

GIRL TALK

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

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Alpha Chapter / Powder Puffs Holiday Buffet

Powder Puffs will NOT be holding a meeting in December at the Placentia Holiday Inn. As has become a holiday tradition, Powder Puffs and Alpha Chapter are again coming together this year to host a "Holiday Feast" (perhaps Dee will carve the Roast Beast?). The festivities will be held at the Burbank Holiday Inn, the site of our early California Dreamin bashes. It is located at 150 E. Angelo St. in (I got to say it) beautiful downtown Burbank.

The timetable is as follows:

Reception: Room 18 (cash bar) 6:45 to
7:30 pm

Dinner: New Carousel Room at 7:30
pm

Dessert & Party: Room 18 (cash bar)
Cost: A meager \$22 per person

Le Menu

*Tossed Salad, rolls, beverage
Roast Sirloin of Beef*

or

*Nearly Me, rather, Breast of
Chicken
Cheesecake*

You are requested to leave a name, phone number or address, and choice of Beef or Chicken.

Also, in the spirit of the season, you are invited to bring an unwrapped new toy (not greater than \$10 value) for a needy boy or girl.

There will be prizes, great food, music, fun, & memorable times. So break out your sexy party dress and Party Down!

Long-time ETVC and community heroine passes away

Juana [REDACTED] of ETVC has reported that long-time community leader Ginny Knuth of ETVC has passed way. in late November. Ms. Knuth passed away in her sleep last November. She did not wish to have a funeral, opting for cremation by the Neptune Society. A celebration of her life will take place the evening of December 3 at Marlenas. All are encouraged to attend.

Happy

New

Year



Please, oh please phone your
reservations by Dec 5th to:

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The Reunion: Introducing the New Me !

by Loren Wingert

EEK! I did it . . .

I had not really planned on going. In fact I had actually tossed all of the paperwork for my 20th high school reunion.

I don't need to go there at all, I thought to myself. But before I tossed the paperwork, I wrote down the phone number of one of my close high school pals, whose name I noticed was on the reunion committee. I decided to give him a call just to say Hi. I was not going to tell him of my new gender status.

He already knew.

Hmmmm.... word does seem to spread! And he was so nice and friendly, he encouraged me to attend.

I just had to write and describe the happenings of the evening.

Shopping, shopping, shopping, and more shopping.

What to wear?

I settled on a basic long-sleeve dress, fairly high cut neckline (no cleavage — this time), soft black with glittery sparkles. An elegant looking dress, not too flashy, not too trashy. I did not want to appear as a drag queen or a slut.

What to match it with?

I chose a pair of plain black pumps with only a 1 1/2 inch heel. I wanted keep the height to a minimum and avoid any "RUPAUL" jokes (just in case you're wondering, I am 5'10" and stand 6'1" in 3" heels).

As I arrived at the check-in table at the reunion, the hostess said "I need you to give me your maiden name." I just looked at her and smiled. I could see they had done up name badges with our graduation picture. That should make things more interesting.

"Well," I said smirkingly, "I was married, but I don't have a 'maiden' name." She looked a little perplexed as she picked out my name tag. "Yes, they have the correct picture on that, *c'est moi*," I said. Then I cautiously headed toward the main lounge area just outside

the ballroom area.

The reactions I got throughout the rest of the evening ran from one extreme to the other.

"Oh LOREN !!!!!" seemed to be a common one from some of the gals complete with a hug !! Then there was the mouth-hits-the floor reaction from some of the guys who I have known since elementary school.

I had some real nice conversations with a lot of folks. Others completely gave me the cold shoulder.

"Oh uh, Hi," and then they turned the other way.


No one really asked me any questions about this. I think they must have assumed I was "all done" or were too stunned to have any questions. I even got the requisite hell-fire-and-brimstone religious persecution. One of the holy rollers in attendance had to hand me a note that said "Jesus Loves You".

Nice to hear, but I've never had any doubt. Little did she know, I am born again (Is that possible?).

When it came time for the various awards, "Married the longest", "Most kids", etc . . . I had my big moment. I was the runaway favorite for "most changed"

It was not a complete lock, though. There were some strong contenders however. One classmate was now sporting shoulder-length white hair, balding on top, with a 5" long full beard. Plus he must have put on 50 extra pounds. His look was sort of a cross between "Cheech and Chong" and "Santa Claus." But, they awarded the prize to me after all (imagine that !)

The best part of all was that the people that were the nicest were the people that were my closest friends in high school. I expected a range of reactions, and overall was quite pleased at the outcome. Everyone was nice or at least courteous to me. So, now I can say, "I survived my 20 year reunion." "Been there, Done that."

And I gained an old friend ! My high school buddy that encouraged me to attend wants to get together for bowling or just to hang out..... Too Cool !! 

President's Message

by Dee Grady

Merry Christmas

Happy Chanukah

and

Have a Happy New Year,

too!

Hugs,

Dee

Within the Hearts of Gender

What:: Dinner and beauty/talent show to benefit AIDS
Hospices

Place: Burbank Holiday Inn

Time: Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm

Showtime: 9 pm

Cost: \$30 per person for dinner, and additional \$20 to
participate in the talent show

For more info: contact Michael Hochberg, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], North Hollywood, CA
91607 or phone his pager at 818-327-3161

Breakthrough Barbie

Editorial from the Press-Enterprise

Date unknown

Mattel has come out with a new Barbie with a supposedly more realistic figure. While many of the pundits hail this as a breakthrough freeing many young girls from a life of dieting, I think the real Barbie Breakthrough came earlier (with very little media fanfare) with a Barbie CD-ROM — Cyndi

A revolution of sorts is occurring during this holiday season in the arena of CD-ROM sales: A product marketed for girls is shaking up what has traditionally been a computer game industry dominated by products for boys.

It's Barbie's computer debut.

"Barbie Fashion Designer" set sales records for first-month orders in the U.S. and is being marketed in nine different languages overseas. It allows girls to design clothes for the shapely doll and print them out on fabric paper on standard printers.

The fact that a Barbie product is breaking the glass ceiling in CD-ROMs has some critics bristling: Many argue that Barbie, with her fixation on fashion and her impossible measurements, reinforces stereotypes for girls.

Nevertheless, Mattel Inc.'s holiday hit could open up new vistas in a CD-ROM industry that has been anything but gender equal. It is estimated that 80 percent of computer games are marketed for boys and men.

Suddenly, Barbie Fashion Designer is creating shelf space for products for girls. But then, hasn't Barbie always been a trend-setter?



QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

The Hands In The Cookie Jar

It seems that our old friends at the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) just can't stand to have one month go by without something controversial going on and this month is no exception. The topic of discussion for November has to do with fiduciary trust, or perhaps the lack of it, as displayed by the recent actions by some members of the Foundations board of directors.

What has happened is that the IFGE has borrowed moneys from the Winslow Street Fund (WSF) to the tune of \$15,000 in order to keep the foundation fiscally solvent for just a little while longer. For those readers that are not familiar with the Winslow Street Fund here is a capsule history:

The WSF was endowed some years ago as a Trust by some "angels" and other contributors for the purpose of generating interest income that would be granted each year as seed money to support various needy projects of value to the transgender community. The Fund was set up within IFGE under the conditions that it would have its own separate trustees who would have sole authority over the moneys, and with the sacred promise that the principal would never, never, be used to cover IFGE general fund shortages, bail the Foundation out of a financial deficit, or be used for Foundation operating expenses. In fact, Abby Saypen, the Chair of the WSF, states in the latest appeal for contributions "Remember that the WSF is independent from IFGE, and the funds that you contribute can only be used for the community." Since its inception several years ago the Fund has grown to \$80,000. It also happens that the majority of the Fund trustees, rather than being composed of independent persons, are mainly populated with members of the IFGE board of directors.

Now the borrowing of the moneys from the Fund is not an illegal action since the originators decided to place the Fund within IFGE. There is, however, a grave question of ethics involved in to how the transfer of moneys was accomplished.

1. It's not clear whether all of the trustees concurred in the transfer. One story circulating around the community says all trustees agreed, another story says no.

2. A loan instrument was not signed prior to the transfer of the funds.

3. The terms of the transfer loan have not been made known.

4. A repayment schedule and whether any interest is to be paid has not been made known.

5. An announcement that the IFGE was contemplating this action was not made public to the Fund donors or to the community at large.

6. The solemn promise that the Fund would never be used to pay for the IFGE operating expenses was broken.

At this point it seems that the \$80,000 sitting in the Winslow Street Fund was just too big a target of opportunity for the IFGE hierarchy to ignore. Take the combination of that amount of money, the budget deficit, and the placement of the money so close to the hands of the IFGE board of directors, and it was only a matter of time before the temptation to raid the Fund overcame any caution or need for ethical behavior. It's like having the fox guard the henhouse. In her article "Rape on Winslow Street", author Judy Osborne of the Emerald City group states, "The promise of solvency is made annually, but history says no. Or will it once again suffer a deficit and siphon off gobs of community money that instead could be applied in dribs and drabs to lift worthy projects off the ground? Or, worst of all, will IFGE be found lurking on Winslow Street once more, hoping to rape again?"

In a retort, IFGE Executive Director Nancy Nangeroni writes: "Yes a loan (about \$15K) was made to IFGE. The WSF was used to guarantee the loan, and the action was taken with the agreement of all the WSF trustees. However, the paper documenting the terms of the that loan have not yet been signed. As soon as those papers become available, they will be signed. Everything will be made proper, just as would have taken place had this flap not occurred. As long as I am executive director of IFGE, there will be no improprieties, no misuse of any monies nor tolerance of intentions towards anything other than the course of highest integrity and respect. That is not to say that every agreement will be captured in writing before it is acted upon. I have worked with IFGE for over 7 years, and with the board for over 4, and I have worked hard to build trust and cooperation among us. I will not let that be felled by rumor and innuendo, nor will I allow our work to be dominated by fear of repercussion when we choose the efficiency of informality at certain times. My word is reliable, and I expect the same of others....Also, it is my intention that IFGE will pay back the entire amount of the loan, with whatever interest is required."

All of Ms. Nangeroni's statements sound good and I'm sure she means them, but they are hollow words considering the financial history and past fiscal practices of the IFGE. The pronouncements about the honesty and integrity of the IFGE were canceled by the very next statements which proclaim that not every agreement will be captured in writing, and they'll choose the efficiency of informality versus ethical practices in business matters. Since when is breaking a promise an informality and the borrowing of \$15,000 without capturing the details in writing a display of integrity and efficiency? How can the community trust the Foundation that has consistently run a deficit for eight of the past ten years to all of a sudden perform a miracle and become solvent. Worse yet, how can the community trust a Foundation that has broken its solemn promise? Why is it going to be different this time? How is the IFGE ever going to pay off the loan when they can hardly stay afloat? How long will it be before the entire \$80,000 in the Fund is gone, only to be explained away as if it were the hallowed right of the IFGE leadership to use it? With this latest action I believe the IFGE has killed any chances for future donations either to the WSF or to the General Fund. Eight years of mismanagement is enough. I think the IFGE board should do the honorable thing distribute the remainder of the \$80,000 to the community at large, or to charity, and legally declare itself too insolvent to continue this charade. Once a trust has been broken it's very hard, if not impossible, to believe any future promises.

Renaissance Renews Itself for 1998: Organization announces new name, new directors and new projects

King of Prussia, PA

The Renaissance Education Association, Inc. officially changed its name to the Renaissance Transgender Association, Inc. by vote of its board of directors. "It gives everyone a much better idea what we're about," said outgoing board chair JoAnn Roberts. "Our purpose is still to educate, and that is reflected in our Mission Statement *," she continued. Roberts is succeeded as chair by Lisa [REDACTED], former Managing Director of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of Renaissance. Ms. [REDACTED]'s term will mark the second time in a decade that Renaissance has been chaired by a transsexual person. The board also added several new members and is planning several new community projects.

Joining the board are Carol Cobb-Nettleton, Ph.D.; Diane Dale; Lee Etscovitz, Ed.D.; and Phyllis R. Frye, Esq. Ms. Frye is best known as the Executive Director of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy

(ICTLEP). One of the new projects involves ICTLEP and Renaissance formulating a Transgender Rights Initiative (TRI). The mission of TRI will be to provide a political voice for the transgender community on a national level. TRI will also work with other transgender rights organizations, like Its Time America!, to educate transgender people about grass roots lobbying and organizing.

In other areas of education, Drs. Etscovitz and Cobb-Nettleton join William R. Stayton, Ph.D. (current president of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists and a member of the Renaissance board) to develop a certificate program in Transgender Issues for counselors and therapists. The program will run over several months and probably carry Continuing Education Credits. Dr. Cobb-Nettleton will also run a Significant Other Support group locally. Two other programs to be implemented are a Transgender Youth Education Program, co-sponsored by a local charitable organization, and the Hispanic Translation Program in which Renaissance Background Papers, Outreach Bulletins, and other publications will be translated into Spanish. Also new for 1998 will be a Renaissance Unity Day to be held on April 4. A full day of programs and seminars will be held at the Renaissance National Office, followed by a Spring Ball at the Park Ridge Hotel in King of Prussia. Everyone is invited to attend both functions to support Renaissance as an organization and to enjoy the benefits of its offerings. Overseeing the implementation of these and other Renaissance projects will be Angela Gardner, Executive Director, and Ms. Diane Dale, who is also leading the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan. For more information on these and other projects, please contact Angela Gardner.

The Renaissance Transgender Association, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 educational organization with 4 Chapters and 11 Affiliates in 9 states. Renaissance is supported by member dues, newsletter subscriptions and contributions. If you would like to support a Renaissance project, please send a contribution (\$5 to \$5000) to Renaissance, 987 Old Eagle School Rd, Suite 719, Wayne, Pa 19087; 610-975-9119; email: <angela@ren.org>; URL:<www.ren.org>.

*Mission Statement: The Mission on the Renaissance Transgender Association, Inc. is to provide the very best in comprehensive education and caring support to Transgendered individuals and those close to them. This is accomplished through offering a variety of carefully selected programs and resources focused on the factors affecting their lives.



Merry Christmas



Not the Age of Dinosaurs — but of Sexy Party Dresses

By Sandy Banks

Taken from the *Los Angeles Times*, November 28, 1997

One of the benefits of being male is that society allows one to age, gracefully. In other words, in society's view it's more important for a woman to continue to look like Barbie than for a man to continue looking like Ken. No one said life was fair. So, I found the following article — one woman's view on growing older — to be insightful. I hope you do, too.

Today is my birthday. I'm 43.

Go on . . . tell me how young I look, how you never would have suspected that I'm closing in on middle age, how easily I could pass for a woman 10 years younger.

Just stop yourself before you ruin it with the kind of disclaimer my friends — in the name of flattery, I presume — tend to add:

"You look good . . . for a woman in her 40s with three kids."

I never know whether to smile or grit my teeth. Is it compliment or condolence? Just what, exactly, is a woman in her 40s with three kids supposed to look like?

Haggard, I guess, from the lack of sleep. Matronly, maybe. Or slovenly, with no time to style her hair or brush her teeth.

Well, there certainly are times when I'm all of the above. But you can't blame my kids — or my 43 years — for that.

Although it's true that children can put miles on you in a way that little else can, they can help hold those years at bay, as they keep you anchored to a world that others have left behind.

Because of them, I'm sporting baby-blue nail polish and Doc Martens, I'm into Puff Daddy and roller-blades, I've got pierced ears and a toe ring.

And because of them, I must constantly answer questions with this recurring theme:

"Mommy, were you alive when the dinosaurs were around?"

We're making the rounds of those mall shops that offer what passes for *haute couture* among my daughter's preteen set . . . the store where the girls from "Clueless" shop.

My daughter is looking for a pair of jeans and I'm sifting aimlessly through racks of holiday dresses — the kind of shimmery, slinky, glittery numbers that dot the dance floors of Hollywood's hottest clubs.

I hold one up against me — a stretchy black velvet sheath — and turn to face my daughter. "What do you think? Maybe for a Christmas party . . ."

She looks at me as if I've lost my mind. "You're kidding, right?" Her voice drips with disdain.

I look past her at my reflection in the mirror and see a dumpy-looking woman clutching a very small dress — a young woman's dress.

I turn and replace it on the rack, then glance at the mannequin perched above me, the black dress stretched alluringly across her

narrow-hipped, tiny-waisted form. I'm not that mannequin anymore, I realize with a start. I'm her mother.

I suddenly feel cheated, ambushed by age. The years snuck up when I wasn't looking, the calendar has caught me by surprise.

Some days I think I'm aging well. I'm healthy and strong and, heck, I was carded when I was 39.)Never mind that the store clerk was an elderly man wearing very thick glasses . . .

Other times I feel old and foolish forced to confront how many — and how quickly — years have come and gone. Like the time on the airplane, when I tried to finagle a date with a seatmate — a good-looking fellow from my hometown — and found we had an acquaintance in common: His mother had been a high school classmate of mine.

Still, I've never been one to cringe of encroaching age.

I was proud to hit 40, eager to join the ranks of sophisticated women smart enough to know what they want from life and mature enough to go after it, or something like that.

I joined a gym, so I'd be ready for all those young studly guys who, the magazines assured me, prefer women *of a certain age*. And I dyed my hair black, for a va-va-voom look that would go with my dashing new sophisticated-woman style.

But, with tending kids, keeping house and earning a living, I never quite found time to work out. And I let the black hair fade, when my young hairdresser warned me that such dark color "tends to look harsh on a woman your age."

"A woman my age?" I said. "But I'm *only* 40.

"Yes," she nodded. "You're *already* 40."

It's funny how your perception of age changes as you . . . well, age.

I remember as a kid celebrating New Year's Eve — watching TV and sipping ginger ale as the giant ball dropped at Times Square. My thoughts would wander to the future. I'd think about the year 2000 and what a grand celebration *that* New Year's Eve would bring . . . and what a pity that I'd be too old to enjoy it.

At 10, imagining myself at 46, I envisioned a woman far too decrepit to spend an evening guzzling champagne, kissing strangers and dancing the night away in a short, shimmery dress . . . which is what I intend to do on that New Year's Eve three years from now.

Now when I look ahead in time, I can see myself in my late mother's sisters — their bodies chronicling the years that their minds and hearts refuse to heed.

They are in their 70s, though I remember them as vibrant and perennially young. Now this one has trouble walking, that one can hardly hear, the other has lost her teeth. I saw them last summer for the first time in years and was troubled by their wrinkles, their ailments, their age.

But they would laugh at my concern. After all, one has just launched a second career, another is remodeling the house she just bought. And the third has just married the love of her life.

I expect to see them on New Year's Eve of the year 2000 . . . pushing 80 and partying down.

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My Secret Place, "A Specialty Consignment Store for Size 14+ Women Only," 188662 Beach Blvd., #116, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (between Ellis & Garfield), 714-963-4743.

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Sizes Unlimited, specializing in sizes 14 and up, 5187 Lakewood Blvd. (next to Chucky Cheese) in Lakewood across from the Lakewood Mall, 310 634-2054. Ask for Rey between 9 to 3.

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Brad Taylor, M.A., MFCC, 360 N. Bedford Drive, Suite 215, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sliding scale. (310) 247-9955

Transgender Counseling & Research Center, 4545 Park Blvd., Ste. 207, San Diego, CA 92116, 619-929-2721, 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, 619-292-0492 (by appointment).

Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., 17162 Sunburst St, Northridge CA 91325, 818-349-9709

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Dana Point Electrology, 34213 Pacific Coast Hwy, Ste. G, Dana Point, CA 92629, 714-240-7709.

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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

Pathfinders, monthly support group for genetic females involved in the gender community. Hotline 24 hrs/day 714-325-2938. Write Pathfinders, P. O. Box 2973, Corona, CA 91718-2973

Come Taste the Night at Marlayna's T- Party. Tommy Tang's, 7313 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. Reservations: 213-937-5733.

First Fridays

Peal — TS support group, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 7:30 pm. Call 714-534-0862

First Saturdays

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, 818- [REDACTED] or Virginia Prince, 213- [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 52829, Riverside, CA 92517, or call 909-875-2687 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 at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. 818-606-5619.

Third Saturdays

Powder Puffs of California, Placentia Holiday Inn, Placentia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92885. 714-779-9013.

Fourth Saturdays

Neutral Corner, meets at King's Inn, Hotel Circle, 7:30 pm. Contact P. O. Box 12581, San Diego, CA 92112. Contact 619-685-3696

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, 310-475-8880.

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, 213- [REDACTED] (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909- [REDACTED] (ask for Paula)

On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Jan15-19, Holiday at Sea! Round trip from Miami to CocoCay and Nassau, Bahama. Contact Brenda [REDACTED], 5111 Rogers Avenue #551, Fort Smith, AR 72903. Call 1-800-247-7021

Feb 20-22, True Spirit Conference '98, Best Western-Maryland Inn, Laurel MD, The American Boyz/True Spirit Conference '98 P.O. Box 1118, Elkton, MD 21922-1118 transman@netgsi.com

Feb 20-22, "Across the Fruited Plain" The 1998 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference MBLGTCC-98 Program Committee OGLBC (M/C 369) 1007 West Harrison St 4078 BSB, Chicago, IL 60607-714, Fax: 312-996-4688. e-mail: mblgcc98@uic.edu

Mar 24-29, Crossing Borders, Toronto, IFGE, P.O. Box 229 Waltham, MA 0224-0229. Call 781-899-2212, ifge@world.std.com

Apr 3-5, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 1998 Eastern Region, Twenty-first Annual Meeting, "The Future of Sexual Health: Education, Counseling, and Health Care: A Call to Action," Boston, MA. Contact Jean Levitan, Ph.D. Dept. of Community Health, or Wm. Paterson, U. of NJ, Wayne, NJ 07470. Call 973-720-2216, FAX 973-721-2215, levitanj@nebula.wilpaterson.edu

Apr 30- May 2, California Dreamin' 98, Co-sponsored by The Powder Puffs of Orange County and ETVC, RGA, and the Diablo Valley Girls, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

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