



GIRL TALK

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



Inside This Issue . . .

- 1
Next Meeting — No December Meeting
- 2
Beyond Passing
by Melanie Yarborough
- 3
President's Message
by Dee G.
- 4
Women Shop, Men Buy
by Ellen Goodman
- 5
Passing Perfect
by Gianna E. Israel
- 6
Continued Articles
- 7
The White Pages
- 8
The Rap Sheet

reminder

schedule for OZZ nights:
saturday, dec 7 & jan 4

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

No December PPOC Meeting

Remember, Powder Puffs will NOT be holding a December meeting because of the proximity of the usual date (Dec 21st) to Christmas.

However, Tri-Ess' Alpha Chapter has issued the following invitation:

*You are cordially invited
to attend the Gender Community
Holiday Feast to be held on
Saturday the fourteenth of
December at the Burbank
Holiday Inn
Price: \$28.00 per person*

The Reception will be at 6:30 pm downstairs and Dinner (New Carousel Room) commencing at 7:30 pm with the Party and dessert at 8:30 pm (downstairs). Reservations ARE REQUIRED and must be made by December 10. Tickets (\$28.00) are available through Lydia's TV Fashions, Powder Puffs or Alpha Chapter. You are invited to bring a new toy (unwrapped, \$5-10) for a needy child. Phone Kathy Helms at (818) 352-9448.

Tolerance

By Cyndi Silk

A part of what goes on in society today strives to increase "tolerance". Many feel that this solicitude for various

groups sensibilities is a sign of compassion. For example, in New York, state law has directed that in order to teach ethical and moral behavior all schools must have courses giving particular attention to the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust. The law has been amended to include the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850. New York's Republican Gov. George Pataki says, the new law will help New York's pupils develop "tolerance."

If "tolerance" is such a noble goal, it is fair to examine just what tolerance is all about. Recently, Marilyn vos Savant, was asked, "When do you think tolerance is the right attitude, and when do think it is wrong" in her column "Ask Marilyn" which appears every Sunday in Parade magazine. For those unfamiliar with Ms. vos Savant, she is listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records" Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ."

Her reply was, "Tolerance is the *least* (italics mine — Cyndi) possible compromise with your opposition. So ask yourself this question: Is the thought of compromise with them unbearable to you? If it is, you should at least be tolerant."

If you accept Ms. vos Savant's reasoning then, viewed from our transgendered perspective, when someone is just "tolerant" they are doing the very LEAST they can do. As a corollary, if and when we should interact with some uncompromising group or individual, we should not expect, nor will we receive, any tolerance from them.



Powder Puffs' Officers

1996-1997 Officers

President

Dee G.

Vice-President

Diane D.

Secretary/Treasurer

Joan G.

Board of Directors

Dee G., *Chairperson*

Patti B., *Member-at-Large*

Tommi S., *Member-at-Large*

Cyndi S., *Member-at-Large*

Loren W., *Member-at-Large*

Outreach and Social Director

Diane D.

Newsletter

Cyndi Silk (editor), Diane D.

Librarian

Dee G.

California Unity '97 (Southern California)

Event Co-Director, Joan G.

SoCal Area Coordinator, Dee Grady
SO Programs, Decorations, Betsi R.

Vendor Coordination, Diane D. & Sue S.

Professional Programs, Kathy H.

Program Coordinator, Melanie Y.

Audio Coordinator, Lisa J.

Entertainment, Arlene R.

Photo/Video Coordinator, Tommie S.

Transportation Coordinator, Patti B.

Local Marketing Coordinator, Kym R.

TS/TG Programs, Shirley B.

Girl Talk is distributed to all Powder Puffs members and is published twelve times annually by the Powder Puffs of California (PPOC). All material in *Girl Talk* is copyright 1996 by Powder Puffs. Permission is granted to reprint articles by gender organizations unless otherwise noted.

Powder Puffs of California (PPOC), P. O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92885. e-mail PPOC@AOL.COM. All rights reserved. Subscription to *Girl Talk*, \$25/yr

Membership rates. \$30/yr, \$12/meeting; \$150 covers dues & meetings for entire year. A Renaissance Education Affiliate.

Beyond Passing

By Melanie Yarborough

I hereby decree the abolishment of the verb, "To Pass."

Words are powerful. They define the terms of our debate; but more importantly, they subconsciously send messages on how we feel about ourselves.

The concept of "passing," as used in our community, has a certain negative undertone. It implies presenting as female is all-or-nothing. Either you look completely female as defined by "Them," or you don't. It creates a division in our community: the pass and the pass-nots. It means an underclass whose genetics and/or circumstances make them unable to present in public as female, and an elect who are blessed by those same factors and to be envied from afar. Does division serve us as a community?

Passing, as traditionally defined, also means invisibility; trying to remain an unseen face in the crowd. It means closets and shame, as if to say, "We know we're not good enough to be real women, but please don't read us, just ignore us." Does grovelling before the altar of Madison Avenue's brand of femininity serve us as a community?

So, what are better terms to use? Here are some: To present convincingly. to be credible. To represent appropriately. To image properly. to be congruent. To portray accurately. These all imply positive efforts to give a female image. Instead of the old black/white "pass" or "not pass," there are now dozens of shades of color in between. One can present well, present better than average, present not as well as one could, present poorly, etc.

We need to stop feeling ashamed and be proud of who we are. One step in the right direction is not being hung-up on the mental concept of "passing."

I am not encouraging people to do shock drag, adopt an in-your-face-attitude when out, or otherwise put oneself at risk. As always, good taste and physical

safety should be a guide. My point is the mental attitude one should carry when out *en femme*. Not "Please don't see me," but rather, "This is my expression of who I am."

Shaving and Exfoliation

The following was taken from Paula Begoun's column, the *Cosmetic Counter*, which appears every Sunday in *The Press-Enterprise*. This article originally appeared on November 3, 1996.

Dear Paula: I'm wondering whether you would be shocked by the rather unorthodox method I've been following for the past few months to exfoliate my skin.

I'd read somewhere of a theory that men have softer, clearer skin because they shave their face every day. Shaving exfoliates the skin and thereby leaves it softer and smoother.

I decided to try it, so during my nightly soak in the tub I lather up with Pond's Cleanser and Toner in One and, well, shave my face. I've actually found it beneficial in removing peach-fuzz, and my foundation goes on much smoother and looks better than ever before.

I especially like the effect on the skin around my upper lip: it really does seem smoother. I know this sounds crazy, but I'm very curious to hear what you think.

Name Withheld by Request

Dear Reader: I have learned to stop being shocked concerning a woman's pursuit of better-looking skin, although I have to admit yours is a bit more radical than most.

I've heard the rumor about men shaving repeatedly over the years; I just never thought a woman would consider that method of exfoliation. Shaving absolutely exfoliates the skin, which can leave it feeling softer and looking smoother. Shaving can also help nick off the very top layer of blemishes or clogged pores, which opens them right up and help undo the plug.

(Please see **SHAVING, PAGE 6**)



President's Message

by Dee Grady

*Have a happy and joyous Holiday
Season!*

Happy 8 Days of Chanukah

Merry Christmas

and

Enjoy a Great 1997!!!

*Hugs to all of you in the Community,
Dee*

Fine Fiance Also Loves to Wear Women's Finery

Taken from The Press-Enterprise, November 18, 1996

Dear Ann Landers: I am in a state of shock and need your help. My fiance is a highly respected, successful attorney, masculine in every way. Last night, "Tom" confided that he likes to wear women's clothes on Sunday afternoon's. (Never in public, however.) He described in detail his secret wardrobe, wigs, lingerie, satin nighties, high heels and padded bras.

This man has no homosexual characteristics. In fact, he is very macho, works out four times a week and is a very satisfying lover. I love Tom with all my heart and want to spend the rest of my life with him. When he gave me a beautiful engagement ring last June, I was so happy I thought I'd died and gone to heaven.

Ann, I am disturbed and upset. I don't know what to make of this. Is Tom a homosexual? Please help me understand. —
Somewhere in Pennsylvania

Dear Somewhere: Your fiance is a transvestite. Many transvestites enjoy dressing in women's clothes but do not necessarily engage in homosexual acts. Some are happily married to women who understand this deviation and accept it.

Not all women can handle this. If you plan to marry Tom, I suggest counseling — for you, not Tom. He is not going to give this up, and you need to learn how to live with it.

So what do you think of Ann's advice? Personally, three points come to mind.

1. Ann writes, "... women who understand this deviation . . ." Reference to transvestism as a deviation may be correct, ie. different from any statistical norm, but it is too easy to rationalize that if this is a deviation then those who do it must be deviants.
2. Her counsel, "I suggest counseling — for you, not Tom" is a good one. Transvestism is not something that is easily dealt with in a marriage. However, at some point, Tom needs to be a part of the counseling and understand that there will need to be some give-and-take in his crossdressing. Life will not be like it was before marriage.
3. Tom should have told his fiancee about his crossdressing BEFORE the engagement. I know, I know, easier said than done — MUCH easier !

Pathfinders Opens Hotline !



The hottest group in the southland, Pathfinders, has just opened a hotline designed for spouses and SO involved in a transgendered relationship. The hotline number, 714-325-2938, is available 24 hrs/day.

Pathfinders is an organization developed to give the wives and SOs a place to go and interact with others involved in a transgendered relationship. In a sense, Pathfinders extends the "You are not alone" concept of Tri-Ess to the wives and SOs. Many crossdressers have felt the loneliness of transvestism and erroneously believed that they are the only ones "doing this."

However, what may not be generally recognized is that many wives and SOs involved in a transgendered relationship also feel that they are alone, and that they are the only ones in the world going through this. Enter Pathfinders, a group organized and run strictly by wives and SOs. Recently, the group held panel discussions at both Born Free and Neutral Corner. Pathfinders meet on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call the hotline or write to Pathfinders, P. O. Box 2973, Corona, CA 91718, 2973.



The national elections are now a part of history. During and after the elections the pundits have made much of the so-called gender gap. With this in mind, I have dusted off an old column written by syndicated columnist, Ellen Goodman of *The Boston Globe*. I found this article in the December 24, 1991 issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. I enjoyed the article and found it insightful as well as amusing. I hope you enjoy it also.

Women Shop, Men Buy

On the seventh day before Christmas, the couple went out to shop for presents and came home with a bundle of revelations.

Until then, mind you, the pair appeared to be a very model of compatibility. No predetermined sex roles skewed their relationship. Indeed, they were capable of sharing a kitchen, a checkbook, and a tennis court without contemplation of spouseicide. Who would have guessed that a gender gap of massive proportions would come unwrapped over gifts?

This is what happened: They entered the store, side by side. He walked directly toward a display case, spotted a pair of earrings for his daughter, checked the price tag, and said, "These are nice. I'll buy them." The entire elapsed time of this shopping trip? About 43 seconds.

It is entirely possible to regard this as normal — if you belong to the subset of human beings who also think it's normal for 250-pound men in padded uniforms to make a living crashing into each other to move a ball down the field. She, however was stunned.

This is how a woman would have done it: She would have 1) checked out every item in the store; 2) agonized over whether this daughter already had a pair of round earrings; 3) held the blue color up against lavender; 4) checked the round against the square; 5) thought about the implications of one daughter's earrings against another daughter's scarf; 6) worried about the blue, asked for cherry red; 7) wondered if there were another pair on sale; 8) picked the black ones. Minimum elapsed time? 43 minutes, including a break for aspirin.

The couple thus discovered after these many years what every Christmas salesperson learns their first season on the job. By and large, women go shopping; buying is just the end result. Men

go buying; shopping is the dreaded necessary means.

In any given year, most of the woman's friends approach Christmas shopping as a marathon event of 26 days and 26 malls duration. Most of the man's friends approach it as a three-day dash.

The woman devised a sexual Santa quiz: One friend bragged about a one-day blitz, breaking the record for presents-per-hour. Another friend admitted to collecting goodies all year — just a few more to go. Check the gender on your answer sheet. The woman wonders if there is any research to explain this sexual gap in consumer style. Is it possible that it's all nature, not nurture? Her foreplay, his focus?

The right-brain, left-brain crowd might find the dividing line in the cortex. On the right side, women regard shopping as an art, while on the left side, men regard it as an analytical chore.

And what spin would modern gender-watchers put on the shopping differences? According to the current cultural divide, men are directed toward goals and women toward relationships. He wants to make a decision; she wants to make everyone happy.

By the time the couple has returned home, packages in hand, the woman has turned a shopping trip into a sociological tract. But it now occurs to her that maybe this is just a case for Single Sex Shopping.

There is, you see a postscript to their seasonal adventure. In the kitchen, he takes out the results of his speed-shopping and pauses to wrap them with meticulous, time-consuming care. She takes out her carefully chosen presents and sloppily scotch-tapes them into their wrappers with abandon. So much for small motor coordination and chromosomes. One good thing about gender roles, she thinks. They can almost always be exchanged.

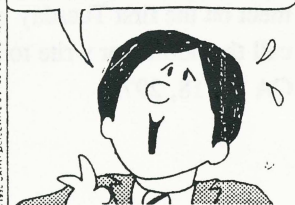
So do you go buying or shopping? If you approach Christmas shopping as a "three-day dash," perhaps it's time to put the wig back on . . . and maybe a little lipstick — just kidding. Most of the article is just something to enjoy, but as for Ms. Goodman's last two sentences, I'll drink to that! Happy Holidays — Cyndi

Cathy

MY WIFE WORKS FULL TIME, DRIVES THE KIDS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND HANDLES ALL THE MEALS AND HOUSE STUFF.... WHY SHOULD THE WHOLE BURDEN OF THE HOLIDAYS ALSO FALL ON HER??



SO I DID ALL OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THIS YEAR! I MUST HAVE BEEN IN THAT MALL FOR 20 MINUTES, BUT I FOUND THREE OF THE THINGS ON THE LIST SHE MADE FOR ME!



I BROUGHT THEM HOME FOR HER TO WRAP, SO NOW ALL SHE HAS TO DEAL WITH ARE OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS, PARTY, AND WHATEVER SHE WANTS TO DO ABOUT THE THINGS I DIDN'T FIND!



WHEN THEY SPEAK OF A "90s" MAN, THEY'RE REFERRING TO THE NUMBER OF SECONDS YOU CAN LISTEN TO ONE WITHOUT SCREAMING.



By Cathy Guisewite

G E N D E R A R T I C L E S This educational column authored by Gianna E. Israel is regularly featured on the 3rd Monday of each month in Tg-Forum, the Internet's most up-to-date, weekly Transgender Magazine. <Http://www.tgforum.com> Several weeks later each article is forwarded to Usenet and AOL <Keyword TCF>. Each column has been written to inspire contemplation and dialogue. Columns may be reprinted in any medium insofar as each article, its introduction, and the author's contact information remains unaltered.

PASSING PERFECT (#8)
Copyright 1996 / Gianna E. Israel

One of the more highly coveted aspects of transgender living which receives a great deal of focus is being able to "pass" while crossdressed or living in a new gender role. Being able to pass has its benefits. For example, people use correct pronouns and terms of reference. Also, a transgender man or woman does not need to worry about receiving second glances and unsolicited comments. Passing simplifies life considerably for the person who only wishes privacy, and it also reduces the risk of being victimized by persons who cannot tolerate difference in others.

There is also, however, a lighter side to the subject of passing. As both a gender specializing counselor and transgender woman, I have the opportunity to hear as well as experience interesting events involving pass or not passing. As a full-time counselor with a primary focus on gender issues, I am also in the unique position of being able to call myself a "transgender spotter." Without any doubts, I can spot the majority of transgender persons, even several blocks away. This ability introduces a question. What distinguishable characteristics lead me to believe I have spotted a transgender person?

First, my ability to do so is greatly assisted by my location. Like other major cities it's easy to spot transgender people occasionally as pedestrians. This is particularly so near my office, where within a 4- block radius at least one dozen transgender men and women either reside or work. Transgender persons who live in areas with high numbers of others with gender issues, should note that this makes them more likely to be noticed. For example, in San Francisco I am noticed all the time because people are more aware of transgender issues, yet while visiting New Orleans or Portland people rarely spot my differences.

A combination of a person's physical characteristics, body language, and clothing all play a key role in passing. I call the embodiment of these elements "presentation." One does not simply get dressed, hoping to pass by play- acting a part, one becomes a transgender man or woman. Whether a person lives in the new gender part or full- time, pulling together a consistent presentation greatly increases chances at passing. Furthermore, a consistent presentation is easier for others to understand.

One of the most common concerns transgender persons in the process of coming out have is the concern that one or several physical characteristics may ruin a person's chances of passing. In many cases this fear is unnecessary, particularly since as the individual focuses on pulling together more and more details their presentation will improve. Generally speaking, people do not walk about looking to see if others have big feet, broad shoulders, or are wearing a wig. Thus, if someone's overall presentation is fairly well pulled together, there is a good chance they may pass and not even realize it.

There are a number of details a person can focus on to increase their passability. This includes learning the art of proportional dressing. For example, it is commonly known that round-shaped women should avoid wearing mini- skirts. However, what may not be known by a person lacking experience dressing as a woman is that wearing a shorter-length skirt maybe possible if paired with a longer-length sweater or blazer. Also, remember that large body features can showcase larger-size jewelry.

The art of building a presentation also takes an emotional commitment, which involves self-examination. Does my clothing match my age, social position, and the occasion? Is it OK to dress differently than other transgender men or women? Are my clothing colors conducive to feeling good about myself? If I am spotted, is it OK for others to notice I am a transgender person? Do I always have to dress as others expect me to? Does my appearance match my gender identification?

Making an emotional commitment to one's presentation is a unique and interesting process. It primarily involves giving yourself permission to be who you are and allowing others the right to their own perceptions and beliefs. As a personal example, a few years ago I was approached by a husband and wife from Venezuela. After providing them with directions the husband complimented me in the kindest of tones by stating that I was the most beautiful man he had ever seen. As a transgender woman, I could have overreacted and became offended. However, understanding that this couple may not have ever encountered a transgender person before, I accepted the compliment graciously and explained that I lived as a member of the opposite gender.

Returning to the subject of transgender spotting, what most frequently leads me to believe I have spotted a transgender man or woman is the body language and energy or chemistry a person emits. At times a transgender person may put forth energies which are a mixture of masculine and feminine. This is OK because we are transgendered. I have also noticed that transgender persons put forth a more subtle energy which reflects their experiences. These energies can best be characterized as empowerment, self-confidence, and an ability to survive. Our bodies become the embodiment of our efforts, and our beauty shows when we give it a chance to blossom.

(Please see **PASSING**, PAGE 6)



PASSING

Continued from Page 5

A relatively new dynamic concerning the ability to pass is choosing to be "out" or not making any significant attempts to hide one's transgender identity. This dynamic has become more evident in locations where larger numbers of transgender people live. These people are making a statement of being proud, strong, and transgendered. They welcome people's curiosity, and do not mind answering questions about their apparent differences from others. The nice thing about this approach is that one no longer has to worry about being found out.

In closing, the experience of passing also has a humorous side. Some years ago I was visiting my physician's office and was treated by a substitute doctor. Without warning, this delightful woman suddenly turned into any transsexual's nightmare. She announced that she was immediately stopping my hormone prescription. I gagged! When I calmly asked why, she stated that my medical chart showed no records of having a gynecological exam. Ha-Ha! Keeping my amusement to myself, I gently asked the physician if she could put the chart down and look at me. After she did so, I explained much to her surprise that I was a transgender woman and that a pap smear wasn't necessary. She laughed, and I did as well, since I had assumed that I rarely pass. The lesson is one we all can learn. Sometimes we pass and sometimes we don't. *****G I A N N A E. I S R A E L provides nationwide telephone consultation, individual & relationship counseling, evaluations and referrals. She is principal author of the Recommended Guidelines for Transgender Care, writes Transgender Tapestry's "Ask Gianna" column; is an AEGIS board member and HBIQDA member. She can be contacted at (415) 558-8058, at P.O. Box 424447 San Francisco, CA 94142, or via e-mail at Gianna@wco.com.

There are many of you out there who think it is imperative to "pass" and will do absolutely anything and everything to do so. With California Unity '97 coming up in April at the Queen Mary Hotel, I have decided to reprint this story just for you. I might give you a few tips on how to pass. It was taken from *The Press-Enterprise*, November 10, 1996.

Hotel Tales by People Who Work There

The Boston Globe

Hotels are fascinating places. Just ask the people who work them:

- Ask Annabelle Valencia, the housekeeping director at Novotel New York. In a statement that may shock many, she declares that "men are just neater" when staying in hotels. "Men immediately unpack and hang everything up," she says. "They request extra hangers and place shoes in the closets. They use the

iron and ironing boards more frequently than women, who seldom request extra hangers and whose shoes are often scattered around the room.

All right now, no more requests for extra hangers and no ironing if you truly expect to pass.

Michael Jordan Tells it Like it is

The following was taken from the *Etc.* section of the Sports Page in the November 21, 1996 issue of *The Press-Enterprise*.

Michael Jordan, telling InStyle magazine of his personal pampering: "I get manicures every 10 days, pedicures once a month. Maybe 20 years ago, I would've thought, 'That's feminine.' But men have needs as well. The trend now is: Don't be afraid to express that."

It seems Dennis Rodman may have had an effect on Chicago Bulls' teammate Michael Jordan. And they say it isn't contagious! Gee, I wonder what things will be like 20 years from now?

SHAVING

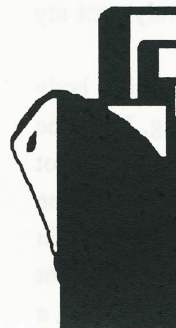
(Continued from PAGE 2)

Alpha hydroxy acids, salicylic acids, and Retin-A or Renova essentially do the same thing for the skin, but without the hair removal and more evenly. After all, you don't shave your forehead and crow'sfeet, or do you? Of course, noting about shaving (or any method of exfoliation) changes or prevents wrinkles. It just makes the skin feel smoother and helps reduce blemishes.

Men, regardless of how much they shave, still have wrinkles; it is just more socially acceptable for men to have wrinkles than it is for women.

The bottom line: As long as you are not experiencing stubble or irritation, shaving is not harmful, and as long as you find it beneficial there is no reason to stop.

If you do experience stubble or irritation, stop shaving immediately. That is what men experience, and for them shaving is no picnic.



Apr 15-20, 1997

California Unity '97

The Queen Mary (the ship)

Long Beach, CA

Contact:

IFGE, P O Box 229

Waltham, MA 02154

(617) 899-2212



The following is a listing of products and services available to the Southern California gender community compiled from information furnished by the individual advertisers. Powder Puffs is providing this listing as a service and assumes no responsibility for ad content, nor does it endorse any particular business concern or product.

CLOTHING AND FASHION

Jim Bridges Boutique, 12457 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 103, Studio City, CA, 818-761-6650

Shana's: Shirely & Faye's designer clothing and fashion accessories. Discount prices. Call 714-854-4562

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, 6336 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood & Vine) Hollywood, CA 90028, 213-465-2834, 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.

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.

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, ASPECT 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 (by appointment).

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

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

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.

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

Electrology by Nadine Mae Hill, R.E., Huntington Beach, CA, Santa Ana Heights (near So. Coast Plaza) 714-841-4914, Call for Location

Layla's Electrolysis & Artistic Beauty, Westwood CA, 310-236-1010

HAIR & COSMETICS

Hair to Wear Wigs, 1716 Andreo Ave., Torrance, CA 90501, 310-320-5015, also featuring Joe Blasco Cosmetics.

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

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

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.

Make-up by Meier, Harry Meier, Makeup Artist, 1743 E. Wilson Ave #6, Orange CA 714-774-2686

BeautiControl Cosmetics, 121 Timbre, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688, 714-459-1407, Rochelle Abate

SPECIALTY SERVICES & PRODUCTS

Melody Products International, Announces a new catalog of products for your feminine needs (MasterCard/Visa Card accepted), P.O. Box 2142, Yorba Linda, CA 92686. "Visit our electronic store at Website <http://www.melpro.com>"

Classic Curves, "Get the Maximum Curvature with a minimum of Effort," foundations by Espy Lopez, 2620 Carson St., Ste 55, 310-549-8787.

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

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

Income tax & bookkeeping - LOREN WINGERT, CPA (310) 925-8035

PUBLICATIONS

Cross-Talk, "The Gender Community's News & Information Monthly", for a sample issue and subscription rates, send \$5.41 to: P.O. Box 944 Woodland Hills, CA 91365, make check or m.o. payable to Kym Richards.

P. M. Publisher, mail order books & videos. for a list contact P.O. Box 5304, Katy, TX 77491-5304

NIGHT SPOTS

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

Viktor/Viktoria's, 1305 So. Pacific Coast Hwy Laguna Beach, CA 92651 714-376-8809

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. Holine 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

Powder Puffs Night at the Ozz — 6321 Manchester Blvd., Buena Park 714-522-1542. Time: 6:30pm-2:00am.

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, 818-352-9448 or Virginia Prince, 213-876-6141 for information and requirements.

Born Free: University Room of Hampton Inn, 1590 University Ave., Riverside. 8:00 pm. Contact Born Free, P.O. Box 3822, Riverside, CA 92519-3822, 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 & Melissa at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. 818-606-5619.

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)

On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Feb 1, 1997

Within the Hearts of Gender

Cocktails 6-7pm, Dinner 7 PM

Showtime 9-10 PM

\$30.00 pp, Pagent entry fee, \$20.00

Contact: Michael/Christine Hochberg

5259 Corteen Place, #103

N. Hollywood, CA 91607

Pager (818) 327-3161

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

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

