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February 2000 Meeting: Royalty Speaks - Virginia Prince

California Dreamin' 2000 is just around the corner - April 27-30 at the Golden Gate Holiday Inn in San Francisco. Even though Powder Puffs is busily work on this new Millennium bash, we have still managed to book an exciting speaker for February's meeting. Word has it that Joan G. has been shuttling back and forth between LAX and SFO and that the progress is exciting!

This meeting, we will have the Grand Dame herself, Ms. Virginia Prince to discuss with us the history of transgenderism. Ms. Prince has been at the forefront since the 1960's. This is a great chance to become acquainted with the one of the true pioneers amongst us. Learn the progress we've made and the work that needs to be done.

So please join us this FEBRUARY 19TH - and come with your questions!

Date: Sat, Feb. 19, 2000

Time: 7:30 pm PDT

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

Neutral Corner Returns to Kings Inn

(Submitted by Nicole [redacted] and
Melanie Yarborough)

We have returned to our old home and you are all welcome to attend our meetings. Our home is at the Kings Inn Hotel, 1333 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. This is off of the route 8 freeway in Mission Valley. Our function room is called the Cardinal room which is right at the top of the stairs above the lobby. You can also go to the lobby and ask where we are. see. We meet the 4th Saturday of the month except April, November and December when we meet on the 3rd Sat. Finally if you have any questions just e-mail me or call our voice mail at (619)685-3696.

Spring Meeting Schedule

February 26th: SWEETHEART SPECIAL. Bring spouse/loved one for a free dinner. (Sorry, you have to pay for your own!) Entree: Chicken Cordon Bleu. Planned speaker will be Lucy Silvay MFCC on "Our Transgendered Partners: Workable Solutions and Growing Together"

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING will take place before the general meeting around 6:30 PM. Board meetings are open to ALL members. Bring suggestions for new speakers or ideas you'd like to see.

(Please see NEUTRAL CORNER, P. 6)

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Boulder protects trans-sex rights

By Sheba R. Wheeler
Denver Post Staff Writer

Feb. 2 - BOULDER - The city has become the first in Colorado to extend civil rights protections to the transgendered. Amid a round of applause, council members Tuesday night unanimously approved an amendment to the city's 27-year-old Human Rights Ordinance that legally protects transgendered residents from discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation.

Boulder joined the ranks of seven other cities, including San Francisco, Seattle and Pittsburgh, that have similar measures.

Boulder's action might jump-start a state wide trend, said Nick Sarchet of Equality Colorado. Sarchet said his organization is working with Denver, which is considering a similar proposal. "It's very important for Boulder to take a stand against this type of discrimination," Mayor Will Toor said.

"It would be great if we didn't have discrimination," said Councilwoman Lisa Morzel. "But that's not the case. People need to be able to live and have money to get housing and to feed themselves."

While a few of the municipalities placed transgendered clauses among expanded definitions of sexual orientation or gender, Boulder named its transgendered population as a new protected class.

Under the amendment, "gender variants" are those who have a "persistent sense that a person's gender identity is incongruent with the person's biological sex." Officials say about 400 people in Boulder would meet the gender-variant definition.

Out of the 20 or so people who spoke during the public hearing, only two opposed the amendment, primarily because they said granting protection to a specified group would cause more societal

divisiveness.

"I oppose adding lifestyle changes to the ordinance," said Boulder resident Janet Bellis. "It blurs the lines between acceptable and un acceptable societal behavior, especially for our youth. It's unnecessary because we are all awarded constitutional rights against discrimination. And I really think that creating small protected classes is discriminatory in its own right." But council members overwhelmingly responded to the majority speakers, some of whom chronicled personal tales of jobs they'd lost and housing they'd been refused from coworkers, bosses and managers.

"I lost my dad on Jan. 20 to colon cancer," said Wendi Madsen, a transgendered resident. "Because I was so unaccepted by my mother, she saw no reason to inform me of his passing. You can't legislate against my mother's intolerance or her biases. But you can adopt this ordinance and say Boulder won't tolerate discrimination."

Under Boulder's ordinance, employers can require "reasonably consistent gender presentation" from gender variant workers, stipulating a maximum of three changes over an 18-month period.

Those under 21 would also be protected by the ordinance, but they would not be required to routinely maintain one gender identity as would transgendered adults.

City staff received the most opposition - albeit one phone call and one letter - from two local health clubs questioning the ordinance's requirement of "reasonable accommodation" in locker rooms and shower facilities for the transgendered.

If separate facilities are not available, the ordinance stipulates that "reasonable accommodations" be granted that may include restricted access to the facilities of the sex they are changing to.

(The following is for your information only. It is a general interest article from the newspaper and is not related to crossdressing. The establishments mention are NOT connected in any way to California Dreamin 2000.)

Charming San Francisco can satisfy all interests

By Arthur Frommer

(taken from the Riverside Press-Enterprise (Published Oct. 10, 1999))

There's really no doubt about it: Few American metropolises manage to muster the panache and just plain across-the-board appeal of this much-sung, hilly melting pot by the bay. San Francisco's charms include, of course, the usual suspects: Fisherman's Wharf; fascinating ethnic pockets that go well beyond Chinatown; architecture liberally sprinkled with gracious Old World-style and push-the-envelope modern; and, of course, those endearing little cable cars climbing halfway to the stars.

But there's more: When you're talking about a destination that's not overwhelming, yet truly "has something for everyone," you really can't do better than San Francisco. It's easy on the eyes and fairly uncomplicated to get around, with an embarrassment of riches in the shopping and eclectic dining department, and ditto for culture aimed at those high, low and nonexistent of brow.

This year, the biggest novelties in attractions for tourists (and locals, for that matter) seem to be popping up - like so many other cutting-edge developments here - in a formerly slummy, now extremely hip and artsy neighborhood called SoMa (short for South of Market, as it falls south of Market Street and well-know landmarks like Union Square, the financial district and Nob Hill).

They include two family-friendly behemoths. first, Sony's 5-month-old Metreon entertainment complex (www.metreon.com), which has received national attention for its IMAX theater and elaborate, kid-themed restaurants, shops and play spaces. Across the street, the year-old Rooftop at Yerba Buena houses a huge bowling and ice-skating centers, plus a cool arts and technology studio for young people.

While in town, why not consider - in place of those canned, relatively pricey bus excursions - some walking tours given by people with a real devotion to their city and subject matter? A top contender is Jay Gifford's delightful Victorian House Walks (415-253-9485), conducted daily at \$20 a head. check out other aspects of local history with the Haight-Ashbury Flower Power Walking tour (415-863-1621, \$15); Ms Trevor Halley's "Cruisin' the Castro" look at Frisco's extremely influential gay culture (415-550-8110, \$35 including full lunch); and the coffee-house culture of bohemian North Beach (415-673-9255, \$20).

For the more conventional tourist attractions, consider CityPass (707-256-0490; www.citypass.net; it also has versions in five other tourist-popular American cities). One price (\$29.95 adult; \$19.95 seniors, \$17.95 under 18) not only buys you tickets - good for seven days - at up to half off what you'd normally pay, but also saves you from standing in ticket lines. You buy your CityPass at the first attraction or through the local convention and visitors bureau.

In San Francisco, it gets you into the Exploratorium; the California Palace of the Legion of Honor; a Blue & Gold Fleet cruise on the bay, under the Golden Gate Bridge and beyond; the California Academy of Sciences; the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; and the San Francisco Zoo. Local hotel partners that provide discounts include the Hyatt Regency and Grand Hyatt (800-233-1234). The Hyatt discounts, while not half bad, are out done by some properties in town - although in San Francisco anything below \$100 a night can be considered "budget."

And while not exactly famous for cheap eats, San Fran does harbor a few budget stars where you can get a solid, hot dinner for \$10 or less per person; the Café Museo in the Museum of Modern Art; the Grove Café at 2250 Chestnut St. in the Marina district; a "healthy" Mexican restaurant called Sweet Heat, with locations at 3324 Haight St. in the Marina and 2141 Polk St. in Nob Hill; Capp's Corner, a family-style Italian restaurant at 1600 Powell St. in North Beach; and Tana, a modern Ethiopian café at 4238 18th St. in the Castro district.

There's an abundance of information on all this and more at the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau (415-391-2000; fax on demand 800-220-5747; or www.sfvisitor.org).

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

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

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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 Ray between 9 to 3.

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website: www.jewelsbyparklanesocal.com

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Shirely Lampert, M.A., MFC. Professor of Human Sexuality, Psychotherapist, ASSET 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

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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, M.A.C.C., Voice Speech Center, 30 Corporate Park, Suite 306, Irvine, CA 92606-5133, 949-222-0303, FAX 949-222-0478, e-mail: lynngold10@aol.com

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

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

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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. 818-806-5619.

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 22-25 California Dreamin' 99. Contact PPOC, P. O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda, CA, or e-mail Dreamin96@aol.com or PPOC@aol.com

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NEUTRAL CORNER

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March 24th: VENDOR NIGHT. Bring extra \$ as some of our favorite merchants will be purveying their wares. We will have a number of vendors from the San Diego area as well as Jeani Adams from Park Lane Jewelry. If you or any other tradespeople would like to participate, please contact us by e-mail as soon as possible.

April 15th: Neutral Corner will meet on the THIRD Saturday in April to avoid conflict with the Easter Holiday. Mark your calendars! We have big plans for 2000 as far as speakers. We already have confirmed Dr. Meltzer on October 28th and will let you know as other speakers confirm.