuals who were fired or lost promotions because they were perceived to be not feminine or masculine enough to suit their employer. The bill to add the new protected category to the Fair Employment and Housing Act refers to identity, appearance or behavior not "traditionally associated" with the individual's actual or perceived gender.

Another bill awaiting a state Senate vote, AB 1851, would clarify the process for legally recognizing sex reassignments.

Victoria Trans Rights Attacked (with thanks to Graham Underhill)

In the Australian state of Victoria, transgenders were delighted in April at state Attorney General Rob Hulls' introduction of a bill to protect their civil rights. But the Melbourne Star Observer reports that a Christian fundamentalist group called the Salt Shakers has begun a scare campaign, writing to all the state legislators with a warning the bill would protect pedophiles who could disguise themselves as women in order to attack girls in public bathrooms. The use of public toilets has also been questioned by the all-party parliamentary committee reviewing the bill, along with placements in hospital wards and prisons.

The bill to add "gender expression" and "sexual orientation" to the Equal Opportunity Act will be debated in the state Parliament later this month.

Boulder, CO Trans Rights May Be Tested

A preoperative transsexual has filed a job discrimination complaint with Boulder, Colorado's Office of Human Rights which may become the first legal test of the city's new transgender civil rights law. Only complainant Benjamin Moore

has been willing to talk with reporters; her employer City Street Bagels has declined, while the Office of Human Rights is bound by confidentiality.

Moore, who is undergoing estrogen treatments, discussed in her hiring interview that she would be transitioning — and was wearing lipstick at the time. Moore usually has worn lipstick to work but not skirts or dresses, until a "Hawaiian Day" last month when some male employees wore paper skirts. On that occasion, Moore wore a pink skirt, but was ordered by her supervisor to change because the owner wouldn't like it.

Moore has already consulted with an attorney, but the Office of Human Rights hopes to mediate the dispute out of court.

UK Transwoman Wins Settlement from Pub (with thanks to GAIN)

Preoperative transsexual Lisa Jones won a written apology and 1,000-pounds in an out-of-court settlement with a Yorkshire pub whose owner had asked her to stay away. Although Jones had never visited the Jacob's Well bar in Honley, Huddersfield as a man, she was told that her presence in the bar discomfited male regulars while her presence in the women's bathroom disturbed the women.

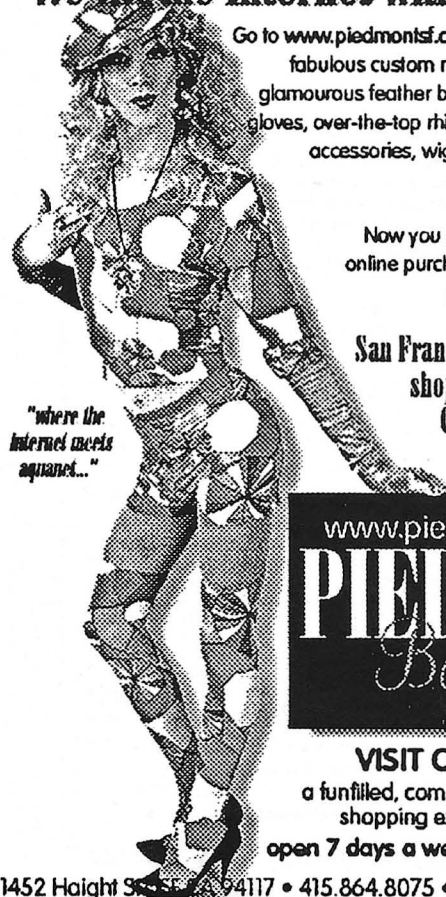
After the Equal Opportunities Commission agreed to take up the case, a settlement agreement was reached. As part of that settlement, pub owner David Woodhead made a written apology, including a welcome to return to his bar. Jones says that she won't go back as a matter of principle, but she hopes the case has helped to raise awareness in Britain of the discrimination transsexuals experience in the provision of goods and services.

June's Birthdays...

0604	Shelli Joye
0605	Lisa Lynn Ferguson
0608	Vikki Freitas
0608	Janet Freitas
0608	Jenny Marshall
0611	Karen Andrews
0612	Ti Connelly
0617	Lynnea Stuart
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