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California Dreamin 2000 is in the history books.

What next?

For those who are seeking for life after Dreamin 2000, I direct you the next Powder Puffs meeting on Saturday, May 20th. No need to quit dressing "cold turkey." Come to the meeting in that dress you "never had a chance to wear."

While California Dreamin did take a lot of time and attention, we still plan on meeting in May. Some of us just can't get enough!

For those curious (or those that just can't wait) as to the whens, whos, whys and hows of the next California Dreamin, please turn to Page Three and read Joan's Queenspeak column.

Date: Sat. May 20, 2000

Time: 8:00 pm PDT

Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east.

PPOC Policy Change

Effective with the March 18th meeting, PPOC will no longer be providing a changing room.

Whippings, Jail For 9 Saudi Transvestites

SF Chronicle, 04/20/2000

And you thought being read in the United States was tough - Cyndi

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Nine young Saudi men have each been sentenced to more than lashes and at least five years in prison for deviant sexual behavior, a police officer said yesterday.

A court in the western city of Qunfuda sentenced five of the men to six years in prison and 2,600 lashes. The men are to be flogged 52 times in 50 sessions, the officer said on the condition of anonymity. The four other defendants were sentenced to five years and 2,400 lashes. They are to be flogged 48 times in 50 sessions. There will be a pause of 15 days between each of the flogging sessions.

Police started tailing the nine after reports that they were acting strangely, the officer said. He said police found that they were dressing in women's clothing and engaging in deviant sexual behavior with each other.

PPOC: A Renaissance Chapter

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Men and their contests

Maggie Gallagher

2000 Creators Syndicate, Inc

May 3, 2000

Any woman who doubts that there are important differences between us and the guy types, listen to what Yankee coach (and cancer survivor) Joe Torre said when he called up Mayor Rudy Giuliani last week after the news broke that the mayor has cancer:

"Your cancer headlines were bigger than my cancer headlines," he told Rudy.

He was joking, of course. But still -- to which of us blessed with double X chromosomes would this particular form of cancer consolation have ever occurred, even in jest?

Joe Torre's remarks made a bigger impression on me than they might have because I happened to read them on the same day I over heard the following conversation between two preschool-aged males, my son Bair and his buddy Gino:

Mom had just strapped the two of them into the backseat and handed each a box of juice. Vigorous sucking noises ensued. A few moments later I heard Bair's voice from the back seat.

"You finished your juice, Gino. I still have my juice. I drank slower than you. That means I won."

Don't get me wrong here: I know girls can be intensively competitive over soccer, Barbies, boys or math. I myself have been known to go for the jugular in Monopoly. Certainly, like most women, if I'm in a contest, I want to win it. However, as competitive as I consider myself, it would definitely not have occurred to me to turn juice-drinking or cancer headlines into such a battle to be won.

And therein, I submit, in spite of my unscientific research sample, lies the key difference between the average man and the average women. What testosterone does to your brain, apparently, is make you see contests in the same way a thirsty person in the desert "sees" an oasis everywhere. Where a normal person (i.e. a woman) would see only the most innocent social interaction, the typical person of male persuasion sees a battle to be won, a hierarchy to be climbed, an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of victory and to avoid the agony of defeat.

Don't think I'm kvetching. Far be it from me to disturb God's magnificent plan. Besides, testosterone has its uses. Consider

Travis Christie, whom you might consider the world's most unlikely hero. Travis is 50 years old, not some young buck, and he works as a model's agent, not as a bouncer at a bar. The New York Post reports he has a "small build," and Travis wouldn't fight you about that. "I'm not a big guy," he admits, "but I'm strong. I'm also very hyper, so I'll stand up to anyone."

On Wednesday, April 26, "anyone" included a would-be mugger whom police identify as Jerrod Ford, 31, of Queens. Travis had spotted this suspicious guy checking out a pregnant woman with a baby carriage as she waited for the Eighth Avenue subway. Minutes later, the mugger whips out a knife and starts toward the pregnant mom.

That's when Travis made his move.

"You want to go after someone? Go after me!" he told the surprised mugger. "That's when I grabbed a garbage can lid and chased him. I can't believe I did that, but all I was thinking was, 'What if he kills someone?'"

The mugger fled, and Christie alerted the token-booth clerk, who called the police, who collared the suspect, for a happy ending all around.

"It's nice to see someone get involved like that," Sgt. William O'Brien, the transit cop who arrested Ford, said, in the understatement of the year.

Many of us would have fled in fear or only called the cops and let the guy get away. But Travis took it personal-like. And I for one, as a formerly pregnant mom who has done her share of time pushing a stroller through the subway, would like to say to this particular good guy and to all the other good guys out there: Thank you.

The author of the article ended her piece with a thank you to the brave soul who chased off the would-be mugger. Her thank you should have been to that misunderstood and much maligned hormone: testosterone! - Barbara

The latest from Sacramento

Shirley Bushnell has informed us that A.B. 1851 was approved by the Assembly and sent to the State Senate. Apparently, it apparently received a large bipartisan vote in favor of it.

A.B. 1851 is the bill to clarify court procedures for recognizing a person's change of gender.

QUEENSPEAK

By Joan Goodnight

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' 2001

California Dreamin' 2001 will take place from April 26 through April 29, 2001 at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn in San Francisco. There is a brand new leadership for the event and I'm pleased to announce that former PPOC president Patti [REDACTED] will be the new event administrator. Patti has already gone to work and is assembling her team as this is written. Long-time group friend and favorite jewelry lady Jeani Adams has already signed on to Patti's team. Hopefully this will squelch any gossip circulating on the rumor mill about the demise of our annual event. As I stated last month there is no truth that the event being switched to a February time frame.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' 2000

What a weekend! San Francisco has to be a transgendered person's dream come true. Its truly an amazing city and can't be duplicated for its cultural diversity and openness to varied lifestyles. The event came off without a hitch - well almost without a hitch. There were some technical problems with our meeting rooms being changed on us on a daily basis, but all in all, nothing in the way of a major problem ever surfaced. The hotel staff person assigned to our event was brand new to the job so the majority of the switching had to be due to her inexperience.

One of the major highlights was the Thursday evening optional excursion to the Club Fugazi Theatre in North Beach where our guests were treated to a rousing performance of America's longest running musical revue, Beach Blanket Babylon. The Saturday night pub crawl, headed up by TGSF San Francisco's own D'arcy Leopard, hit a potpourri of watering holes including the Top O' The Mark Lounge at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. Eat your heart out Big Apple. While picking up the tickets at the will-call window on the day of the performance yours truly found the neatest Irish pub a few doors down from the theatre. Naturally I had to check it out. My late mother was 100% Irish and she would never have forgiven me if I didn't. Good place to eat and drink, and no, you can't take the Irish wolfhound home with you. I tried but to no avail.

The lovely but shadowy Juana [REDACTED] put together a brief but interesting selection of workshops that covered the gamut from "Why?" to "How To," along with a unique workshop presented by her hubby entitled "Waning Interest." The workshops were all well received by the participants. Super

Couple Donna and Julie [REDACTED] organized an impromptu couples panel discussion and Thank them for their interest and endeavors on behalf of the event. The quintessential Becky and Loy of the RGA group in San Jose were again ever the omnipresent and faithful duo by doing everything from registration to hosting the Friday night dinner.

Leslie [REDACTED], newly retired from the TGSF presidency, did all of the work in organizing the optional excursions and did an outstanding job in arranging for the lighting, sound, and talent for our Saturday night banquet. Great job.

Our vendor mall was filled to capacity and everything from jewelry, clothing, breast forms, V-strings (if you don't what these are just ask and I'll tell you), make overs, to books and magazines was offered to the convention attendees. I'm happy to report we didn't experience any dissatisfaction, rebellions, petitions, or hate and discontent this event. Then again, one of our staunchest regulars wasn't on hand this year. Could this be just a coincidence? Hmm.

A number of the IFGE board of directors were in attendance led by newly-elected chair Julie Ann Johnson and executive director Nancy Cain. Julie and Nancy met with some local leaders and gave their rendition of the new IFGE which was well received.

The major highlight of the event had to be the presence of Rebecca Prozan, assistant to his honor, Mayor Willie Brown, who honored the California Dreamin' event at our Saturday keynote luncheon by presenting a mayoral proclamation making April 28, 2000, Transgender Awareness Day in San Francisco. A copy of the proclamation in its entirety appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Check it out. To the best of my knowledge I don't know whether another transgender event has been so honored by a municipalities top political officer. It makes a girl proud.

FAN MAIL

Hello,

I attended the Cal Dreamin' in S.F., I just wanted to send a note of appreciation to you for putting it on. During the con, and through some conversations I became more aware of what you actually do to hold one, I was even more impressed. I don't speak for everyone certainly, but I hope you do know how great something like this is for "us". Thank you so much for your efforts.

Michelle [REDACTED]

PROCLAMATION

City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, on April 28, the Powder Puffs of Orange County (PPOC), Transgender San Francisco (TGSF), Diablo Valley Girls (DVG), and Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) will be holding their annual convention; and

WHEREAS, the convention is designed to educate members of the transgender community, the general public, and elected officials on cross dressing, transgender, and transsexual issues; and

WHEREAS, the convention is also designed to educate medical, psychological, and psychiatric health-care professions and other care providers about facts, needs, and special issues affecting the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, the convention is also designed to provide outreach and referrals for individuals and organizations within the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco recognizes that diversity in culture is one of the cornerstones in the foundation of this great city; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, honor the importance of this convention, and do hereby proclaim April 28, 2000 as...

Transgender Awareness Day in San Francisco!

POINT**COUNTERPOINT****It's good to be a man**

By GRAHAM HICKS – Edmonton Sun

A five-day trip requires only one suitcase.

We open our own jars.

We make decisions without a support group.

We get extra credit for the smallest act of thoughtfulness ... like actually buying and wrapping a present.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

If someone forgets to invite us to something, they can still be our friend.

Underwear is \$10 a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than adequate.

Grey hair and wrinkles only add character.

Your pals will never trap you with: "So, notice anything different?"

The same hairstyle lasts for decades.

No shaving below the neck.

A few belches are expected. And tolerated.

A wallet, belt, shoes - one colour, all seasons.

We trim our nails with a pocketknife.

All I needed to know about life I learned from my girlfriends

Good times are even better when they're shared..

A good long talk can cure almost anything.

Everyone needs someone with whom to share their secrets.

Listening is just as important as talking.

An understanding friend is better than a therapist; and cheaper too!*

Laughter makes the world a happier place.

Friends are like wine; they get better with age.

Sometimes you just need a shoulder to cry on.

Great minds think alike, especially when they are female!

When it comes to "bonding," females do it better.

You are never too old for a slumber party!

Girls just want to have F U N!

It is important to make time to do "girl things."

Calories don't count when you are having lunch (or any other food) with your girlfriends

You can never have too many shoes.

A gem may be precious, but Friendship is PRICELESS.

The first ever, TG Pride Festival
June 18, 2000 -- Sunday
Come Join the FUN, Celebrate your Transgender Identity
TG TALK "Live in LA" will be there, the show is called :

**THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, ABOUT BEING
TRANSGENDER**
so check it out, Join the fun.

**It's Here and It's
"Live in LA"
TG TALK 2000
at the
TRANS-UNITY 2000 (TRANSGENDER PRIDE FESTIVAL)
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2000
At
The Village at Ed Gould Plaza
1125 N. McCadden Pl. La, Ca. 90038
for more details call 323-860-7332**

TG Talk comes to Hollywood's Center Stage at The Village Saturday, June 18th, 2000. It's sure to be one of the many highlights of the TRANS-UNITY 2000 Pride Festival.

TG Talk 2000 is a Transgender Support group that has been encouraging positive changes within the Transgender community, the support group covers various subjects such as self esteem, behavior modification, employment preparation, fashion & make-up tips, hormone information, Transgender specific services and dozens of other issues. The support group meets weekly on Sundays at Unity Fellowship Church, 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd. La, Ca. @2PM-4PM for regular TG TALK details call Chanel Tresvant @323-936-4949 Ext 222 For this Festival TG TALK 2000 takes the stage in the form of a Talk Show, the show topics will be "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly about being Transgender"

If you would like to be a guest on TG TALK "Live in La" call 1-888-387-7904 Ext 6138 and be sure to say which topic you're calling about.

Topic 1 Does your TG lover or friend attract to much attention because of their attitude or the way they dress?

Topic 2 Do you think your Diva Fierce and your friends are jade and can't take you!

Topic 3 Do you know a Transgender who has to much cosmetic surgery and you wanna tell them to stop!

Topic 4 Are you a Transgender who has had cosmetic surgery and regret it?

Be sure to tell us what topic your calling about and your TELEPHONE NUMBER 24HRS 1-888-387-7904 Ext 6138 or 323-402-1223 Ext 1437 Please forward this email to as many people that would be interested in this Transgender Pride Festival.

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Lydia's T.V. Fashions, "Where Your Feminine Experience Begins," 13837 Ventura Blvd. Ste. 2, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, 818-995-7195, M-W 12-7, Th-Sat 11-8

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.

~~Albert's Hosiery Stores, "Full-fashioned stockings — special occasion & hosiery, 6550 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood & Vine), Hollywood, CA 90028, 213-465-2654, mail orders accepted"~~

Second Time Around, "Distinctive Consignment Apparel for the Upscale Shopper," Jonella Tescone 298 E. 17th St., #B, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, 714-642-4700.

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

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.

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, 714-533-4662.
website: www.jewelsbyparklanesocal.com

Cookie Lee, Fine fashion jewelry — home & office shows, Genie Lalama, 818-246-2197 (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. (714) 833-7810, 1151 Dove St., Ste 105, Newport Beach, CA 92660

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

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

Regal Opticians, 2402 W. 6th Street, LA , CA 90057, 231-382-7606.

Dr. T. Adam Coteson, M.D., Psychiatrist Providing Therapy, Medications, 116 roberston Blvd., Suite 702, Los Angeles, CA 90048, 310-659-8640, FAX 310-659-8642 (by appointment)

Ms. Lynn Gold, MA CC, Voice Speech Center, 30 Corporate Park, Suite 306, Irvine, CA 92606-5133, 949-222-0303-, FAX 949-222-0478, e-mail: lynngold10@aol.com

ELECTROLYSIS & SKIN CARE

Kathryn Robbins Electrolysis & Skin Care, located in Yorba Linda, 714-692-2747.

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

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

Layla's Electrolysis & Artistic Beauty, Westwood CA, 310-453-8979

Electrolysis & Permanent Makeup by Champa, R.N., R.E, Torrance, CA, 310-373-6346 (call after 3:30 pm)

HAIR & COSMETICS

World of Wigs, A Full Service Salon, 2305 E. 17th St, Santa Ana CA, 92701, 714-547-4461

Ricardo M. Hair Salon, 11620 Barrington Court, Brentwood. CA 90049. 310-472-4002

Sylvia's Wigs, 2612 S. Bristol St., Corner of Bristol & Central, Santa Ana, CA 714-545-1307

Jenny's Wigs, 384 S. Tustin Ave, Eldorado Plaza, Orange CA 714-771-3883

Judy's Creative Hair Design, 1815 W. Orangethorpe, Fullerton, CA 92633, 714-773-0200

Fantastic Hair & Nail Design, 11851 Gilbert St., #105, Garden Grove, CA 92641 (corner of Gilbert & Costco St.), 714-539-8020, Nancy Rodriguez is available on Wednesdays & Saturdays only.

Mary Kay, Terri Davis — Independent Professional Beauty Consultant, 4607 Ostrom Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713, 310-420-9933.

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Melody Products International, Melody Products International has added a full line of breast form products from a leading US. manufacturer at competitive prices in addition to the flagship Melody Breast Forms. (Master Card/Visa Card accepted) (Check them out along with our other products at Website <http://www.melpro.com>) PO. Box 2142, Yorba Linda, CA 92885 (Fax) 714-281-0371.

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Waist and Stays Cosetry, The Goddess Shoppe, "Serving the Needs of the Craft," Erin Rado and Paul Rado — Owners, Phone: (800) 777-1185 (Office), (714) 579-7514 (FAX), P.O. Box 6399, Fullerton, CA 92634-6399, <http://www.primenet.com/~goddess>, e-mail goddess@goddess.com

Victoria's Institute Hair, Skin, Body Non-Surgical Corrective Treatment 7360 Center Ave Huntington Beach, CA 92647 714-379-6156

Nightly's and Naughty's, 16112 Harbor Blvd., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. E-Mail @ Naughty@wdc.net

PUBLICATIONS

P. M. Publisher, mail order books & videos. for a list contact P.O. Box 5304, Katy, TX

NIGHT SPOTS

OZZ Supperclub, Restaurant, Hi-tech Danceclub, Cabaret Lounge, 6231 Manchester Blvd, Buena Park CA, 714-522-1542

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 Anabele Hotel in Burbank. Contact Linda [REDACTED] at 310-[REDACTED] or e-mail at [REDACTED]@earthlink.net 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 19008, San Diego, CA 92159. Contact 619-685-3696. WEBSITE: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/4718/> (This is a case sensitive address! Please capitalize.) E-Mail: neutral-corner@geocities.com

Third 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

Apr 26-29 California Dreamin 01. Contact PPOC, P. O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda, CA, or e-mail Dreamin96@aol.com or PPOC@aol.com

California Dreamin' 2001

April 26-29

Golden Gateway Holiday Inn

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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PO Box 1088
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

or call (714) 281-0271 and leave a message
e-mail PPOC@aol.com or Dreamin96@aol.com

website: <http://www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin>