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92817-8191

No Meeting in November or December

Well the holidays are upon. With Thanksgiving just five days after our traditional meeting date, the 18th, the Board has decided that everyone should concentrate on their family plans. Thus, the November meeting is cancelled.

Also, in December Alpha Chapter/PPOC annual Holiday Party will take place. As has been Powder Puffs practice, we encourage all our members to support the Holiday Dinner. So, our December meeting will also be cancelled.

The Holiday Party is on Saturday, December 9th in the restaurant at the Anabelle Hotel, 1911 W. Olive in beautiful downtown Burbank. If anyone so desires, they can bring an unwrapped toy ($10.00 or less) to go to needy children. Email Linda Wade by December 6th at l_wade@earthlink.net for reservations or call Linda Wade at (310) 798-5637. Alpha Chapter may be contacted at C. Day, P. O. Box 661121, Arcadia, Ca 91066

Where does this leave us? Well, our **next meeting will take place next January on the 20th, 2001.** Joan indicates that she is planning on having Lynn Gold, speech therapist to talk on acquiring a more feminine voice! Stay tuned for further updates.

The next Powder Puffs meeting is:

Date: Sat. January 20, 2000
Time: 8:00 pm PDT
Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east

Judge: Boy Can Wear Girls' Clothes

Taken from the internet Oct 12, 2000
Submitted by Barbara Johnson

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP) -- A 15-year-old boy who was barred from school for wearing girls' clothing, including padded bras, wigs and high heels, can return to class, a judge ruled.

The student, identified in court records as "Pat Doe," can also wear any clothing or accessories that any other male or female student may wear, Judge Linda Giles said Wednesday.

South Junior High School had forbidden the boy to attend school in female dress, calling it disruptive. A school attorney said the student upset parents and students and led to confrontations with classmates.

The student was suspended three times for using the girls' restroom after being warned not to.

The school referred him to a therapist, who in 1999 diagnosed him with gender identity disorder. The therapist said requiring him to wear boys' clothing could harm his mental health.

On Wednesday, the judge ruled the prohibition amounts to "the stifling of a person's selfhood merely because it causes some members of the community discomfort."

The judge, who is a lesbian, added that students need to be exposed to differences at an early age to learn tolerance. Giles earlier refused a request by the school to take herself off the case because of her sexual orientation.

The school system said it may appeal.

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California DMV Name Change

Submitted by Shirely Bushnell

From: Roslyn Manley <MzRoslyn@Bigfoot.Com>

Dear NTAC Members:
Earlier this month, we were alerted that the California Department of Motor Vehicles had changed their two decade policy regarding acceptance of DMV Form 328 for utilization of name and gender change. Further, that the DMV was now requiring a court ordered name change, or other official proof of identity in the new name.

We then received conflicting information suggesting that there may be inconsistent application of this change, or that there had been a reversal. To clarify the issue, I wrote to the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. On behalf of all California transsexuals, I extend our thanks to the Gender Dysphoria Program at Stanford University for taking this issue up with officials at DMV and reversing the new policy.

Following is a retyped, verbatim reproduction of the letter I received in response. If any individual or group would like a photocopy of the original, contact me off list and I'll be glad to send it to you.

Roz

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State of California - Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Licensing Operations Division
PO Box 932345 MS-C152
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450

October 12, 2000
Ms. Roslyn L. Manley
XXXXXXXXXX
Irvine, CA 92620

Dear Ms. Manley:

This is in response to your letter dated October 2, 2000, in which you expressed concern about a change of policy related to the DL 328, Medical Information Authorization (Name and Gender Change) form.

Two new sections of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), §15.06, True Full Name, and §20.04, Information Required for a Name Change on a Driver License or Identification Card, became effective June 17, 1999. They require that persons wanting to change the name that appears on the driver license (DL) or identification (ID) card provide supporting documentation. Evidence of a person's true full name may be shown by submitting a document used to establish a person's legal presence in the United States or with adoption, name change, marriage or divorce documents. In cases of a change of gender when no other acceptable document exists containing the desired name, the regulations require that court documents be provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The DL 328 by itself was insufficient to initiate a name change.

In January of this year, DMV was contacted by professional staff from the Gender Dysphoria Program at Stanford University. After reviewing materials they provided regarding Gender Identity Disorder and the entire gender change process, and in consideration of other factors, the decision was made to again accept the DL 328 form as sufficient documentation. A procedural memo, DL 2000-9, True Full Name (Name/Gender Change), dated March 21, 2000, specified that the DL 328 is acceptable for establishing a customer's true full name when the name change is in conjunction with a change of gender.

If you have any further concerns regarding this issue, you may contact Larry Hidalgo at (916) 657-8694.
Sincerely,

JOHN McCLELLAN, Deputy Director
Licensing Operations Division
cc: Director's Office

Transgender student pushing new sorority

I don't know the original source to this story. It was submitted by Shirely Bushnell
By Cecilia Chan, Staff Writer

NORTHRIDGE -- After Rhyanna Britney found the doors of the Greek-letter societies on campus closed to her, she decided to establish a sorority that will admit anyone.

Lambda Delta Lambda may soon be the only sorority on California State University's 23 campuses to include straight, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members -- people who perceive themselves as another sex.

"We are human, we are women and that's it," said Britney, a transgender student at California State University, Northridge. "There is no black, white, Asian or Latino."

"I want it to be a new, progressive sorority, no molds or limitations," said Britney, 42, who has lived as a female for a decade and favors androgynous clothing picked from the women's department. "I want to help dispel the myth all sororities are the same and you have to fit a mold to be part of a sorority."

Britney, who was born a male, is taking hormone injections until the day she saves up the $30,000 needed to undergo an operation to become a woman.

On Friday, she held an organizational meeting at CSUN to gather at least 15 signatures on a petition needed to begin a six-week process of establishing the sorority. The Student Senate has to approve the chapter.

Susan R. Cohen, a coordinator of Health, Promotion and Abuse Prevention Programs at the campus' Student Health Center, said she hopes the sorority is established.

"I think this is a huge, landmark attempt at inclusion," she said.

Britney, a deaf studies major, said she wanted to join a sorority for the camaraderie and community outreach that campus clubs didn't provide.

Over the years, her friends who were members of sororities would inquire on her behalf about membership but were told "don't bother," said Britney, who added she is the only transsexual student known to be on campus.

"She wasn't exactly rejected," said Jamison Keller, CSUN activities coordinator. "She didn't even go through that process. There wasn't a chance to see if that would be the case.

"We had a discussion and decided maybe her interests would be suited if she formed her own organization."

Britney said Lambda Delta Lambda would offer social events and mentoring like any other sorority but also would take an active role in raising awareness of women's issues such as breast cancer and support for the Women's Center on campus.

"I am actually surprised at how many straight people are supportive and interested in this," said Britney, who added she's received up to 50 calls from interested people. "If you wanted to join a sorority, but didn't fit the criteria, come on out and we will accept you."

Alana Powell, a 28-year-old CSUN graduate student and director of the university's Women's Center, said she would love to be considered a member of the sorority because of its alternative philosophy.

"To me, it's just kind of a way to rebel against the silly rules sororities set up," Powell said.

CSUN associate professor Michelle Stanton, who underwent an operation to change her gender from that of a man to a woman, sees the sorority as a good thing.

"I think that sense of community is always a good thing and there is a sense of helping one another that this would probably provide," said Stanton, who has taught radio, TV and film at CSUN for 16 years. "When people talk, meet and get together and share experiences from whatever walk of life, that is a good thing."

Stanton also said the sorority would help raise awareness and public acceptance of transgenders.

Many in the transgender community are still reluctant to identify themselves for fear of discrimination, said Shirley Bushnell, education and resource chairwoman of the Los Angeles County Transgender Task Force.

"Many just don't want anyone to know and want to live their life as any man or woman would in the U.S," Bushnell said.

Bushnell said a recent Los Angeles County study showed transgenders face a "higher degree of discrimination."

"Up to 80 percent suffer some kind of verbal abuse and almost 47 percent experience some type of physical abuse because of gender bias," Bushnell said. She said if Lambda Delta Lambda is formed, it "would encourage people going through the educational system to gain the support that they need."

Lambda Delta Lambda chapters organized in the late 1980s at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at San Francisco State University have both folded.
Staff Writer Orith Goldberg contributed to this story.

Transgender Youth Symposium 2000

Submitted by Shirely Busnell

This conference is designed for social service providers who may work directly or indirectly with the Transgender youth population. Our goal is to offer information and resources to providers that will enhance their ability to better serve this ethnically diverse population throughout Los Angeles.

Date:	Friday, November 17, 2000
Time:	9:00am to 4:30pm
Location:	Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel
Address:	7000 Hollywood Boulevard (major cross street La Brea) Los Angeles, CA 90028
Cost:	No cost for tuition, meal and materials
Parking:	$5.50 at the Roosevelt Hotel

To register for the conference please fax to Shelly at (323) 913-3614 by Friday, November 10. Space is limited. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. For any questions call 323.669.2390

Speakers and Workshops
Transgender Youth Symposium

Morning Sessions
Oscar Room
9:00am Continental Breakfast/Registration

9:30am Welcome and Opening Remarks
Ferd Eggan, AIDS Coordinator, City of Los Angeles
Vicky Ortega, Transgender Program Coordinator

9:45am What is a Transgender?
Shirley Bushnell~Transgender Peer Advocate~Van Ness Recovery House/Prevention Division
Tatiana Montilla~Transgender Youth Program Coordinator~Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

10:15am Current Research Findings
Transgender Youth Consortium Findings
Arlene Schneir,MPH~Director of Planning/Division of Adolescent Medicine~Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Transgender Health Study
Cathy Reback, Ph.D.~Director~Van Ness Recovery House/Prevention Division

11:00am Youth Perspective
Cheryl Hoffman-Moderator~Transgender Peer Advocate~Van Ness Recovery House/Prevention Division
Tatianna Montilla~Transgender Youth Program Coordinator~Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team
Vicky Ortega~Transgender Program Coordinator~Bienestar
Linda Irrizary~Transgender Youth~Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Social Services
Alexis Rivera~Community Representative
Nicole Taylor~Community Representative

12:00pm to 1:00pm ~ Lunch ~ Blossom Room

1:00pm ~ Breakout Session I ~ Academy Room
Innovative HIV Prevention and Outreach: Program staff will share models for providing HIV prevention and outreach services to diverse populations of transgender youth.

Jordon Blaza~Transgender Program Coordinator~Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team
Vicky Ortega~Transgender Program Coordinator~Bienestar
Wendell Glenn, M.S.W.~Chief of Operations~Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Social Services
Kellii Trombacco~Program Coordinator~Minority AIDS Project

Oscar Room
Medical issues: Standards of Care, Mental Health

Marvin Belzer, MD~Medical Director~Risk Reduction Program,
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
Michelle LeChau, Psy.D.~Psychologist~Risk Reduction Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
Kellie Figoten~Case Manager~Risk Reduction Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

2:30pm Breakout Session II
Oscar Room
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Marvin Belzer, MD~Medical Director~Risk Reduction Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
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Kellie Figoten~Case Manager~Risk Reduction Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

Academy Room
Legal issues: Employment, Identification, Law Enforcement, Legal Rights

Martha Mathews~Bohnett Attorney~ACLU Southern California Richard Odenthal~Public Safety Manager~City of West Hollywood, Public Safety Division
Shirley Bushnell~Transgender Peer Advocate~Van Ness Recovery House/ Prevention Division
Cheryl Hoffman~Transgender Peer Advocate~Van Ness Recovery House/ Prevention Division

4:00pm Closing Presentation & Evaluation
Oscar Room

El Cowboy y Sus Amigos and Other Transgender Stories: A slide presentation by Vicky Ortega and Maxx Madrigal

QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

ANNUAL DUES

In case you missed it in the last newsletter I thought I'd remind you that the annual club membership dues of $39 is now due and payable. This annual fee is primarily used to cover the cost of producing and mailing our monthly newsletter. Our $15 per meeting fee covers the cost of renting the meeting room and providing the food and beverage. C'mon gals, this is your club and its been there for you whenever you've need it.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' 2001

In additon to the normal great experience of attending a transgender conference there's been an exciting optional event planned for the opening night of the convention. Cocktails and dinner at the world famous Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square followed by a magic performance at the Squished Eyeball Theatre in the theater district. The theatre is just a two-minute walk from the St. Francis. Transportation from our convetion hotel and return is also included in the price.

The St. Francis has provided a menu for your dining enjoyment that includes:

Chef's Cauldron (a steaming magical surprise)

Houdini's Greenies with champagne vinaigrettee

A choice of one of the following:

1. Black Magic/Black Angus Prime Rib with pesto mashed potatoes & sauteed veggies
2. Fresh Charred Salmon Medallions with snow peas and toasted almond butter
3. Chicken Breast BBQ in Mystic Sauce with horseradish mashed potatoes and veggie points
4. Presto Pasta (meatless) sauteed artichoke hearts, kalamata olives,roasted garlic, and gourmet secrets

Dessert is St. Francis Cheesecake with fresh fruit finish

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to dine at a world renowned four-star hotel and enjoy a breath taking magic performance. Space is limited to the first twenty five people to sign up, so don't be left out.

DANA RIVERS TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' 2001

Ms. Dana Rivers, educator, activist, and lecturer has graciously agreed to present the keynote address at our event. Dana has been actively involved in gender rights legislation issues for our community so don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of our most elequent spokespersons.

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 03/05/01) EVENT RATE SCHEDULE - CIRCLE CHOICES

Schedule	Singles Rate	Couples Rate
Full Event (2 days of seminars & 5 meals)	$225	$425
Friday and Saturday ONLY (2 days seminars, 4 meal	$210	$375
Single day (Friday or Saturday and 4 meals)	$110	$200
Single day (seminars ONLY)	$55	$100
Saturday banquet and show *only*	$55	$100

ON-SITE REGISTRATION PRICES EFFECTIVE 03/06/01

Schedule	Singles Rate	Couples Rate
Full Event (2 days of seminars & 5 meals)	$275	$475
Friday and Saturday ONLY (2 days seminars, 4 meal	$230	$425
Single day (Friday or Saturday and 2 meals)	$130	$225
Single day (seminars ONLY)	$55	$100

OPTIONAL EVENTS

(PRICES ARE PER PERSON)

Schedule	
Jon Davis Makeover Workshop - 3-hour event LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) PERSONS	$60
Haunted Theatre + Dinner at the Westin St. Francis Hotel (Thursday, April 26) Includes Transportation (LIMITED TO TWENTY FIVE (25) PERSONS	$85

Total Payment Due $ _____

The event is presented for the benefit and enjoyment of rergistered participants only. Un registered and casual observers in the workshops/seminars and banquet areas are not welcome.

Roommates: Sorry, but we don't offer roommate matching services.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds, less a $25 handling fee, will be made to those who cancel their reservations via letter postmarked on or before 03/06/00. Cancellations after 03/06/00 and up to 03/31/00 will have refunds based on a formula determined by the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee with each case reviewed on its individual circumstances. Absolutely no reufnds after April 5, 2001.

REGISTRATION FOR CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' *'01*

MAILING NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE___ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (Optional): _____

BADGE NAME _____

PARTNER' BADGE NAME _____

EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE RATE - In order to obtain the Early Bird conference rate, registration forms must be postmarked by March 5, 2001. All registrations received after March 6th are subject to On-Site Registration Pricing

Payment Method:

[ ] Check [ ] Money Order

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Telephone Registration No.: (714) 281-0271
FAX Registration No..: (714) 281-0371
Via Internet: http://www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE

Full Registration: Wednesday & Thursday reception social, Friday luncheon & dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Friday - Sunday: Friday luncheon & dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday - Sunday: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday only: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show. All workshops and seminars.

Hotel Accommodations

Attendees are responsible for securing and paying for their hotel rooms. The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn is offering California Dreamin' participants the special room rate of $110.00 per night (single or double). In order to receive the special room rate you must tell them you are part of California Dreamin' 2001. Room rates do not include applicable state and local taxes.

Accommodations are held until 6:00 pm on arrival date unless guaranteed by a major credit card or deposit for the first nights lodging.

IMPORTANT HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn has allocated a block of rooms for California Dreamin, however, rooms not reserved by participants prior to April 5, 2001, will be released to the general public on April 6th. Accommodations will then be on a space available basis at regular room rates.

For hotel reservations call (415) 441-4000

Golden Gateway Holiday Inn
1500 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94109

Air Travel: San Francisco is served by all the major airlines

Please join us for our Eleventh California Dreamin' Conference. The elegant 25-story Golden Gate Holiday Inn will serve as host for our event. The hotel is conveniently located at the corner of Van Ness Avenue and California Street in downtown San Francisco. The beginning of the California Street Cable Car is just a few steps from the hotel. The room rate is $110, single or double, with most rooms providing spectacular bay or city views.

California Dreamin' is proudly brought to you by a consortium of northern and southern California transgender organizations. The emphasis of the event is education and entertainment. Our program manager is providing a schedule of seminars and workshops from basic how-to information for our first time guests to cutting edge presentations on legal, medical, family and partner relationships, and a special workshop for spouses and significant others. Everyone is welcome no matter where you fit on the gender spectrum.

The daytime is devoted to our seminars while the evenings have been set aside for rest and relaxation. The program committee has put together a package of optional events which include a three hour hands-on makeover workshop led by reknowned artist Jon Davis, a Thursday night dinner at the world famous Westin St. Francis Hotel followed by a magic performance at the Squished Eye Theatre.

Event registration is separate from hotel registration and charges. Beyond the basic registration packages there is an opportunity to participate in these optional events. Tickets for these options are available through the registration process. Be sure and order what optional events you would like to attend because we expect to sell them out in advance.

San Francisco is the one of the more cosmopolitan cities in the United States and a most tolerant city to boot. Feel free to express your feminine or masculine side as you explore the wonders this great city has to offer.

File: CDOOBR3.SAM

Preliminary Schedule

Optional Events require separate ticket purchase
All activitie are tenative and subject to change

WEDNESDAY

Early Evening	Staff Reception

THURSDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Optional Shopping and Sightseeing
Noon	No Host Lunch
Afternoon	Seminars, No- Host Tours
Evening	Welcoming Reception Option - Dinner at the Westin St. Francis Hotel + Magic Show at the Squished Eye Ball Theatre

FRIDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Vendor Mall Opens Option - Jon Davis Makeover Workshop
Noon	Luncheon
Afternoon	Seminars, No-host tours
Evening	Cocktails and Dinner

SATURDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Vendor Mall Open
Noon	Luncheon - Keynote Speaker
Afternoon	Seminars
Evening	Cocktails and Banquet with Entertainment

SUNDAY

7 am - 11 am	Farewell Brunch
11 am -	Golden Gateway Railroad Museum (No-Host Option)

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APRIL 26 - 29, 2001

At the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn In Beautiful San Francisco, CA

This year's event is sponsored by PPOC and co- hosted by:
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The Diablo Valley Girls (DVG) - Concord
The Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) - San Jose

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ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92817

Or Call (714) 281-0271 [Leave Message]

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http://www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

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Cotillion Extravaganza

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Call (707) 824 - 0860 to make reservations or
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(Be sure to indicate that you're with TGSF)