



GIRL TALK

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

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reminder

schedule for OZZ nights:

saturday, aug 3 & sep 7

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

End of an Era

On Saturday, August 17th, Powder Puffs will hold a meeting honoring one who has served long, and served faithfully. No, I'm not talking about Tommy Lasorda. I'm referring to Sue [REDACTED].

Ms. [REDACTED] has been with Powder Puffs since BEFORE the beginning. She, along with Joan G. and Patti B. organized a club that would give us a place to go and be with others like ourselves. This club would be open, this club would be diverse, this club would be accepting, this club would be Powder Puffs.

Thus, the August meeting will be a tribute to Sue [REDACTED] and the legacy she leaves. In this regard, I encourage everyone to read The President's Message. Oh yes, dinner starts at 8:00 pm! Everyone please be there.

Suns trade nude fan event for 'Drag Queen of the Desert Night'

The Associated Press

Taken from *The Press-Enterprise*,
July 16, 1996

The fans will be wearing clothes this time, but of a different sort.

A so-called "Clothing Optional Night" was planned for the Palms Springs Suns game on July 8. Nude fans were to have enjoyed the game against the Grays Harbor Gulls from within the privacy of a large tent — but it wasn't large enough. After everyone from Jay Leno to David Letterman got on the bandwagon, the event sprawled out of

proportion and got canceled.

Now, the team's "Drag Queen of the Desert Night" is scheduled for the Aug. 9 game against the Salinas Peppers.

The Suns are desperate for fan support. The team is averaging 755 fans per home game this year.

This is how the story appeared in *The Press-Enterprise*. If you have any interest, I suggest you contact the team directly — Cyndi

Transgender Menace Southern California T-shirts

From Shirley Bushnell via Internet

Available now!!! Transgender Menace Southern California T-shirts. These are "Hanes Beefy T" and are preshrunk cotton T-shirts. The T-shirts are black with the "dripping-red Menace" logo. **S i z e s** available are small, medium, large, and extra large. The cost per shirt is \$10.00. The cost to ship to your address will be \$2.50. I have a graphic of the logo of the t-shirt that I can send so one can get an idea of how the shirt will look. Just let me know and I will e-mail the logo to you. If interested, e-mail or call with full details on where to send the shirts. Remember these t-shirts are similar to the Transexual-Menace ones, and the shirts have been seen during the Christopher Street West Pride Parade.

Shirley, --- Transgender Menace Southern California

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Tolerance from a Distance

By Melanie Yarborough, Neutral Corner

Why is it that some women are fascinated by us and enjoy our company, while others reject us completely? We wish and pray for that perfect supportive woman who'll settle down for a life of transgendered bliss. The girlfriend/lover who'll treat us as another woman in public, but as a man in bed.

But we may need to change our focus. the answer doesn't lie in somehow simply finding Miss Right. Rather, it's in understanding how women generally relate to crossdressers.

Many woman may at first be intrigued by crossdressers. In some ways, it's the ultimate compliment. They may also see us as more sensitive to women's issues, as well as appreciative of the difficult task of being a woman. These understanding women may become our makeup/wardrobe/comportment consultants, or accompany us out for a "girls' night out" at a straight place. In fact, they may see us the way they see gay men — as not threat.

However, if a woman finds that same crossdresser is someone close to them, it's threatening. If it's her husband, it's almost completely unacceptable. If it's her son, it's a reason for serious concern: Is he gay? If it's her brother, there may be slightly more tolerance as he's not part of her immediate world like a husband or son. But there's still the shame, the kept secret from the rest of the family, and the worry that it somehow might reflect badly on her.

A female makeup consultant or casual acquaintance doesn't have an emotional investment in us. They can afford to be supportive as it costs them nothing. We can feel free to enjoy their support and friendship; it can be a real ego boost. But we can't forget that they have nothing to lose. If they were to become our girlfriend or wife, it would be very different.

One big mistake many crossdressers make is when they an understanding

female, asking their wife or girlfriend, "Why can't you be more like her?" But that's just it. By definition, she can't be. She doesn't have the luxury of detachment that a distant woman has.

The basic truth here is that sympathy is inversely proportional to closeness.

Halloween Tradition to Continue

As has become a tradition, a community Halloween dance party featuring music by *Complete Music* is again planned. Powder Puffs' Prez DeeGrade has informed me that this year's blow-out will be held at the Fullerton Holiday Inn, home of the Orange County Imperial Court Coronation. The hotel is located very close to the intersection of the 91 Fwy at Harbor Blvd. The actual address is 222 W. Houston (phone 714-992-1700).

Saturday, October 19th is the date of this year's ghoulish gathering. This is the third Saturday of the month, thus 1) It will not conflict with the other groups meeting dates, 2) It is sufficiently in advance of Halloween so that locating a costume should be easier, and finally 3) The regular Powder Puffs' meeting at the Best Western will be cancelled.

Dee promises that tickets will be on sale begining with the August meeeting. They will be \$25.00 each. Included with the ticket price will be a large buffet featuring hot and cold items.

Also, prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Costume categories are 1) Best Couple, 2) Best Halloween Theme (ghost, devils, witches, etc), and 3) Best Costume that doesn't fit into Category 1 or 2.

The soiree will begin at 7:30 pm and end at the bewitching hour (midnite). A no-host bar will be available. In addition, for those who may have imbibed one too many or simply do not wish to make a long drive home, the Fullerton Holiday Inn is offering a reduced room rate of \$59.00 (plus 10% tax) (phone 714-992-1700. This rate is good for those who make their reservations by October 4th.



President's Message

by Dee Grady

First of all, I want to thank all of you who felt voting in July was important enough to either be at the July meeting or to at least mail in your ballot. This tells the Board and myself, you really care.

Now I will announce to you your 1996-1997 Powder Puffs' Executive Officers (*drum roll, please*).

First of all, I must have been elected President again, otherwise someone else would be writing this column (*rim shot*). You have chosen Diane [REDACTED] as your new Vice President. She was an overwhelming choice. Serving as the Secretary-Treasurer is Joan Goodnight.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors were Tommie [REDACTED] and Patti [REDACTED]. Newly elected to serve on the Board are Cyndi Silk and Loren [REDACTED]. Welcome aboard, ladies. Be prepared for a very important year.

I wish to thank Sarah [REDACTED] and Lisa [REDACTED] for running for a Director's position. Hey, even Patti [REDACTED] got a couple of write in votes. Next term, you're all welcome to run again.

But, there is someone we all need to personally thank. She is Sue [REDACTED]. Sue has been a very important part of this organization for many years. And for those of you who don't already know, she is one of the co-founders. She has put in many years of hard work to make this one of the premier organizations in the Gender Community. Because of her efforts, a few hundred of us would still be sitting home on a Saturday night without a safe place to go. Thus, at August's meeting, we will be having a special tribute for Sue!

Now I know there are a few of you reading this article who have stated they would never come to one of our meetings again. Some complained when the meeting fee went to \$12 and \$15. Some are holding a grudge against a former friend. Some say they'll never be at a meeting where 'so and so' will be. Whatever your reason is, I'm asking for you to put aside your feelings and come out and say thank you to Sue. This next meeting is for her.

Hugs to all of you in the Community (and a big one for Sue),

Dee

Alpha-Hydroxy Lotions Prove to Be Beneficial

Taken from the Press-Enterprise, July 16, 1996

So-called age-defying creams with alpha-hydroxy acid really can reduce wrinkles somewhat and improve skin.

Dr. Lynn Drake, a dermatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, had her findings published in the American Association's Archives of Dermatology. Funding for the study came from Unilever, the parent of Chesebrough-Ponds, which makes age creams.

For 22 weeks, 67 women between the ages of 40 and 70 used either creams with glycolic or lactic acid — two types of alpha-hydroxy acids — or an acid-free lotion. Seventy percent of the women who used alpha-hydroxy lotions showed improvement. Forty-one percent of the women in the other group showed similar improvement.

Quotable Quotes

The following were taken from the Press-Enterprise and are reprinted here for your interest.

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

"I don't plan on swimming ever again. I want my shoulders to shrink and my muscles to get small, so I can wear sundresses. So I'm going to run — and try to get the chlorine out of my system."

— Janet Evans, swimmer, on her post-Olympic plans.

Saturday, July 27, 1996

The fingernails of star American women's sprinter Gail Devers are so long that they curl inward and force her to roll her hand into a fist instead of getting up on her fingertips in the starting blocks.

"The nails are part of me, they're mine, they're real," said Devers. "And until they break or I get tired of them, I'm going to keep them."

Editor's note: Devers won the gold medal in the women's 100 meters.

Thank you, Sue!



QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

We're Making Great Strides!

The community national and regional weekend events, the majority of which are totally funded and sponsored by your average red-blooded American crossdressing organizations, were recently singled out for just being an opportunity to play dress-up. It was also implied that the crossdressers value their anonymity and security too much to be involved in the hottest topic in Gender Land -- the political action committee known as GenderPac (the commentator actually referred to it as "paranoia"). It should be painfully obvious that the majority of the transsexual/transgender segment of the community plainly just doesn't understand the importance and the impact that these weekend events have, not only on our community but on society in general. Nor do they understand the need that the majority of crossdressers have to remain anonymous. While it's true that society currently views

crossdressing with great curiosity and fascination, great harm and conflict can arise when it turns up within a family or in the workplace. Unlike the ts/tg person who has nothing to lose now that they're living their elected lifestyle, the crossdresser can't afford to take that kind of risk. This is really an act of responsibility, not cowardice.

These weekend events serve as a much-needed educational and much-needed social outlet for community members, from newcomers to the more experienced, and they serve as a public relations vehicle. During these events the community is interfacing with the general public and this is an opportunity for us to show them at our best ... acting as responsible citizens by displaying dignity and respect for others. It has been my personal experience from managing six consecutive years of California Dreamin' events that our community is at its finest during these events, and our reputation with the hotels that have hosted them is sterling -- they want us back!

I'm not down-playing the importance of the GenderPac by stating that the national and regional events are just as important, if not more important, than having a lobbyist. You can pass all the legislation in the world concerning gender rights but unless the general public is educated by us through the outreach that these

events provide then they're only words contained on a printed page. Legislation, no matter how wonderfully worded or carefully crafted, won't change peoples attitudes. Our actions and comportment in society will have a far greater impact. This isn't a perfect world and there will always be those that hate us for no better reason than they believe they have to hate something, but we can go a long way in dispelling fears and doubts by acting responsibly and these events give us that golden opportunity.

The commentator also suggested that, "If every CD opted to skip one weekend event and instead sent as a contribution to GenderPac the money they would have spent on airfare, hotels, meals, registration, and new clothes for that weekend, we would likely form one of the largest political action committees on Capitol Hill -- probably enough to hire a full -time lobbyist or two."

A more equitable statement would have been to include our ts/tg sisters along with the crossdresser and state something like, "If every ts/tg opted to skip one month of electrolysis, or a couple of months supply of estrogen, or put aside \$1,000 of the money they're saving for SRS,

and every CD opted to skip one weekend event and instead sent as a contribution to GenderPac we would likely form one of the largest political action committees on Capitol Hill -- probably enough to hire a full -time lobbyist or two."

I find it interesting that the great majority of our ts/tg sisters don't wish to commingle socially with the crossdresser, because they believe they have ascended to a higher plateau on the highway to womanhood, but they're the very first ones in line to chide the crossdressing community for not supporting their elected lifestyle. If they would stop and take an examination of why this is happening I'm sure they'd reach a far different conclusion. The crossdresser, as opposed to the ts/tg is, nine times out of ten, employed in a meaningful occupation and therefore doesn't personally have a problem seeking employment. It's a sad fact of life but the average ts/tg looking for employment is faced with social barriers based on their physical appearance. With rare exception these people are not passable enough in their elected feminine role to warrant an employer hiring them. They don't fit the standard mold for social acceptance because of their cosmetic appearance, i.e., a guy in drag, and therefore their presence in the workforce would be too disruptive a risk for an employer to take. Unless a ts/tg is

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TALKING WITH YOUR DOCTOR #04 / July '96

From the Internet

GENDER ARTICLES -- This regularly posted Internet column provides educational information regarding transgender living. (TS/TG/CD/SO) Each column has been written to inspire contemplation and dialogue. Authored by Gianna E. Israel, columns may be reprinted in any medium insofar as each article, its introduction and the author's contact information remains unaltered.

Frequently transgender persons in the coming out process are uncertain how to discuss gender issues and their needs with physicians. This can include requesting hormones as well as discussing general medical concerns. Additionally, many people generally dislike visiting a doctor's office or feel uncomfortable talking about very private issues. When actually visiting a physician, some people fear that they may not adequately communicate their needs or that their suggestions will be overlooked. This article addresses effectively communicating with physicians.

In part, many of the fears and concerns people have about visiting a doctor's office stem from the fact that doctors are often busy. They also seem as if they speak their own language. I regularly hear complaints from clients who have experienced visiting a doctor who was constantly interrupted by nurses and phone calls. In part, these interruptions come with the territory. Extremely busy or successful physicians are quite likely to have a few emergency patients and many phone calls each day. If a doctor is continually interrupted to the point you are unable to communicate your needs during the course of a visit, state so.

In many respects there exists a wide variety of approaches that physicians use when interacting with patients. A single physician's office manners can vary greatly depending on location, type of medical clinic, and scheduling practices. For example, a physician who is employed by a community health clinic which treats low-income persons may be very overworked.

In contrast to private practice physicians who offer more personalized service at higher rates, community clinic physicians frequently are required to see more patients in a lesser amount of time. Therefore, before you visit a physician be mindful of these circumstances. If you believe your visit may require more than 15 minutes of the doctor's time, state so when scheduling your appointment.

No matter what type of physician you have, the best way to insure a productive office visit is to be prepared. This can be

done by writing down simple notes or "cue cards" of the items you wish to discuss. Make certain to place the most important items at the top of your list. During a general office visit if the physician is overbooked or contending with medical emergencies you may only have several minutes to discuss your needs. If time permits, you may then introduce off-subject questions or comments to the physician. If your appointment is cut short by an interruption, talk with the doctor's nurse or medical assistant. Frequently medical staff can be very helpful in addressing basic medical concerns or questions. After your appointment, save your notes for future reference.

The most common gender-specialized concerns that transgender persons have when seeking medical care include requests for hormones, gender specialized resources, and post-surgical care. Generally, unless your physician specializes in treating transgender people, I suggest reserving these types of requests until you are face-to-face with a physician. This is particularly so when scheduling an appointment because most office staff are not familiar with gender-specialized medical needs. In other words when scheduling your appointment, when the receptionist asks what your visit involves, state that you can only discuss your concern with the physician. Otherwise, you

risk being told that the physician does not provide gender specialized treatment.

Persons who are in the process of coming out often fear the prospect of asking for hormones, particularly since this disclosure is

usually one of the first and most important that they will make. Some persons fear being turned down because a physician may be inflexible or has never heard of transgender persons. Other individuals may be uncertain as to whether their physician or insurance will approve hormone treatment because it appears to be specialized. While these concerns are realistic, in most circumstances they can be resolved when transgender persons place forethought into seeking hormones.

For example where insurance coverage is concerned, at the present it is typically best not to inform insurance companies of your transgender status. Rather, when seeking a hormone prescription, request that the physician indicate only a hormone imbalance on charting and insurance forms, not transsexualism. Doing so will also help safeguard against an employer discovering your transgender status against your wishes.

Many physicians are not aware that providing hormone administration to transgender men and women is a general medical procedure. Many transgender persons in the coming out process are not aware that the vast majority of transgender people receive hormones from their regular physician. In providing

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Clothestime

What follows are two comments I found about our favorite ad. It was taken from a recent edition of the *Press-Enterprise*.

Clothestime has also annoyed Marilyn Carroll of Riverside. Carroll expresses particular disgust with the spot, "with the beautiful blonde who's having a little temper tantrum. Then the phone rings and we discover she's really a guy named Mark. They also have one with a brunette in a white suit dancing," she writes. "You think it's a woman until he takes off the jacket and shows his bare chest. I wonder what young people think. Must be very confusing." (Frankly, I think today's young people are more clued in than Ms. Carroll realizes — Cyndi.)

In another comment, Rosemary Smit of Sun City complained about another Clothestime ad:

"But the most offensive to me are the commercials for Clothestime," she writes. "I find them downright degrading, especially the one that takes place in a dance lounge with a sweaty guy ogling the seductive dancing of a young girl." She says she has seen three of the current Clothestime spots (Gee, I wonder what the other two are, Cyndi) and "I believe they send a very poor message to young people with their subject matter." What's more, she tried to convey that information to the Clothestime ad agency, where a phone call was answered by taped voice assuring her she would receive a written reply in 24 hours. "Three calls and a month later — nothing!" she says.

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nationwide telephone consultation to individuals and physicians, I have found this to be so because there are considerably more transgender persons than there are gender clinics.

Finally, newcomers into the community, as well as their physicians, often are not aware that having a transgender identity or needs is not in and of itself mentally disordered, medically diseased, or pathological. The letter you receive from your therapist which provides a recommendation for hormone treatment can be used to relay information found in the preceding paragraph. Furthermore, if you suspect your physician may not be familiar with hormone prescription levels and blood laboratory testing regimens, you may ask your therapist to include this information within the contents of his or her letter. Or, you may provide such information to the physician yourself. Make certain, however, that the information you pass on is written by a gender specializing care provider or has been reviewed by one.

Transgender persons also frequently seek gender-specialized information and referrals from their physicians, particularly when their doctor is the first person they confide in when seeking support. Sadly, however, most physicians are not fully aware of gender-specialized resources or information. In many

circumstances it may be likely you know more about gender issues than your physician. This in itself is OK, and so is sharing your experiences. At present, transgender persons, gender-specialized care providers and organizations are responsible for passing on information to physicians. (It appears that this will be so until gender identity issues are included as part of medical school training.)

Lastly, because locating a physician who is sensitive to transgender persons can be difficult, I suggest that persons seeking genital reassignment locate and visit face-to-face with a prospective urologist or gynecologist before undergoing surgery. Doing so insures that after surgery you will receive sensitive, prompt attention to your post-surgical follow-up care.

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OOPS

In last month's article entitled *Crossdressers & the Police: Understanding Law Enforcement's Perspective* by Melanie Yarborough, I forgot to include the last part of the article. What follows is the remainder of the story. Please excuse me while I go spank myself.

It was suggested that Police Academy training include sensitivity training on Transgender issues. But, Officer Johnson admits, "They go through such intense training, I don't know if they'd even give you the time of day." The P.O.S.T. system (Police Officers Standards of Training) has a very rigorous procedure to add anything new to their curriculum. There are also budget and time constraints as well. However, after graduation, officers are required to attend periodic seminars on topics such as "Cultural Sensitivity," "Domestic Violence," or "First Aid." This might be a special program which could be worked in at that time.

Police Officers are trained to have a COMMAND PRESENCE, a necessary tool in confrontations. This is often mistaken for hostility. But remember, "Your behavior dictates how I will respond. If you're low-key, professional and dignified, I'll act the same way."



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Albert's Hosiery Stores, Full-fashioned stockings — special occasion hosiery, 6336 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood & Vine) Hollywood, CA 90028, 213-465-2834, mail orders accepted.

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

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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

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, 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).

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Regal Opticians, 2402 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057, 213-382-7606.

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

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On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Sep 1-8, 1996, Dignity Cruise 7. Contact CRUISE INC., 5111 Rogers Ave., Suite 551, Fort Smith, AR 72903. Call 1-800-247-7021, ask for Brenda.

Sep 19-26, 1996, "Paradise In The Poconos" c/o CDS, P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1263, email: poco@cdspub.com, Phone: 610-640-9449, FAX: 610-648-0257

Sep 26-29, 1996, Southern Comfort, P.O. Box 77591, Atlanta, GA 30357-1591. Call (404) 633-6470.
E-mail to: phillida@atl.mindspring.com
Web page: <http://www.mindspring.com/~phillida/scctop.html>

Nov 6-9, 1996, 7th Annual "Fall Harvest", St. Louis, MO sponsored by Mid America Gender Group Information Exchange (MAGGIE) and hosted by Iowa Artistry. Contact P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0075, Call (309) 755-2310

Nov 6-10, 1996, Tri-Ess "Holiday en Femmes", Chicago, IL. Contact Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wood Dale, IL 60191-0040. Call (708) 262-8707

Mar 11-16, 1996, 9th Annual "Texas 'T' Party, Dallas TX. Send SASE to P.O. Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163; phone/fax, (210) 980-7788; e-mail: txtparty@aol.com

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financially independent, or a medical/legal professional, their chances for finding meaningful employment in the workplace are next to zero because they usually don't have the qualifications for the position for which they're applying. They usually wind up in some minimum wage job or become totally unemployable and have to rely on family and friends for subsistence. So rather than face the reality of the situation they'd rather scream that they're being discriminated against. Get real. With one exception, I'm not personally aware of any ts/tg that has made a 100% transition and found acceptance on their present job. Most companies are very reluctant to immediately dismiss these people, but when a downsizing does happen the ts/tg is usually the first to go. Is it discrimination? You're damn right it is, but it's also next to impossible to prove. Discrimination exists in our nation and all the legislation in the world isn't going to eradicate it. People will retain their prejudices and find a way to work around the law.

GenderPac is important, but for God's sake, don't throw the baby out with the bath water. The regional and national events are just as important. I hate to think of where this community would be without them. The crossdressing segment has labored mightily

to consistently bring well-rounded programs for the benefit of the entire gender community and to cast aspersions on their integrity is totally irresponsible. If our ts/tg sisters would forget about playing martyr and instead try to assimilate into the crossdressing community we could build an effective team to tackle the discrimination problem. But as long as they wish to remain by themselves and take cheap pot shots it's not going to happen.

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Official Nomenclature

Last month I promised to include an update on my quest for the perfect nomenclature for the members of the transgendered community. Well it's going to have to wait until the next edition of Powder Puffs' *Girl Talk*.

The reason?

Why the federal bureaucracy — what else. It seems that when the forms were received by the federal agency responsible for the review they were mistakenly rerouted to the State Department who in turn placed them in a diplomatic pouch and forwarded them onto our embassy in Khatmandu, Nepal. The embassy, seeing that they had no decision making authority, then forwarded the documents to the Department of Weights and Measures, ad nauseam, ad nauseam. Every agency of the federal government has been put on full alert and a Priority One ticket will be attached to the forms as soon as they're found. Keep the faith.

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It's in the Jeans

No, I'm not giving a discourse on DNA or the PCR technique. Here is a little insight into jeans (as in denim) sizing.

- **Men's:** Men's jeans generally fall lower on the waist and have a shorter rise. To figure out which size to try, a woman should add 20 to the size she normally wears. (For instance, women's size 8 plus 20 equals men's size 28.)

- **Junior's:** This odd-numbered category is cut close in the hips, waist, and seat.

- **Women's:** These large, even-numbered sizes are generous in the hips and waist, for those who enjoy exhaling.

