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Kaye's Kloset

For as far back as I can remember, I've had two wishes. To have my very own horse and to be a "Cowgirl" (not necessarily in that order). I would go to the movies as a child and imagine myself as Dale Evans or as Penny in the Sky King serials. I loved their pretty boots, fringed skirts and flowered blouses. As for the horse, I would have happily settled for any old "oat burner" that came along.

That was years ago, and from time to time I have indeed become a cowgirl and now I feel, as they say, "It's high time to get a horse!"

So in preparation to buying my horse I thought I'd inquire with various local ranches on which to board my other girlish dream.

Well, it seemed that every place where I inquired, I was told it would cost me anywhere from two to four hundred dollars per month for feed and board. It was odd that after quoting the cost, they all added that they reserved the right to keep the horse MANURE.

Feeling the prices quoted were a bit excessive, I continued my search to locate a ranch that was less expensive. At last, I found a rather shabby, run down looking ranch out in the boonies, owned by a grizzled old wrangler. He quoted to me a monthly boarding fee of only fifty dollars! I was pleasantly surprised about my good fortune, but soon realized that he never mentioned the fact that he reserved the right to keep the manure.

My curiosity got the better part of me and I asked him why he didn't want to keep the manure as the others had demanded.

He looked at me with narrowed eyes, took the weed he was chewing out of his mouth and said, "Looky here my friend, for fifty bucks a month...THERE AIN'T NO MANURE!!!"

Now my dear readers and sister members of ETVC, there's a moral to my little story...

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JOIN US ON A RED & WHITE CRUISE

IFGE PHOTO SHOOT

The IFGE excitement has already begun in San Francisco. Almost a dozen ETVC members romped around the city for two pre-convention photo shoots. Here our girls pose in front of the Red & White fleet, one of the featured day excursions planned for the 3rd Annual IFGE Convention. Union Square, Fisherman's Wharf, Coit Tower, Cable Cars and of course the Golden Gate Bridge were also stops during the photo sessions. Naturally our favorite stores were also included for some photos and shopping along the way.

We hope all our sisters from around the country will make plans to attend this exciting event to be held April 4 t– 9th, 1989. You're sure to enjoy this beautiful city with all the sights and activities that are planned.

All you local gals, be a part of the convention and help as a hostess, guide or one of the many other helpers. Come join us at the next IFGE Committee meetings, November 21st and December 19th. We've had some great times preparing and there is more to come. Give Ginny a call today at (415) [redacted]

LET'S GET SERIOUS...

Very recently a crossdresser was spotted in one of the ladies rooms at Disneyland. When she was apprehended she showed them her therapist's letter which stated the reasons for her to crossdress in public. Nevertheless she was thrown out of Disneyland and her membership privileges at Disneyland were revoked.

A few very notable doctors and attorneys who have been helping the gender community have decided to sue Disneyland for this crossdresser's civil rights. These professionals have agreed to volunteer their time, talent and energy to what may well become a landmark case in California for your rights. They have asked ETVC to spread the word to its members as well as other support groups. Help us pursue this major case by sending your donation to pay an estimated $5,000 in material costs.

Please help! Send your money to ETVC Legal Fund, c/o P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101. Nancy Ann and Ginny have started this fund with their $50 check–for them that's a lot of money and it hurts–won't you give until it hurts–it *will* make a difference.

Kaye's Kloset (continued)

You only get out of something, that which you put into it!

Yes, you guessed it. This is yet another request to seek help for our various committees which make it possible for our great organization to function smoothly and to grow with quality and strength.

There is so much to do for so many of us who share this wonderful common ground of transgenderism. There's a very real need to reach out to those who need our help by providing information that will give them a clearer understanding of themselves. There are also those of us who want a safe and comfortable place to have fun, socialize and be ourselves.

Imagine for a moment where you would be had you not found ETVC. Imagine not being able to look forward to our socials and various functions. Think of undiscovered warm friendships. Consider the loneliness and fear of being alone in fear and ignorance. Think of still being in that isolated closet we all came out of.

Each and every one of you, our members and friends should attend any committee meeting and see for yourself the caring and work that goes into making things right for *you*. The dedication and effort of our committee co-chairpersons is heart warming and admirable.

We also could use some help in publishing this newsletter, which when put alongside the publications we receive from other clubs, is one of which we all can be very proud. It's a monumental task currently being done by surprisingly few dedicated members.

If you're not so inclined or able to lend your talents to your club, the next time you're participating in a social or self improvement session, or reading this newsletter, find a committee person responsible for making it happen and just say "Thank You".

Believe me, it will mean a lot to them to know how much they're appreciated.

Consider the "horse story"... We can expect to get back from ETVC only what we put into it! And that ain't hay!

ETVC NEWSLETTER GETS A MAKEOVER

You know how it is: you feel your look getting a bit stale, you're sick of the same old colors, you want a new lipstick, maybe some fresh blusher. The Newsletter feels the same way too sometimes, although she *wants* to be *read*! Over the next few issues we're going to try out new things. We've got a few ideas and some new technology. Tell us what you think of the new look, tell us what you want, and most of all, contribute: letters, articles, cartoons, illustrations, and advertising from your favorite store or service. We welcome your comments. Write to, ETVC Editor, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101 - The Staff

NEW LABELS

We have also computerized our mailing labels for the newsletter (Thanks Donna). Please check your address label to be sure that it is correct. If you notice any errors, please send the label with corrections noted to ETVC Secretary, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA.

PASSING COMMENTS

Someone remarked to me that the piece in the last newsletter that we reprinted from *Renaissance* "To Pass or Not to Pass" was unnecessarily harsh and held up very high standards for "passing" that seemed unreasonable. Well, I thought the ending paragraphs were the important parts. "Are you okay whether you 'pass' or not?" It seemed that Martina's experience in Eastridge Mall chronicled in the same newsletter underlined this point. Martina was "read" and subjected to discrimination practiced by ignorant people. She did not come unglued, but affirmed her right to be who she is. I think that's what matters, not whether you "pass". As Renee pointed out, we are all mobile gender education units when we are out in public, so we have to be gracious and affirmative when "read". In my own personal experience, I don't fool many people, but when I am dressed and behave appropriately for the time and place, have my best smile ready and am feeling good about myself, passing is not an issue - being who I am and enjoying it is. - Thalia

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ETVC is a non-sexual, membership based organization with the purpose of serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of gender-challenged people, their spouses, significant others, family members, friends, and professionals in the helping services.

For details about ETVC programs, membership, newsletter subscriptions, and classified ads, please write to: ETVC Secretary, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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1987 Membership	195

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PERSONAL ADS

ETVC will accept personal ads from ETVC members at the rate of $1 per 3 lines. We will not accept ads with a purely sexual objective.

Send ad copy and a check for the appropriate amount to: ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Ad Deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February, April).

OUTREACH NIGHT-November 16

Come one, come all to the ETVC 3-Ring Outreach Spectacular!

Featured in Ring 1 - Videos that will dazzle, amaze and entertain all at the same time. There is no end to this fascinating media event.

Featured in Ring 2 - Photos, newsletters, articles and a vast array of printed material guaranteed to keep you coming back for more.

Main Ring #3 - Our featured event of the evening will be a dynamic and exciting Mystery Speaker. He/She will delight and inform while performing intricate tintinnabulations as well as other powerful word dynamics. To prevent a massive overflow and standing room only, we are keeping the person's name secret at this time.

Bring contributions for the ETVC TIP Sheet. The person with the most new submissions gets a great prize!

Hope to see you all on the third Wednesday - yes, ***Wednesday***, November 16 (the last Thursday is Thanksgiving) at Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco.

Members $3 Guests $5

NEW YEARS EVE!

Come join us at the Chez Mollet to ring in the new year on December 31st. A special dinner package is availablefrom 8 to 10 pm. Call Ginny at (415) [redacted] to make dinner reservations. OR you can just drop by after 10 pm to celebrate the coming of 1989.

ETVC invites you to raise your voices in song at our 3rd annual Christmas Carol Sing Thursday, December 17th at 9 pm. We are sure Ms. Claus is planning to stop by, Mark Luko (Trixie) will play the piano and other surprises will be waiting for you. This is ETVC's gift to you so, there's no charge for this holiday event. If you would like to have dinner at the Chez before this sing along, please call and make reservations at (415) 495-4527.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Come on all you ski bunnies. Or perhaps you've been waiting to wear your skating outfit on our indoor rink(can you skate on an ice cube?). Put on your fur trimmed boots, and ear muffs and join us Thursday, December 29th for an avalanche of fun. The Chez will be our be our ski lodge. $5 for members and $8 for guests.

ETVC/RGA RAP GROUP

The San Jose Rap Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the New Community of Faith Church at 6350 Rainbow Drive. The next meetings will be November 14th and December 12th from 8-10 pm. Please call Kim at (408) [redacted] or Martina at (408) [redacted] for for information.

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5TH ANNUAL COTILLION - JANUARY 14TH

The upcoming year is sure to be an exciting one for ETVC members - beginning in January with the 5th Annual Cotillion, followed in April by the IFGE Convention and Follies. If you've fantasized about being a singer, a dancer, a gorgeous on-stage entertainer, this is your golden opportunity. Sign up to vie for the title and crown of Miss ETVC and/or to participate in the Follies. If you're interested, but are not quite sure...then you must definitely call!

The Cotillion Comittee will meet Thursday November 3rd at 8 pm. What we need are artists, stage hands, organizers, buyers, volunteers to help with wardrobe and make-up and all around go-phers. Auditions for the Cotillion will be held Wednesday December 7th. Call Diane at 415-[redacted]

Legs that Wow 'Em

It again goes to show you that ETVC members have great legs! On August 25th, Telsey, Vanessa, Lorraine, Michelle, Evelyn, Susan, Maxine and Sharon, all showed their gorgeous gams beneath a curtain of just the right height. The clear winner of the Legs Contest was lovely Michelle, with a tie for 2nd Place between Lorraine and Vanessa. A run-off was held to break the tie and Vanessa won. Lorraine, however, had stolen the theme prize (a make-over) by wearing an unbeatable Hawaiian gown.

OUTREACH - WHAT WE'RE DOING...

Speaking Engagements Lead Off Outreach

Over 700 young minds were exposed to crossdressing in Dr. John DeCecco's Human Sexuality class at San Francisco State on September 30th!

Yes, Kim and Thalia took a Friday morning off and appeared in what has been a continuing program of in-class presentations for this wildly popular class. We had been warned that due to the interest usually generated by TVs, the crowd might be larger than usual. There's nothing like walking out on stage in front of several hundred undergraduates and knowing you are on closed circuit television to two other packed lecture halls.

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After brief introductions, we opened it up to questions and the professor, John DeCecco, did his best Phil Donahue impression, running up and down the aisles with a microphone. The questions came fast and we did our best to answer with seriousness, grace and humor. Kim disappeared and, after a bit, Jim appeared in her place much to the surprise and delight of the students. We have it all on tape so come to Outreach Night in November and see how well we tried to represent our group. We look forward to your comments and won't wince too much during your criticism.

Also, in the last month Evelyn appeared as part of a panel at the Institute for Human Sexuality. In the company of Lou Sullivan and others, she enlightened the group that was meeting at that time. Among topics covered were sexuality and AIDS. Difficult subjects, not taken lightly.

1. Speakers' Bureau - Become a speaker for ETVC or help us obtain speaking engagements. The speakers bureau deals with television, radio, colleges and needs more people. Contact Thalia at (415) 465-5701. Evelyn heads this dynamic sub-committee.

2. Article Library - ETVC currently has over 70 articles for sale at a very low cost of 10 cents per page. New articles are always needed. Martina is our article librarian.

3. Rap Groups - Can we talk? Rap groups are now going on monthly in San Jose (groups have been cancelled in Willits). All gender related topics are discussed. Martina and Kim facilitate, so join in the fun in San Jose, if you know the way!

4. Video Library - Over 30 titles are in ETVC's video library. We've had some technical difficulties, but now we're ready to fill your video needs. Two (2) hours for $10.00. Lauren is our video technician.

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5. Promotion Local/National - How did you find out about ETVC? Help others find ETVC by writing articles, placing ads and helping promote the most exciting and fun gender group in the U.S. Telzey is helping with articles. We have room for more help.

6. ETVC's - Infamous Group Support Directory - Our next edition of our 140 groups should be out by mid-October. This most up-to-date directory helps all of the gender groups communicate more effectively. We need people to help update our next edition due out in Spring 1989.

7. TIP Sheet - Our new and improved TIP Sheet will be available in a few months. We need your input to make the TIP Sheet really "Mahvelous". Suzanne is heading this project.

8. Telephone Tree - This action oriented project helps ETVC members become aware of interesting or negative media. Ginny heads this up, so sign up today and be more aware of gender events.

9. Computer Bulletin Boards - Several members communicate well with computers and converse with TVs, TGs, and TSs nationwide. Gloria and others can help put ETVC on the national computer map.

10. Fairs, Conventions of Gender Related Groups - ETVC participates in several fairs and conventions. Currently Thalia and Kim are heading this, but we would love to have more people to help out.

OUTREACH - WHAT WE NEED

1. WRITERS - We need writers to write newsletter articles - ETVC's and others. We need writers to write for newspapers, magazines and all other print media.

2. HISTORIAN - We need to have the history of ETVC, Pacific Center, RGA, SGA and other Bay Area groups researched and then written up. There is also a big need to document past outreach and social events. This job could be handled by many.

3. CARD DISTRIBUTORS - ETVC needs to have our business cards distributed to library books, put up on bulletin boards and placed in other appropriate places.

4. SOCIAL HELP - We need people to help display material at social events or other outreach functions.

5. PHONE HELP - We need people who like to call to help with our TIP Sheet, and in general communication.

DON'T DELAY: Contact, call or signal Thalia (415) [redacted] or Kim (408) [redacted]

Next Outreach Meetings:
November 7th–Oakland
December 5th–San Jose
Call Thalia–(415) [redacted] or Kim–(408) [redacted] for more information.

For a copy of our Article Library ($1), Video Library (Free), International Support Group Directory ($2)
Please write to: ETVC–Outreach Committee
Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

TV/TS/TG GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

A Calendar of Events for November & December

DATE	WHO	WHAT	TIME	WHERE	FOR INFORMATION
NOVEMBER					
1	.....	**Dressing Up**	**7 - 9 PM**	**Oakland**	**(415) 893-0123**
1	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
2	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
3	**ETVC**	**Cotillion Committee**	**Meets 8 - 10 PM**	**Berkeley**	**(415) 540-7938**
4	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
5	**ETVC**	**Executive Committee**	**Starts at 2 PM**	**Pajaro Dunes**	**(415) 664-1499**
7	**ETVC**	**Outreach Committee**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**Oakland**	**(408) 465-5701**
8	**ETVC**	**Social Committee**	**Starts at 7:30 PM**	**Oakland**	**(408) 984-5619**
8	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
9	**ETVC**	**Rap Group**	**Meets 8 - 10 PM**	**San Jose**	**(408) 243-3919**
10	**ETVC**	**Significant Others Support**	**Meets 8 - 10 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
11	**ETVC**	**Quad-Ess Reception**	**Meets 7 - 11 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 924-0454**
11	**ETVC**	**Poker Social**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
15	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
16	**ETVC**	**Outreach Night**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**Chez Mollet**	**(415) 664-1499**
16	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
18	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
21	**ETVC**	**IFGE Convention Committee**	**Meets 7 - 10 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
22	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
24		**Happy Thanksgiving**			
25	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
26	SGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	Sacramento	(916) 362-8131
DECEMBER					
2	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
3	**ETVC**	**Executive Committee**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
5	**ETVC**	**Outreach Committee**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**San Jose**	**(408) 243-3919**
6	.....	**Dressing Up**	**7 - 9 PM**	**Oakland**	**(415) 893-0123**
6	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
7	**ETVC**	**Cotillion Auditions**	**Call for Information**	**TBA**	**(415) 540-7938**
7	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
8	**ETVC**	**Significant Others Support**	**Meets 8 - 10 PM**	**Pleasant Hill**	**(415) 664-1499**
9	**ETVC**	**Poker Social**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
13	**ETVC**	**Social Committee**	**Starts at 7:30 PM**	**Oakland**	**(408) 984-5619**
13	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
14	**ETVC**	**Rap Group**	**Meets 8 - 10 PM**	**San Jose**	**(408) 243-3919**
14	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
16	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
17	**ETVC**	**Christmas Carol Sing**	**Starts at 9PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
19	**ETVC**	**IFGE Convention Committee**	**Meets 7 - 10 PM**	**San Francisco**	**(415) 664-1499**
20	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
21	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
24??	SGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	Sacramento	(916) 362-8131
25		**Merry Christmas**			
29	**ETVC**	**Winter Carnival**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**Chez Mollet**	**(415) 664-1499**
30	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8 - 10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
31	**ETVC**	**New Years Eve Party**	**Starts at 8 PM**	**Chez Mollet**	**(415) 664-1499**

OTHER GROUPS

Pacific Center for Human Growth, a counseling-oriented growth center, sponsors drop-in support groups for transsexuals each Tuesday at 8:00 PM. All-inclusive gender support groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and last Friday of the month at 8:00 PM. The Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose. RGA can be contacted by writing: Rainbow Gender Association, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170.

Sacramento Gender Association (SGA) meets the 4th Saturday of each month. Correspondence should be sent to: Sacramento Gender Association, c/o Stephanie Moellman, 10424 Joel Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Call 916-362-8131 for more information about meeting times.

The Tenderloin Self Help Centre meets every Wednesday from 4-6 PM at 191 Golden Gate (at Leavenworth), San Francisco, CA. This is a project of the Central City Community Hospitality House funded by the Community Mental Health Services. Call (415) 554-0518 for details.

Just ask Renee...

Dear Renee: I feel like a klutz! My mascara smudges, nail polish won't stay on, seams seem to rip of their own free will, and nothing short of superglue keeps my wig on straight! By the time I'm put together I've come undone! Am I just a hopeless clod, or is there something I should know?
Yours fretfully, Frantic Fanny

Dear Fanny: Have you ever compared male and female handwriting? Women are taught from birth to pay attention to details, dressing their dolls, braiding their own hair, decorating Christmas trees, etc., whereas boys are out climbing trees, riding bikes and playing ball. Dexterity takes time and patience to learn. Perhaps instead of focusing on "putting yourself together" you might see getting dressed as a fun way to learn to use your hands, to learn patience, to learn delicacy. What's your hurry?

Dear Renee: Why is it that when I try to be feminine, I just seem affected and unnatural - like a lot of gay men?
Yours in embarrassment, Swish

Dear Swish: Crossdressers have no role models but women and drag queens. How can you learn to be natural in a closet? There's nothing wrong with seeming gay, or do I sense a bit of homophobia? I think the only way to unfold your feminine persona is to let go of your idea of what women do, how they talk, etc., and start paying attention to what they actually do, day in, day out, as you would learn an instrument, a sport or a language. The point is not to "pass" so much as it is to stretch beyond the narrow confines society places on men.

Dear Renee: My mother is my role model, yet I fear hurting her. Should I tell her ALL about myself? Should I risk shocking her in order to remove the shroud of secrecy that I've had to keep between us? Mama's Girl

Dear Mama's Girl: Test the waters carefully. Make a point of choosing "Tootsie" or "La Cage aux Folles" next video evening. How does she feel about her assuredly gay hairdresser? How did she react to you smoking pot in college? How rigid is she, and how much truth can she handle? How does she deal with her own secrets? It's important to understand that when she grew up, sparing a loved one unnecessary discomfort was a universally approved behavior.

October 1988 marks the 50th anniversary of the invention of Nylon by Dupont. Thanks Dupont for making crossdressing more fun through science.

COMMENTS FROM A NEWCOMER by Marie

(continued from last issue)

The activities at the Chez seem to be designed more as social mixers than as profound experiences and are mostly at the level of sumer camp hi-jinks rather than sophisticated, well-oiled routines. ETVC is run by volunteers and as such is not a "tight ship". What gets done by its members is sandwiched between their jobs, families and the flotsam and jetsam of life's necessities, although for many ETVC appears to be an emotional necessity.

I set for myself the goal of going to at least one of each activity or committee meeting with the intent of learning what each group was all about, who was its leadership (like most such organizations, it is a handful of the hardest working and most dedicated) and going "dressed" to each as a way of testing out how much I wanted or really needed to get dolled up. I don't recommend that everybody do it this way, but that doing it so was a way of finding out in part who I am. I do not know how many other members have needed to use ETVC to explore themselves in this way. Possibly quite a number.

Most of the members do not come dressed to committee meetings, although there is no rule one way or the other. Committees in ETVC are like committee meetings everywhere, work sessions, often dull or tedious, mostly lacking in the "high" one gets from crossdressing.

A thing that surprised me was the number of wives and girl friends who are active in the organization. Anyone can join (although identities are jealously guarded!) Several wives have served as committee chairmen, others just participate in the fun and games of a night at the Chez and still others come to enjoy the social occasions that ETVC provides. They could come alone if they wanted to! A "Significant Others" support group exists because as I understand it our hobby sometimes causes problems for wives and families (I really can't understand why!).

Apparently some ETVC members are gay and while what I have written has been aimed at straight readers, it really applies to gays as well. In any case the organization provides loads of ways of getting involved that are not so scary. Hope to see you there.

Pink Sale a Success!

On September 29th our Pink Tag Sale netted $210 toward the purchase of a computer. We want to thank the following people for their contributions to the event: Donna, of "Dressing Up", our auctioneer, and Melanie, who aided her; Louise, of "Continental Wigs" - the biggest contributor. Thanks, Donna and Louise! Thanks contributors: Vanessa, Telsey, Kim, Kate, Martina, Terri, Kela and Denise. Thanks to you all.

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Certified checks or Money Orders should be made payable to **J2CP Information Services.** Please specify whether you are male-to-female, female-to-male, or transvestite when writing. If transsexual, please provide your place of birth.

UNCLASSIFIED ADS

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I imagine how the author of "Black Like Me" must have felt: demoted in self-esteem and status to idiot's drudgery, unpaid, unsung and lonely. The goal has become keeping things looking the same, keeping us fed and in clean clothes, success measured in the absence of complaints.

And yet, I love it, I choose it. It is just what I've always dreamed of! I look in the mirror and I see a housewife. Busy day by day caring for her lover's well-being, with no other reward but her appreciation. It is no less meditative than combing pebbles in a zen monastery, no less important than I make it, as satisfying as holding your lover in your arms when she awakes from a nightmare.

I struggle with the world's voice within me discrediting my innermost needs. What would my Father say of me taking pride in a sparkling bathtub? What would my Mother think of her brilliant son painstakingly pre-washing stains out of blood-flecked sheets? Hardly anyone could understand.

Being a housewife is love in action: nitty-gritty nurturing, focusing on all the little human aspects of your lover's being. Putting away her clothes, buying the breakfast cereal she prefers, making the bed she lies in. Instead of The Job, politics, sports or Money, it is my beloved I think on as I hang up the laundry. Not abstractions but a person. Not a means to an end, but the end itself.

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THE BOX by Jane

Yes, I told myself
and I told myself
to be what a man should be.

Yet, within myself
another small self
said, "Listen, listen to me."

I prisoned that self
on a dusty shelf--
my proper self to let free.

In an airless box
I shut up that pox
which wasn't supposed to be.

Still a lonesome wail,
escaping its jail,
cried, "Listen, listen to me!"

"Be quiet!" I cried,
"Stay shut up inside.
I only want to be free."

In a stronger box
with a thousand locks
I buried the damn debris.

Then I stole away
to earnestly pray
the thing die mercifully.

From deep in its grave
I heard the thing rave,
Your tortures cannot kill
me."

Then I heard a groan.
The pain was my own,
crying, "Listen, listen to me:

"You don't need a box,
you don't need the locks.
You only need to be free."

And, so, still afraid
of the thing in the shade,
that unacceptable she,

But sick of the pain
it cost to maintain
the solely acceptable he,

I turned all the locks,
flung open the box–
and leapt with joy to be
free.

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I leapt with joy

I leapt with joy

to be free.

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no slave. Just a bride.
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