# GENDER EUDHORIA



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# Some Statistics From ETVC in San Francisco, CA

A student at San Francisco State University surveyed people attending ETVC and RGA meetings. Some of the results were:

Sexual Orientation - 62% straight; 28% bisexual; 6% unsure, 3% non-sexual, 1% gay

Of those married - 98% wife knew; 46% wife supportive; 27% wife indifferent; 27% wife upset

**Fantasized about** - 18% other TVs; 15% transsexuals; 14% B&D; 12% leather/latex/lace; 9% shoes/boots; 5% being a lesbian; 5% water sports; 3% forced transvestism; 1% forced homosexuality; 1% don't fantasize at all

Other - 60% considered themselves passable; 49% wondered if they were a TS; 18% used hormones. *ETVC Newsletter*, March-April 1990. From True-Ess Sorority, Tulare, CA Age first cross dressed - 73% age 1-10; 19% age 11-15; 2% age 16-20; 5% age 20-29; 2% age 50-59

More sexually attracted to males, females, both, neither - 82% females; 6% males; 12% both; 2% neither

Gender identity selfdescriptions - 11% woman trapped in a male body; 2% man trapped in female body; 46% man with a feminine side; 3% woman with a masculine side; 37% person who enjoys opposite clothing; 2% chromosomal disorder

To what extent are you interested in a sex change - 54% not at all; 20% looked into the possibility and rejected it; 2% am favorably inclined; 25% have taken or am taking sex hormones

[This is a small sample of figures from this study by Vern Bullough, Bonnie Bullough, and Richard Smith.] *Femme Mirror*, Fourth Quarter - 1986¤

# Texas Schedule

Sept 1 (Special Couples-ONLY) 6PM <u>Phillips' Couples ONLY Party</u> at the Phillips' home, at 6PM, call hotline if you need more info.

Sept 8 (each 2nd Saturday) <u>Boulton & Park regular meeting</u> (San Antonio area) Call B&P hotline. At the Phillips' home, 6PM.

Sept 8 (each 2nd Saturday) <u>Gulf-Coast TV Chapter regular meeting</u> (Houston area) Call Pam (713)353-5111 Box 90335, Houston, TX 77090 Sept ? (either 2nd or 3rd Saturday) <u>Delta Omega Chapter of TRUE-ESS meeting</u> (DFW area) P.O.Box 1021, Arlington,

TX, 76004-1021 (817) 429-1929

Sept 15 (each 3rd Saturday)

Heart of Texas regular meeting(Austin) At Casey's home this month Call Cecilia Wilson at (512) 892-6454 Lost line is 778-5460

Sept 15 (each 3rd Saturday)

Tau Chi Chapter of TRUE-ESS (Houston) P.O.Box 1105, Alief, TX 77411-1105¤ Sept 29 Jim Bridges (See page 4) The Boulton & Park Society is a non-profit corporation whose purposes are to assist counselling professionals and the general public comprehending gender identity/role transpositions; and, to support all persons who experience any of the various forms of gender dysphoria. We welcome all the persons and the friends of those who identify with cross-dressing, transvestism, transsexualism, and other forms of related phenomena.

As a group we are committed to helping these people understand themselves. We offer support without judgement. We offer help without attempting to change or "improve" you. We offer to welcome each of you without labelling, preference, or trying to fit you into any particular mold.

Each person is invited to come as they are, dress as they feel comfortable, and find friendship and understanding with us.

Written correspondence may be directed: BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY P.O. Box 169652 San Antonio, Texas 78280-3252

Telephone inquires are received at (512) 657-2540.

Members of the Society answer on Tuesday evening after 7:00 CDT, at other times an answering machine is used.

Supporting membership is available for \$25.00/year. Newsletter subscription membership is available to persons living outside our area (living within an area served by another group) for \$10.00/year.

If you are a member and would like to participate in the organization, call the hot-line and tell us. We do need you, but don't worry. We don't need you to do hard labor, you probably wont even break a nail (heaven forbid.)¤

#### National Events

### 4th Annual MARDI GRAS (CANADA)

August 24-25 (tentative)

write: Kandi Kane, P.O. Box 185, Perkinsfield, Ontario, CANADA LOL 2J0

#### Paradise in the Poconos

third weekend each May and Sept.

write: Creative Design Services, P.O. Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406 (205) 640-9449

#### 16th Annual Fantasia Fair

October 12-21, 1990 all over Provincetown, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

write: Fantasia Fair, Linconia Sta., P.O. Box 11254, Alexanderia, VA 22132

### Dressing for Pleasure Gala Oct 19-21, 1990

Although many TVs will be there, this is not a normal TV/TS event; it is THE fetish event for lovers of corsets, shoes, leather, and latex fashions. It will be at The Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Avenue at 45th Street, NY, NY 10017. Send S.A.S.E. to: Constance Enterprises, P.O. Box 43277, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043, 1-201-746-0072, FAX 1-201-746-1485.

#### Fall Harvest 90 Weekend

November 2-4, 1990.

This event is held in Kansas City, MO and is sponsored by Crossdressers and Friends, Box 4092, Overland Park, KS 66204.

#### The Third Annual Texas 'T' Party February 22-24, 1991.

Boulton & Park's own national event. You are invited to come have a grand time. You are also invited to help us make it grand by offering to help. We need a little of your time through the year and then we need you a little more during the events. Call us on the hotline (657-2540).¤

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## **Pierced Ears** by D. Eileen Rogers (CA-1771-R) from *Femme Mirror* First Quarter - 1987

I felt prompted to write this because of a comment, during my last visit to the Tiffany Club, by Siobhan Donavan. My first visit there, nearly a year earlier, had been unplanned (I'd not yet heard of them), so no one there saw other than my boyself.

This time I showed up as Denise Eileen. After the "Do I know you?" initials, it was observed, "I see you got your ears pierced!"

Actually, not only had they been pierced nearly two years before, but I was still wearing a "retainer" in one lobe during the earlier visit. No, I don't have long hair to cover my ears; I have hardly enough hair to comb.

So, how come the holes weren't noticed during the first visit? No, I don't use make-up on them, nor fillers of any kind. It's all in the technique.

Too many places are using equipment for ear piercing that resembles, in operation, a paper punch. It makes a nice clean hole which heals evenly and is easy to find when inserting wires without the aid of a mirror. The hole is also quite obvious when empty.

The key to a nearly invisible hole is two-fold: minimize surface scar tissue, and make a small hole. The first is handled mainly by choice of disinfectant. I do <u>NOT</u> recommend alcohol. Betadine is actually a better microbicide and is less likely to promote scarring. When the stain from Betadine would be undesirable, hydrogen peroxide is my next choice.

The small hole is more complex. First the initial PUNCTURE must be made with a small needle. Instead of removing tissue, it merely pushes it aside. Second, it must be maintained carefully. I literally threaded the smallest possible needle with monofilament nylon thread, similar to No. 2 test leader.

It isn't often I consider my hirsute tendency a blessing but there is a considerable amount of long white hair growing from my earlobes and canal. By tying the thread through each earring hole at an appropriate length, the thread blended perfectly with the hair on my ears. This becomes the "retainer". It didn't hurt, either, that, at the time, Denise was holed up in the cave, while her furry brother was at large with side whiskers long enough to confuse the view.

Now, the earlobes needed to be sterilized multiple times per day. Coat the monofilament and the earlobe with disinfectant, let it dry, then circulate the thread through the hole; recoat the portion which was inside before. Betadine washes off readily, so when you have to be around people just be sure the knot is at the back of the lobe after you clean it off.

If you have done it right, the earlobe should not be particularly tender after about 3 weeks, but you SHOULD be getting a white substance from the hole. No problem; I push some out every time I insert a wire or stud.

If your lobes are tender, and oozing white, rather fluid, substance, they are infected. It may then be desirable to see a doctor, who may prescribe antibiotics, to shorten the healing time.

Small holes apparently take longer to heal completely. So plan on having the monofilament in for several months. Once healed, the holes can be maintained by simply stretching with a needle once a week. I insert one backwards, eye first, then follow with another somewhat larger, also eye first. If you wear earrings regularly, this may not be necessary, although I find getting an earring in much easier if I can stretch the hole slightly first with a needle.

The result is a set of holes that the morning after the wires are removed is virtually invisible to anyone who doesn't KNOW they are there.

[ED: We hear that in Louisiana the guys pierce the opposite ear, ie right ear means straight. If that's true then real world travelers may have to pierce both ears so that they can always be properly attired.] ¤

#### PRESS RELEASE

#### UPDATE ... TEXAS 'T' PARTY .... FLASH ....

It was confirmed today that Ms Phyllis Frye, P.E., a lawyer of our community, will be a speaker at the THIRD annual Texas "T". Ms Frye is well known in the Gender Community for her many accomplishments, not the least of which was the lifting of the law against crossdressing in Houston. The "T" Party Committee looks forward with great anticipation to her presentation.

It has also been confirmed that the TEXAN DINNER TRAIN COMPANY has stated their willingness to have us aboard. This experience is a "must do". We have been on it, unfortunately in boy drag, but it still was a real treat, and to go dressed is going to have to be the ultimate dining delight.

To all the local girls: We have always had a poor attendance from our own people. In fact, I think we have had more people from Canada than San Antonio or Austin. (Just kidding) I know you think you will be spotted by your boss, family, neighbors, etc., but this is simply not the case. Especially this year when we have the WHOLE hotel. Yes, that's right, the Seven Oaks Hotel & Convention Center is ours for the first time. We have outgrown all the different areas and now have it all. Now won't you feel bad if some sister from Nome Alaska starts talking about how great the "T" was, and you don't know what she is talking about? When the THIRD largest convention of Crossdressers in the country is held in your back yard, you don't want to miss it. Don't let paranoia keep you away.¤



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Jim Bridges will be giving a make-over workshop on September 29. Cost is \$55 per person. He can only take ten, so if you are interested, call the hot-line right away.