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Special January Meeting

To kick-off the New Year, Powder Puffs will convene a special meeting this January 18th. That evening our featured guest speaker will be Ms. Alison Laing, Executive Director of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE).

This meeting is especially important as in April IFGE, along with several Southern and Northern California groups, will be hostessing "California Unity" at the Queen Mary (the ship) in Long Beach. All community members are invited to attend this important meeting.

The meeting will take place at our usual watering hole, the Pioneer Room of the Best Western Pioneer Inn (91 fwy at Pioneer Blvd) at 8:00 pm. Food and beverages will be served. Help us launch (get it, the Queen Mary, launch) our best convention ever. *Be there, or be square!*

Local Gal Makes Good

Hi,
I wanted to let you know that I have been invited to be one of the square-dance callers at the fifth anniversary "Pass the Sea" fly-in held in San Deigo. This is a real honor for me especially since I am the only transgender caller.

I'm mentioning this to ask for my sisters' support in San Diego. So if any of you will be near the Mission Valley Marriot in San Diego on April 4, 5, or 6

please stop by and cheer me on. It won't cost you anything to just watch.

Second, I wanted everyone to know that I work at Sizes Unlimited, across from the Lakewood Mall. We have clothes from size 14 up to 32. Everyone at work knows about Desirey even though I work as Rey. I normally put away all the shipments so I get to see all the new clothes that comes in and we recieve alot of nice skirts and tops.

If you want to try something on in the store, that is fine with the manager — as long as there is not a lady in the dressing room next to you. But if you wwould rather try it on at home — that's fine too because we have a great return policy.

I work days from 9 to 3. Stop by if you want to see me or look around the store.

Desirey

Misc.

Don't forget! Within the Hearts of Gender, Christine H. beauty/talent pageant is scheduled for February 1st. See the Rap Sheet (page 8) for details.

Also! Renaissance is now on AOL. To see it click on GO TO, then click on KEYWORD, then type in RENAISSANCE. Have fun browsing.

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1996 In Review: The Crest of the Wave?

By Melanie Yarborough

The Transgender-Mania which had been sweeping America continued unabated in 1996, but some conjectured it may be reaching its peak, with tapering off to follow. Half a dozen films and various television programs experimented with transgendered plots and characters.

The long awaited movie "Stonewall" debuted in the summer ; 27 years after the 1969 Queen riots upon which it was based. Mike Nichols & Elaine May's "The Bird Cage" was a Drag Comedy based on the French film (& later Broadway Hit) *La Cage Aux Folles*. "I Shot Andy Warhol" depicted the real-life assassination attempt on the Pop Superstar by Radical Feminist Valerie Solanis; Drag Queen Candy Darling was prominently featured, played by Stephen Dorff.

Several gay films also addressed TG issues. "The Celluloid Closet" detailed Hollywood's depiction of Gays and by extension, Transgendered people. "Gay Cuba" depicted the history of Gays and Lesbians under the Cuban Revolution. At one point, Cuban queens were invited by the Revolutionary Defense Committees to perform at the July 26 revolutionary celebrations.

On television, ABC's 20/20 aired a segment on Transgendered Law Enforcement officers, and mentioned murdered transgendered victims Brandon Teena and Tyra Hunter. ABC's "Inside Edition" also aired a segment on Transsexuals, spotlighting UPS Worker Patty Blackhawk, Willowick Ohio Fire Dept Employee Megan Parsons, and IFGE's Yvonne Cook-Riley.

In February, the program "Picket Fences" had an episode on Internet dating, and featured a crossdressing character. The following month, E! cable channel spotlighted Drag Queen shows in Las Vegas for its News Weekend segment. In October, Drew Carey did the obligatory

drag scene for a Halloween episode, showing up as his garishly-dressed co-worker Mimi.

However, not all coverage was good. In February, NBC's Saturday Night Live engaged in TG Bashing: Weekend Update's Norm Macdonald mentioned the death sentencing of John Lotter, murderer of F2M Brandon Teena in Nebraska. The joke: "In Nebraska, a man was sentenced for killing a female crossdresser who had accused him of rape and two of her friends. Excuse me if this sounds harsh, but in my mind, they all deserved to die." In response, Transsexual Menace organized a letter-writing campaign to NBC.

Flamboyant Chicago Bulls basketball star Dennis Rodman emerged as a new role-model for crossdressing youth. He announced his wedding, then showed up in Bridal Gown to marry himself, and also appeared on the season premier of "Third Rock From the Sun". His book signing was, of course, done in drag. Ru Paul continued to dominate the scene as a Pop Icon, appearing in her own show and publishing her book *Lettin' It All Hang Out*.

In the Southern California media, Riverside's newspaper, *The Press-Enterprise*, ran an article in February on the group Androgyny, entitled "Across The Great Divide" by Steve Pokin. In May, the *San Diego Reader* featured an article on local transgender personality Major Griffin-Gracy.

Several new advocacy groups also emerged in Southern California. Pathfinders, a Wives/Partners support group was organized in Riverside. They participated in Tri-Ess' SPICE convention, and gave a special Q & A session at Born Free's November meeting. The newly formed group Trans-Action sent its President Delores Dickerson as Delegate to the ICTLEP Transgender Law conference in Texas in July, and to a Gay & Lesbian Conference

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President's Message

by Dee Grady

I just want to pass along a letter I received from the Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Educational Therapy. This Center is the organization to which we donated the toys from December's holiday party with Alpha Chapter. The letter reads:

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the children and families we serve, we wish to thank you for your kind and generous donation of stuff animals, toys, and games to the Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Educational Therapy.

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Again, your thoughtfulness and charitable support of the Dubnoff Center is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Gil Freitag, Ph.D.
Executive Director"

Well, I also want to thank those of you who took a few moments out of your busy holiday schedule to purchase a new toy for a needy child. Happy New Year!

Hugs to all of you in the Community,
Dee

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in Washington DC in November. Transaction also participated in the Voices '96 protest at the July San Diego Republican Convention, and in September put on the successful "Activists in Drag" Fundraiser.

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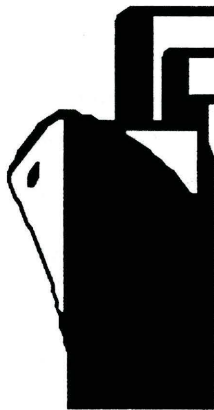
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QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

Thanksgiving Weekend - Food, Food, and More Food

San Francisco, CA -. Barbara and I enjoyed a long weekend trip to the City by the Golden Gate. While we were there we partook of some of our most favorite hobbies restaurant hopping, winery tours, and meeting with old friends. The latter was the most fun because we were able to get together with several members of the ETVC executive committee over drinks and dinner on Sunday evening. Besides visiting with old amigo Jane Kamper Bentley we enjoyed the company of ETVC president Erin Souza, and committee members Veronica and Juana Smith, and Leslie Bailey for a pleasing and informative evening. The restaurant was warm and intimate, the food excellent, so what more could we have wished for except the chance to do it more often. We stayed at the same Holiday Inn where Dreamin' '96 was held and sales manager John Hopkins fixed us up with the bay view room on the 24th floor. Wow! The view is so breathtaking and beautiful you don't want to ever leave the confines of the room, but hunger pangs eventually take over, and as usual, the need for preservation and pleasures of the flesh supersede the esthetics of beauty. In other words, it's time to round up some munchies. On this trip we were fortunate enough to find couple of new places that had excellent food and didn't cost an arm or a leg.

The next time you travel to San Francisco and are on a limited food budget we highly recommend two restaurants: *The House of Nanking*, and *The Fog City Diner*. The first establishment mentioned is obviously Chinese and you can't believe the amount of food they heap on your platters. That's correct - platters. Each dish is extremely well prepared and the owner uses only the freshest ingredients in their preparation. The only drinks offered are tea along with a couple of domestic and imported beers. If you're in the mood for seafood let the owner present you with the chefs selection. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. I'm strictly a meat and potatoes type person and will only eat seafood as a last resort to ward off starvation, but honest to pete, this food is so good I wanted to lick the plates to be assured of getting every morsel. The restaurant is located on the edge of Chinatown on Columbus Ave., and is within spitting distance of the TransAmerica Tower. It's a very, very popular place so be primed to wait in line outside the door. They don't take reservations so you'll probably find yourself standing in line with the great and the near great of the business and entertainment worlds. Once you've eaten the owner will hustle

you right out the door so the next person can be served. So don't be offended; it's nothing personal - fast service, high volume, and great food is the key to this man's business success.

The Fog City Diner is located on Battery which is across the street from the Embarcadero. The outside of establishment is built along the lines of the diners you see back east. You know the kind, they look like someone took a long Airstream trailer and cut it in half and made a restaurant out of it. While standard American fare is offered they also have some interesting and unusual dishes you usually don't find on diner menus. The diner has a full-service bar as well as offering wine and beer. The prices are quite reasonable. If you're in the mood for a great old-fashioned hamburger with all the trimmings then this is the place. If you order the burger pass on the french fries and get the garlic mashed potatoes with it instead. Other recommendations include the fresh clam soup, the Penne with roasted eggplant, and anything else on the menu. A dessert worth ordering is the sundae with hot fudge and caramelized pecans - yummeee! *Fog City* is open only for lunch and dinner. Too bad they don't have breakfast service. One can hope though.

Other personal faves you might want to check out are: *Tadisch's Grill*, *Kuleto's*, and even *Planet Hollywood*. On the pricey side there's *Harris's* for great dry cured USDA prime steaks, *Fournou's Ovens*, *Aqua*, *Stars*, and the *Garden Court*. And you people wonder why I weigh 240 pounds.

Star Wars - Gender Style

Los Angeles CA/Houston TX/Atlanta GA -. The war continues unabated; the gender war between the cross dressers of the heterosexual persuasion and the transsexual element that is. Virginia Prince wrote another column entitled "*A Response To Tri-Ess' Critics*" which appears in *Cross-Talk* #85. This piece was obviously an attempt to stem the tide of criticism that has been leveled at Virginia and Tri-Ess from an article entitled "*Gender Fundamentalists*" that appeared in *Cross-Talk* #84. *Cross-Talk* publisher Kym Richards has also taken a multitudinous quantity of heat for publishing the first article and will probably get another big ration over this latest "explanation."

This whole war originally started when Dallas Denny of the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS), a proclaimed transsexual, sent a letter, and a press release, to the Society of the Second Self (Tri-Ess) challenging their membership policies and carbon copied "just about everyone." Virginia retaliated with the *Issue* #84 article in which our transsexual sisters were depicted as something less than human beings, along with tagging them with the moniker of gender

fundamentalists. But it doesn't end there. After the *Issue #84* article appeared along came Ann Lawrence, a transsexual physician, who in turn put out a notice on the Internet asking that the community at large contact the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) demanding that Virginia's honorary position on that organizations board of directors be taken away from her plus renaming The Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement Award that IFGE presents at their annual convention. IFGE (along with other organizations in the community), has since been deluged with a few zillion megabytes of e-mail and other correspondence about the incident. It's gotten so bad that the principal antagonists are requesting that no more e-mail, telephone, or letter correspondences addressing the subject be sent.

What is so tragic about this whole affair is that it really didn't need to happen if the hotheads involved had used a little common sense and shown some real leadership responsibility instead of running off at the keyboard. Ms. Denny was obviously totally wrong in the method she used seeking Tri-Ess membership. She had some very interesting and valid questions that the sorority needs to answer, but her shotgun approach of trying to enlist the whole community into putting pressure on Tri-Ess over their membership policies was entirely self-serving and not deserving of any sympathy from the community as a whole. Virginia's articles are insulting, not only to the transsexuals, but to the entire community as well. *Cross-Talk* publisher Richards could have exercised some sound judgment and refused to print such an inflammatory article, but considering her status as a Tri-Ess board member (albeit on sabbatical) and close personal relationship to Virginia, she probably just got caught up in the pro/anti-transsexual hysterics and abandoned her publishers responsibilities. While everyone is entitled to his or her own opinions, editorial responsibility and ethics were entirely trash canned by the three protagonists in this situation while personal viewpoints and prejudices from both sides were treated as holy writ.

Where will all of this end? Your guess is as good as mine, but I'm hoping that all the parties involved in this imbroglio will stop and examine all the harsh and uncaring statements that have made on all sides, apologize to each other and to the community at large, and call off the needless war. Now wouldn't that be a refreshing start to the new year? Remember girls, that in the final analysis - we all wear dresses!

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not reflect the opinions of the Powder Puffs of California, its officers, and its board members.

What's your opinion? It's always been the policy of Girl Talk to

print differing viewpoints on subjects that are timely and interesting to the gender community. Write care of PPOC, Attention: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda, CA 92885 or e-mail to PPOC@AOL.COM.

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First of two parts

Sex Vexes Sociology Students

By Justin Mih, Staff Writer

Taken from the Highlander, the student newspaper of the University of California, Riverside

Men wearing lipstick, women smoking cigars and drag queens roaming the campus . . . Maybe you haven't noticed, but students have been switching sexes. But it is not a case of confusion.

They're doing it in the name of sociology.

"One guy stared at me like he was mad when he saw me in a dress," sophomore Eric Lorico said. "I think he wanted to beat me up."

But don't fret. When they hand in their research papers on gender role violations, they get to go back to their usual sex.

"I'm getting tired of being masculine," said sophomore Monica Veliz. "But I have to say, it is fun."

And more than that. For more than 300 students taking Introduction to Sociology this quarter, this is an experience that has to be felt — not talked about.

"Breaking norms is one thing . . . But violating gender norms is another. After all, it's part of ourselves."

**Alexandria Maryanski
Professor, Sociology**

"Students need to be out there," said Professor Alexandria Maryanski, who teaches the course every year. "I wanted them to go and shake up the social world, I wanted them to use their sociological imaginations and I wanted them to be excited."

Maryanski's assignments often involve breaking social norms. But this one went to the extremes. "Breaking norms is one thing," she said. "But violating gender norms is another. After all, it's part of ourselves."

Still, some students found the courage to go all out.

"I thought it would be cool, that I could handle it," said Lorico, who was almost mistaken for Pocohontas. "But once I started walking around campus, I got embarrassed. People started segregating themselves from me, and they didn't want to be seen with me."

No one wanted to talk to sophomore Crissy Feickert, either.

"I went to Chief Auto Parts and put on a uniform," she said.

"Nobody would let me help them. They all gave me dirty looks."

Sophomore Monica Veliz also sensed disgust from her friend.

"I told her I wanted to buy a guy's swimsuit," she said. "She was shocked. She was like, what are you going to wear on top?"

Next month . . .

What did they conclude?

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On the Local Scene

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First Saturdays

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Third Saturdays

Powder Puffs of California, Pioneer Room of the Pioneer Best Western Inn, Artesia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92885. 714-779-9013.

Club Cherchez La Femme, "Suite Saturday Dance Party" by Marlayna & Tasha at the Executive Suite, 10 pm, 3428 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach 310-597-3884.

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, 213-467-8317 (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909-360-5584 (ask for Paula)

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Mar 11-16, 1997, 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

Apr 15-20, 1997, California Unity '97, The Queen Mary (the ship) in Long Beach, CA; contact IFGE, P O Box 229, Waltham, MA 02154; phone (617) 899-2212

Happy New Year !