



GIRL TALK

Powder Puffs of California — Serving the California Gender Community Since 1987

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reminder

schedule for OZZ nights:
 saturday, dec. 2nd & jan. 6
 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm - Happy Hour
 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - Dinner
 9:00 pm to 1:00 am - Cabaret Show
 with Rudy
 9:00 pm to 2:00 am - Disco

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You, too? I thought I was the only one.'— C. S. Lewis
 submitted by member Teresa M.

Don We Now Our Gay Apparel

Everyone mark their calendars for Saturday, December 16th. That's the night for the All-SoCal Transgender Christmas Party hosted by Alpha Chapter at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Studio City. Please note: THERE WILL NOT BE A POWDER PUFFS MEETING THAT NIGHT. Everyone will be at the Beverly Garland. OK, those who didn't get the message, please raise your hand.

So, start airing out that cute little party outfit. The particulars are as follows. First, you must purchase your ticket by December 1st. (With the Thanksgiving holiday, you may not have received this newsletter in time.) Tickets may be purchased by calling Kathy Helms [redacted] or at Lydia's Fashions, 13837 Ventura Blvd. Ste. 2, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 [redacted]

[redacted] M-W 12-7, Th-Sat 11-8

Date: Dec 16th. Time: 6:45PM (reception) 7:30PM Dinner. Place: Beverly Garland Holiday Inn 4222 Vineland Ave. Studio City near 101 and 134 Freeways. Cost \$28/person Food: Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Vegetarian. Glass of wine (comp) Special Hotel rate for rooms - call 818-980-8000 ask for Alpha Chapter Christmas group rate.

Within the Hearts of Gender

On Saturday, February 3, 1996 a benefit will be held for the Hospices of Southern California at the Holiday Inn in Burbank, 150 E. Angeieno off the Golden State Freeway. The all-day affair will be highlighted by a Talent/Beauty Pageant beginning at 9 pm. Christine H., who has worked tirelessly on this project, has rounded up a variety of very desirable prizes for all contestants. Contestants need to contact Christine (pager: [redacted]) before December 31, 1995. For more info, you can write Michael Hochberg, 5259 Corteen Pl. # 103, N. Hollywood, CA 91607.

The day will begin with a flea market/swap meet & booksigning at the Holiday Inn from 10am - 4 pm followed by a cocktail hour between 6-7 pm. Dinner will begin at 7 pm followed by the pageant. RSVP (contact Christine) for dinner need to be made by January 16th. This is an important event for a very beneficial cause. Hopefully, the community will support it.

A Slice of Christmas

For those who have more pretty holiday dresses than opportunity to wear them, may I suggest Born Free's Christmas PotLuck Saturday, December 9th. Born Free has garnered an excellent reputation regarding their PotLucks, and I can personally say it is well deserved.

The organizers of the event have planned a Very Merry Christmas Dinner with turkey, and sweet potatoes, and pies. Please see Born Free, page 2

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What's Up Doc

Powder Puffs will ring in the new year with a visit from the doctor — Dr. Docter, this is. More specifically, Dr. Richard F. Docter, author of *Transvestites and Transsexuals: Towards a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior*, will help us get the new year in high gear by sharing his thoughts and research with us.

The good doctor has a vast research history and has developed many ideas in this area. This is a meeting you will not want to miss and you will have an opportunity to address one of the true experts in this field.

As of this writing we will still be at the Best Western Motel in Artesia. Same time, same station. See you there.

Powder Puffs Calendar

Dec 16 — Beverly Garland Hotel, Vineland Ave. near 101 Fwy & 134 Fwy, Studio City, CA - Hosted by Alpha Chapter
Time - 6:45 PM
Cost - \$28.00 pp.

NO REGULAR MEETING at the BEST WESTERN on DEC 16th

Jan 20 — Best Western Motel, Pioneer Blvd @ 91 Fwy, Artesia, CA
7:30 pm Buffet Dinner
8:15 pm Meeting with guest speaker Dr. Richard F. Docter

Thank You!!

I'd like to send out a very warm Thank-You to lovely Loren for bringing a delicious cake for our Thanksgiving repast. Her beautifully decorated creation was as much fun to look at as it was to eat. Prez DeeGrade points out that everyone is welcome to bring a dessert to our functions. So all you Cordon-Bleu-graduate wanna-bes, tie on your aprons and see what you can whip up.

Woodward & Bernstein Wannbes

This message is for those who aspire to great investigative reporting or those who simply wish to express themselves in print. If you have something you would like to contribute to the newsletter please send it directly to the editor rather than Dee or Joan. It gets to me faster that way. You may send it via snail mail to Cyndi Silk, P.O. Box 51611, Riverside, CA 92517-2611 or e-mail to SilkRun@aol.com

For those with a computer but no e-mail service, you can send a 3.5 inch diskette in either MacIntosh or PC format. I have a MacIntosh with Word and WordPerfect but have translator software for PC-formatted diskettes. However, to be on the safe side send along a hard copy just in case. No computer? Just scratch it out in any legible manner and I'll do my best to work with it.

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Certainly you get your money's worth at one of these feasts. The dishes have already been planned, so if you were not on the sign-up list don't worry. Just show up in your Christmas best and enjoy the festivities. Those contributing a dish have been given the option of turning in their receipts for a reimbursement or donating the amount to support a local women's shelter — a very worthwhile cause indeed!

The meeting begins a 7:30 pm at the Hampton Inn, 1590 University Ave. in Riverside. Look for the zebra on the door. The meeting fees are \$10 members and \$12 non-members. Christmas Dinner is FREE! Questions? Contact [redacted] (Arlene & Betsi) or [redacted] (Patti). Mail should be addressed to Born Free, PO Box 3822, Riverside, CA 92519-3822.



President's Message

by Dee Grady

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Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas

and a

Prosperous New Year

and

Hugs to all of you in the Community

Dee

Jane Thomas Stresses Challenges, Responsibilities
for the Transgender Community

By Melanie Yarborough (Neutral Corner)

At Powder Puffs' October meeting, the Special Guest Speaker was Jane Thomas, Ph.D. She related one of her favorite stories about a class she taught on Human Sexuality. She once posed this question to the students: "If you woke up one day in a body of the opposite sex, not would you live as that sex, but could you?" One of the girls when asked replied tentatively "Yes." She might not like it, but she could probably live as a man. Then, turning to a strapping football player, Jayne asked if he could live as a woman. "For a day only?" he asked. "No, for the rest of your life," was the reply. There was a long pause as the enormity of this dawned on him. "Oh sh-t!" he yelped.

This anecdote illustrates perfectly how men and women view transgender issues. Many women do have the sensitivity to

appreciate life for men. Many men, on the contrary, are at a total loss to understand what women experience daily.

"We live in a society that is uptight because of its own insecurities," Dr. Thomas notes. "When men grow up, they have to follow a much narrower road . . . When we crossdress, we make a statement about ourselves and our society. (We) want to be able to express a tenderness and sensitivity that (we) can't express in (our) role as men. We live in a society that doesn't let men express that."

Dr. Thomas looks in some ways like a stereotypical, humorless, lesbian psychology professor: Her blonde hair is styled in an austere pageboy with sharply cut bangs, her nonsense wire-frame glasses fit snugly over her face, and she's attired in a sober black blazer and slacks, with a white jewel-neck blouse. However, in conversation, she soon reveals herself to be a warm and disarming person, frequently indulging in humorous asides.

The difficulty for many transgendered people, she points out, is "you're trying to do this without the education that genetic females have." As a reassigned woman herself, Dr. Thomas jokes that "they didn't give me an owner's manual for this equipment," on things such as how to behave as a woman in public, how to interact with men, etc. But how do genetic females themselves become women? They go through an adolescence — experimenting, making mistakes, surviving blunders, learning, and moving on. "Being able to have these experiences in a safe way" is crucial for the transgendered. While there are a lot of books on how to dress, talk, and act like a woman, the only way to learn is to get out there and practice. Could you learn to be an auto mechanic or a surgeon just by reading about it? This principle is the same.

Also, it's important that the entire family be involved in the counseling process around transgender issues. "Excluding people leads to sorrow . . . and I don't think it has to be that way," Jayne notes. Ironically, in many situations, the problem is that the husband is transgendered in a *non-productive* way. One spouse once commented, "I wish my husband was more of a woman; concerned with meeting the needs of his mate, and not just looking pretty." A successful relationship requires COMMUNICATION — TRUST — SELF DISCLOSE — ALLOWING YOURSELF TO BE VULNERABLE.

Children and their being informed is another delicate matter. Jayne is emphatic on the need to not force these issues on them. For the first half-dozen years of a child's life, they are forming their own ideas on gender differences and their own identity. Mixed messages may confuse them.

One member of the group in attendance told this story: One crossdresser he knew was a widower with a five-year-old daughter. The child had periodically seen her father in female attire, and once in a bikini, at a private pool party. She unquestionably accepted all this. However, one time they went Please see **Jane Thomas**, Page 4

QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

Since this is going to be the last newsletter for 1995 I'm taking the liberty of looking back about what situations have transpired in the Powder Puffs of California (PPOC) and the rest of the community over the past months and give the reader my personal perspective about these events. Here we go:

1. Powder Puffs became the second affiliate of the Renaissance Educational Association in Southern California. With so many past or present Renaissance officers on its editorial staff Cross Talk Magazine holds the distinction of being the first affiliate on the west coast. :-)
2. Powder Puffs has new and dynamic president Dee Grady to replace old and exciting past president Patti Barton. :-)
3. Alison Laing is now the IFGE Executive Director. :-)
4. Powder Puffs also has some fresh new (and I might add younger) faces on the board. :-)
5. The gracious and lovely Cyndi Silk took over the editing and production of our monthly newsletter Powder Puffs Girl Talk. :-)
:-) :-)
6. California Dreamin' '95 was a huge success by any stretch of the imagination. We only had to send Christine home three times to change into something more appropriate for a public gathering. :-)
7. Powder Puffs has established a great working relationship with the Bay Area Groups and these folks are working hard on the blockbuster California Dreamin 1996. :-)
8. Our own Justine Sahnjay has written a book entitled "The Man In The Red Velvet Dress" which is scheduled to hit the major national chain bookstores in March 1996. :-)
9. The best part of Justine's book is that I'm mentioned in it along with some of the also rans, like JoAnn Roberts, Kym Richards, Virginia Prince, etc. :-) :-) :-) :-)
10. The strained relations between Powder Puffs/California Dreamin' and IFGE were ended thanks to the efforts of Linda

Buten, Laura Caldwell, Yvonne Cook-Riley, and Alison Laing. Thanks gals. :-) :-) :-) :-)

11. Instead of having a separate IFGE convention in Southern California in 1997 there will now be a combined convention entitled "California Unity '97." :-) :-) :-) :-)

12. Last, but not least, the most noteworthy news event for 1995 has to be the resignation of Merissa Sherrill Lynn as IFGE Executive Director. Even though I vehemently disagreed and disapproved of her management style I acknowledge that Merissa has to rank with Virginia Prince as one of the great visionaries of the gender community and wish her a successful retirement.

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together to a public beach, and the father wore his usual male swim trunks. "Psst, Daddy," said the little girl, "Put your top on so they don't see your bobbies!"

On the whole, Dr. Thomas sees many positive developments for the transgender community. While shows like *Geraldo* may present a distasteful view of crossdressers and transsexuals, they do desensitize viewers, who will no longer see it as a menacing unknown. And in the past, when a husband revealed his crossdressing to his wife, the marriage more often than not ended in divorce. Jayne now sees more couples trying to work out these issues. And the importance of what we are doing should not be overlooked. "We're trying to let society get a glimpse of what it means to be a complete human being."

Bizarro

By Dan Piraro





I Love LA

The purpose of this column is to inform the reader of the many places of interest in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area for the transgendered person. It is NOT recommended that you go crossdressed. Should you choose to do so, the risk is all yours.

Frederick's Museum of Unmentionables

Long before Victoria had her secret, Frederick had lingerie lovers in the cup of his hand. the late Frederick Mellinger — the prince of push-ups, the guru of girdles, the king of kinky — gave his first name and his life's work to his famous bra-and-panty emporium, Frederick's of Hollywood. As befits one of the true stars of the Walk of Fame, his flagship store on Hollywood boulevard has its own lingerie museum.

You can't miss the store, a glamorama landmark with fuchsia awnings and pink and purple neon, not to mention the unmentionables in the window. The small museum in back opened in 1989.

From whence did this La-La land of lingerie come? And how has "Hollywood" become Frederick's definition as well as its location?

Like a tunnel of love, the exhibit beckons with its sweeping marble staircase curving upward into a pink-neoned hallway, where just a hint of the collections within peeks around the corner. entranced, you enter.

Once inside, you find the social history of post-World War II lingerie, from Frederick Mellinger's silken seduction of a plain-pantied America, to the sexy apparel appeal of stars such as Lana Turner and Madonna.

The museum offers a trip down mammary lane, with exhibits such as "Missiles and Snow Cones," displaying Frederick's pointedly fulsome 1950s bras; and "An Array of Color," a palette of pink and purple push-up bras that reveals how a dash of color can shake things up.

Looking at these alterations in America's undressed code, one is amazed that Mellinger's newly founded New York mail-order company shocked the nation in 1946 simply by creating a line of black lingerie. It hit the white-cotton world like a Hollywood bombshell.

Next came Frederick's push-up bras, merry widows, and later, the bikini (it was Frederick's that brought the scandalous swimsuit to America). Having escaped the trussed-up Victorian corset culture, women now were given licentious license to strap

on sexier versions of their grandmother's unmentionables — for bedroom, not ballroom, affairs. The sexual revolution was built on such foundations.

Of course, Hollywood helped too. In tribute, the museum's Celebrity Lingerie Hall of Fame has the bras, slips, bustiers, petticoats and garter belts of Mae West, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Elizabeth Taylor, Cher, Ava Gardner, Ethel Merman, Shirley MacLaine and many other famous figures. Even Tony Curtis has a bra on display (From the film classic "Some Like it Hot"). The queen of indecent exposure, Madonna, is represented by a black bustier with pointy tips that could put an eye out.

From simple mail-order business to a 200-store chain, Frederick's of Hollywood has come a long way, baby, and its lingerie museum reveals this lacy face of fashion at its buxom bust — er, best.

If you go

Frederick's of Hollywood Lingerie Museum

Address: 6608 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028

Phone: [REDACTED]

Directions: The museum is inside the Frederick's of Hollywood flagship store on Hollywood Blvd.

Hours: Mon-Sat, 10-6; Sun., noon-5

Admission: Free

The preceding article was reprinted from Laura Bergheim's *Weird Wonderful America* column. It appeared in *The Press Enterprise* on April 2, 1995.

Skin products diminish dark undereye circles

By Patricia A. Spencer

Taken from the Press-Enterprise, August 27, 1995

Eye Contour Gel by Clarins is effective in cosmetically diminishing puffiness and dark circles around the eyes.

In the morning, after your moisturizer has dried completely, apply a very small quantity with light, pressing motions in on the entire eye socket region. Eye Contour Gel, with plant extracts such as chamomile, marigold, cornflower and mallow, is nonoily and fragrance-free.

On days when you want to wear makeup, try Quick Fix by Dermablend. Quick Fix is a very effective coverup.

It comes in a lipstick tube type of applicator and is quite easy to use.

Both Eye Contour Gel and Quick Fix are available in fine department stores.

TG News: "From Around the Corner to Around the Globe"



Brain may key male-to-female transsexualism

By Malcolm Ritter

The Associated Press

Taken from the Press-Enterprise, November 2, 1995

Men who want to become women may have key brain structures that are biologically female already, a small study of male-to-female transsexuals suggests.

"It might be an explanation for the fact that those people feel female although genetically they are male," said researcher Dr. Dick F. Swaab.

The cause of transsexualism is a mystery that scientists have sought to attribute to psychology or biology. Experts say they think the condition is rare, but that there are no reliable figures on how common it is.

Swaab and his colleagues examined the brain samples from dead people. They reported that, on average, the size of a certain brain structure in six male-to-female transsexuals was about the same size as what they found in women, and smaller than what they found in gay or heterosexual men.

Other scientists cautioned that the result may have been produced by the sex-change treatments the transsexuals went through.

Still, the study is "opening up a whole new area of questioning and it's adding to all the studies that have come out in the past 10 years pointing to biological factors that influence human sexual behavior," said Sandra Witelson, a professor of psychiatry and biomedical sciences at McNaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Swaab is director of the Netherlands Institute of Brain Research in Amsterdam and a professor of neurobiology at the University of Amsterdam. He and Dutch colleagues present the work in today's issue of *Nature*.

Roger Gorski, a professor of neurobiology at the University of California at Los Angeles, said that going from the finding of one tiny brain structure to an explanation for a person's sexual identity is "a big leap." But the study is "a step in that direction, and I think an important one," he said.

The study focused on a brain structure called the BSTc that plays an important part in rodent sexual behavior and may do the same in people.

Researchers found that, on average, the structure was 31 percent smaller in 11 heterosexual women than in 12 heterosexual men. The BSTc in transsexuals was on average about the same size as it was in the women's brains. Nine gay men had about the same average size as the heterosexual men.

Swaab said he doubts the BSTc itself is responsible for transsexualism. Instead, it appears to be part of a larger brain network that makes a man feel like a woman, he said.

Dr. Thomas Wise, director of research at the sexual behaviors unit at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said he is not convinced that the study showed an innate difference in transsexuals.

The reduced size of the BSTc might be due to the estrogen treatments they took to expand their breasts and otherwise feminize their bodies, or from the drop in their testosterone due to sex-change surgery or medication, he said.

Fish changes sex

Species alters itself to suit events

The Associated Press

Taken from the Press-Enterprise, November 14, 1995

San Diego

A species of fish that can change sex, altering genitalia and behavior to suit social circumstances, has been discovered off the coast of Okinawa, Japanese and American researchers report.

The tropical fish normally lives in groups of one dominant male and several females. If a larger male comes along, the dominant male changes into a subservient female; if something happens to the new dominant male, the largest female becomes a male, even if it was a male once before. It has generally been believed that such changes were irreversible. The fish, a variant of the gobi called *Trimma okinawae*, was discovered by marine biologist Tokomi Sunobe of the Natural History Museum and Institute in Chiba, Japan.

Biologist Matthew Grober of the University of Idaho told a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience on Sunday that at least three species of fish have been identified that can change sex repeatedly when required. Restructuring of genitalia and their brain takes place in about four days.

Grober said he and his colleagues have been able for the first time to induce the 2-inch fish to undergo such sex changes in the laboratory.

The discovery is significant because the brain region involved in the sex change is the same region recently suggested to cause transsexuality in humans, Grober said.

Obviously the major reason these fish keep changing their sex back and forth all the time is that they never follow the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Had these fish been required to cross-live for two-years the scientists would never have observed all these fish switching back and forth. By the way, when these fish do change sex, do they ever forget and go into the wrong bathroom? Just kidding.

Note: Powder Puffs has two photocopies of the *Nature* paper in their library. See Prez DeeGrade if you would like to check it out. It is a fascinating read — *Cyndi*.



The White Pages

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Jim Bridges Boutique, 12457 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 103, Studio City, CA, [REDACTED]

Shana's: Shirely & Faye's designer clothing and fashion accessories. Discount prices. Call [REDACTED]

Lydia's T.V. Fashions, "Where Your Feminine Experience Begins," 13837 Ventura Blvd. Ste. 2, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, [REDACTED] M-W 12-7, Th-Sat 11-8

Jessica's Bridal & Formals, Dress making & alterations, Call Maria, [REDACTED]

My Secret Place, "A Specialty Consignment Store for Size 14+ Women Only," 18862 Beach Blvd., #116, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (between Ellis & Garfield), [REDACTED]

Albert's Hosiery Stores, Full-fashioned stockings — special occasion hosiery, 6336 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood & Vine) Hollywood, CA 90028, [REDACTED], mail orders accepted.

Second Time Around, "Distinctive Consignment Apparel for the Upscale Shopper," Jonella Tescone 298 E. 17th St., #B, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, [REDACTED]

De 'An Drew Designs, Stockings & Pantyhose, 8884 Warner Ave., Suite 172, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

JEWELRY

Jewels by Parklane, Specializing in the highest quality ladies fashion jewelry — unconditionally guaranteed (ask about our \$100 free shopping spree for \$10), Jeani Adams, [REDACTED]

Cookie Lee, Fine fashion jewelry — home & office shows, Genie Lalama, [REDACTED] (by appointment).

MEDICAL SERVICES

Shirely Lampert, M.A., MFC. Professor of Human Sexuality, Psychotherapist, ASSECT AND AMERICAN BOARD OF SEXOLOGY. Certified Sex Therapist. Specializing in working with the TS & TV community. [REDACTED], 1151 Dove St., Ste 105, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Brad Taylor, M.A., MFCC, 462 Linden Drive, Suite 230, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sliding scale, free initial consultation

Transgender Counseling & Research Center, 4545 Park Blvd., Ste. 207, San Diego, CA 92116, [REDACTED] Jan Eder, Psy. D., Educator & Research Director.

Patricia Wojdowski, M.S.W. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 4926 La Cuenta Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92124, [REDACTED] (by appointment).

Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., 17162 Sunburst St, Northridge CA 91325, [REDACTED]

Regal Opticians, 2402 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057, [REDACTED]

ELECTROLYSIS & SKIN CARE

Kathryn Robbins Electrolysis & Skin Care, located in Yorba Linda, [REDACTED]

Beach Electrolysis by Gwen & Judy, 350 N. Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, 310-318-9747.

Electrolysis by Bambi, Dana Point Electrology, 34213 Pacific Coast Hwy, Ste. G, Dana Point, CA 92629, [REDACTED]

Electrology by Nadine Mae Hill, R.E., Huntington Beach, CA, [REDACTED], Call for Location

Layla's Electrolysis & Artistic Beauty, Westwood CA, [REDACTED]

Skin Today, European Beauty Care, 28752 Marguerite Pkwy. #17, Mission Viejo, CA 92692, [REDACTED], Dorita Beck

HAIR & COSMETICS

Hair to Wear Wigs, 1716 Andreo Ave., Torrance, CA 90501, [REDACTED], also featuring Joe Blasco Cosmetics.

Syivia's Wigs, 22722 Lambert Suite 1708, Corner of Lambert & Lake Forest, Lake Forest, CA [REDACTED]

Sylvia's Wigs, 2612 S. Bristol St., Corner of Bristol & Central, Santa Ana, CA [REDACTED]

Jenny's Wigs, 384 S. Tustin Ave, Eldorado Plaza, Orange CA [REDACTED]

Fantastic Hair & Nail Design, 11851 Gilbert St., #105, Garden Grove, CA 92641 (corner of Gilbert & Costco St.), [REDACTED] Nancy Rodriguez is available on Wednesdays & Saturdays only.

Mary Kay, Terri Davis — Independent Professional Beauty Consultant, 4607 Ostrom Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713, [REDACTED]

Make-up by Meier, Harry Meier, Makeup Artist, 1743 E. Wilson Ave #6, Orange CA [REDACTED]

SPECIALTY SERVICES & PRODUCTS

Melody Products International, Announces a new catalog of products for your feminine needs coming in September, 1995, P.O. Box 2142, Yorba Linda, CA 92686.

Classic Curves, "Get the Maximum Curvature with a minimum of Effort," foundations by Espy Lopez, 2620 Carson St., Ste 55, [REDACTED]

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Powder Puffs Rap Sheet

Community Events and Other Happenings — "All Work and No Play Makes Jill a Dull Girl"

On the Local Scene

Places to go, Things to do, People to see.

First Tuesdays

Come Taste the Night at Marlayna's T- Party. Tommy Tang's, 7313 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. Reservations: [REDACTED]

First Fridays

Peal — TS support group, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 7:30 pm. Call [REDACTED]

First Saturdays

Powder Puffs Night at the Ozz — 6321 Manchester Blvd., Buena Park [REDACTED] Time: 6:30pm-2:00am.

Ladies Knight Out (Heterosexual couples in a committed relationship only) for information write to: LKO, P.O. Box 19608-0179, Irvine, CA 92713

Second Saturdays

Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess: Meets at Burbank Holiday Inn. Contact Kathy Helms, [REDACTED] or Virginia Prince, [REDACTED] for information and requirements.

Born Free: University Room of Hampton Inn, 1590 University Ave., Riverside. 8:00 pm. Contact Born Free, P.O. Box 3822, Riverside, CA 92519-3822, [REDACTED] for info.

CHIC: CHIC emphasizes strict security. Meetings are closed except to members and invited guests. Write to CHIC, P.O. Box 8487, Long Beach, CA 90808 for information and requirements.

Second & Fourth Saturdays

"On the Scene Night" and *"Fetish Night,"* presented by Marlayna & Melissa at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. [REDACTED]

Third Saturdays

Powder Puffs of California, Pioneer Room of the Pioneer Best Western Inn, Artesia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92686. [REDACTED]

Club Cherchez La Femme, "Suite Saturday Dance Party" by Marlayna & Tasha at the Executive Suite, 10 pm, 3428 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach [REDACTED]

Fourth Saturdays

Neutral Corner, meets at King's Inn, Hotel Circle, 7:30 pm. Contact P. O. Box 12581, San Diego, CA 92112. Contact [REDACTED]

Second Sundays

The Los Angeles Gender Center, monthly support & informational group meeting for the transsexual (FTM & MTF), transgender communities. The Women's Center, 1512 S. Robertson Blvd., LA. Contact The Los Angeles Gender Center, [REDACTED]

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Androgyny, meetings Tuesday nights from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm in Santa Monica, CA; Wednesday nights from 8:00 pm-9:30pm in Riverside, CA. Contact Androgyny, P.O. Box 480740, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Call between 9:00 am-9:00 pm, mention your call is concerning Androgyny, [REDACTED] (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or [REDACTED] (ask for Paula)

On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Jan 1996, ETVC Cotillion, San Francisco, CA, Contact ETVC, P.O. Box 426486, San Francisco, CA 94142-6486

Feb 10, 1996, 7th Annual "Gala Ball", Cedar Rapids, IA, hosted by Iowa Artistry. Write P. O. Box 75, Cedar Rapids 52406-0075, call [REDACTED]

Feb 22-25, 1996, Texas "T" Party, Dallas, TX. Info: P.O. Box 700742, San Antonio, TX 78270, call [REDACTED]

Mar 24-31, 1996, IFGE "Minnesota Pride Celebration '96", Minneapolis, MN. Contact IFGE, P.O. Box 229, Waltham, MA 02154. call [REDACTED]

Apr 25-28, 1996, California Dreamin', San Francisco, CA, Contact [REDACTED], Yorba Linda, CA 92686, [REDACTED]. E-mail Dreamin96@aol.com

Upcoming!

December 16, Christmas Party, Beverly Garland Hotel, Studio City, \$28, hosted by Alpha Chapter

February 3, *Within the Hearts of Gender Talent/Beauty Contest*, Burbank Holiday Inn

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NIGHT SPOTS

OZZ Supperclub, Restaurant, Hi-tech Danceclub, Cabaret Lounge, 6231 Manchester Blvd, Buena Park CA, [REDACTED]