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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All:

It turned out to be a lovely night, the weather was a bit crispy but no snow so it wasn't so bad. For our Xmas Party we usually have about fifteen girls who make the party, but happy to say we had twenty five girls here last night.While I was in the kitchen preparing the meal I could hear quite a lot of laughing, and of course my Wilma was having a Ball as I could hear her voice loud and clear, Oh! well it only comes once a year. I felt good knowing that the girls were having a good time. Perhaps it would have been a little more lively if we had our musicians here, unfortunately Dee Dee had a playing engagement in Conn., so he and His lovely wife Vi could not make the party. We missed all the girls out there who could not be with us for the Xmas party, but we sure had them in mind, I will try to describe the party as best I can so you will all know what a good time we had. The girls were all prettied up in gowns and new hairdos and did look good. I know Joan of Colonie was a happy girl as her better half (Phyllis) came in for the first time actually I had bided my timing when I would ask her to come, early in the week she had brought a skirt for me to fix for her for her Xmas party, and that is when I asked her if she would like to come to ours. Of course Jean of Peru is glad she too had talked to Phyllis into comming, now I hope that she enjoyed herself enough to come again. We had two new faces besides Phyllis here tonight they were Kay who came as Janice's guest, and Sandy who came as Jonnie's guest. We were happy to have them as our guests for the evening.It is always nice to see new faces here at the meetings, it gives the feeling that we must be doing something right for the girls or we wouldn't be here so long. Next month will be the beginning of another year for us. It will be ourninth year coming up, and we still get new members, so you can see how many T.V.'s there are out there who come out of the closet as time goes by, and once they come and meet their sisters they say why didn't I come out sooner.

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For the girls who were here I made Fresh Hamm, mashed potatoes, dressing, creamed carrots, bean casserole, rolls & butter, carrot cake and coffee. For snacking on the bar I made crab meat salad, chicken salad on crackers, cheese, salami, stuffed olives and cheese celery(oh! look I said the last on backwards, that's me mixed up Helen.)
Here are the girls that made it. Michelle Ann and Dennie from Sommerville,Mass Elaine and Pricilla from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Sally and Jean from Binghamton, N.Y., Paula and Kathy from Lanesboro, Mass., Elaine and Colleen from Cold BrOok, N.Y., Jonnie and Sandy from Castleton, N.Y., Janice from Middlesex, N.Y., Kay from Brooklyn, N.Y.,Sue from Albany, N.Y., Kathy from Camilus, N.Y.,Eland from Rome, N.Y.,Frances from Henrietta, N.Y., Winnie from Schen. N.Y., Joan and Phyllis from Colonie, N.Y., Jean from Peru, N.Y., Peggy from Schen. N.Y., Renee from Norwich, Conn., Wilma and I.

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The grab bag went off good,there was cologne, pearls, earings, pocketbook, umbrella, wig, hankies, bath oil, a good varity for the girls to choose from. we play it a little different than most, so the grab bag last over an hour.

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I will take this time to thank all the help I had in the kitchen, and of course to all the girls who helped clean up after the meal.

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Thanks to all the girls that sent Wilma and I a Xmas greeting. We always enjoy hearing from all the girls. We certainly miss all of you when you can't make one of the meetings, I know it is hard for some of you who do not have an understanding wife, which makes it hard for you to get away for the wk. end or those of you who have children at home.

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For the ending of the year I am Happy to have met so many nice people as I have. I don't think of the girls as only T.V.'s but as my friends also. We have been able to visit with some of the T.V.'s in their home and do hope to be able to visit with the many more who have invited us to their home.

God Bless You All, and I wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. If your out for the New Year, be careful and take care so that we may see you all next year.

LOVE
HELEN.

WILMA'S VIEWS

Have a very HAPPY NEW YEAR. And what does a happy new year mean to most of us? The opportunity to express our other self as she wishes and to find dozens of nice people who will accept her with open arms. Let us hope some of this fabulous whish becomes a dreamy reality. As we start the NEW YEAR I think we all should take stock of what we have left behind and make a nice brand new list of resolutions.

So among my own resolutions I find one wich must be kept, keep scratching away in the hope that TVs will reach the point where they can have a good laugh at themselves once in a while. This goes for many friends who seldom, if ever, burst out in a good laugh. The momrnt they don'l up, ZOOM! a curtain of seriousness decends upon their carefully made up features and you cant get them to crack a smile. They say they are happy, but they surely don't act like it.

Some TVs will swear that no one can read them. Their proof (so they think) is the fact that they have not been picked up by the LAW and have not detected any raised eyebrows among the dozens of plain citzens they meet in the streets, stores,and restaurants.

One of our greatest weakness is our tendency toward self-deception. Our eyes see in the mirror what we would like to see, not what other mortals see. So you move about the city and are still out of jail-what does that prove? It proves that (1) you are fairly passable and some people can be fooled. (2) Others read you but do not give a hoot. (3) Others read you but are more interested in making a sale than in creating an embarrassing scene on their premeses. (4) Others read you but think you are a harmless nut and just shrug the whole thing off. (5) Others read you and have a good chuckle. You make a good story to tell when they get home in the evening.

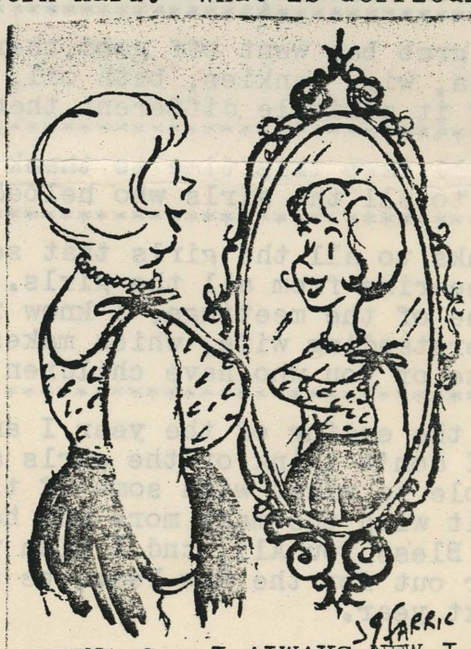
Any more bones to pick as we start the NEW YEAR? INDEED! Some TVs seem to be a bit confused when they talk about FULL PERSONALITY EXPRESSION. The way they see it is that when "the girl" within is expressing herself there should be no attempt to curb "the man within" from expressing hinself at the same time! After all--they say--whycant she smoke a cigar if he feels like it? Why shouldnt she get involved in a heated argument about the superioty of who is best in sports etc. That to me is makinf a unholy mess of everything. I fell we must keep the two facets apart, wide apart. If we allow "him" to express hinself through "her" then we are going to create a horrible caricature. Or she sneak in some of her traits when "he" is around. His reputation will not be worth a plug nickel around the office. Whether it is scientifically correct or not I find it most helpful to think and talk as if two different entities were occupying one single body. I know that this philosphy can be attacted with many solid arguments. So why be just a man in skirts - be 100% the lady.

Let us strive to forge a nice clean cut, real person out of "the girl" within. Lets give her a personality of her own. If possible lets give her a personality of her own. If possible lets give her even different tasts than those of the "guy within".

The real fun about being a TV is the constant improving. To look, act, talk and even think more and more like a true "GG." Bring to life and impart radiance, color and vitality to that particular girl we feel is waiting inside. A successful TV must rely on personality, intilligence and charm rather than on looks. The personality is already there but we must polish it shape it and vitalize it. The intelligence we hope it is there. We can not do much if it is not. But charm is something you can not buy, nor are you born with it. That is something you have to work at and work hard. What is defficult to achive is a sincere form of charm. Anything else would be just plain phony. And thats the way TVism does enrich both personalities, hers and his.(any comments?)

BEAUTY TIPS:

SKIN CARE: FACE. To preserve a good complexion, the face must be thoroughly cleaned at least twice a day for 15 minutes each time. Try rubbing pure olive oil over you skin at least twice a week for a soft and dewy complexion Apply face cream heavily before taking your bath and the hot water will work with the cream to help soften your skin. Alternating warm and cold compresses will help tone down the puffs under the eyes. Rinising your face with tepid water 25 times after daily removal of make-up will replace the loss of natural skin moisture..Always rinse your face with cold water after cleansing to help tighten and stimulate the pores.



REENA C: I ALWAYS NEW I WAS NICE ~~AND THIN AND PRETY.~~

PARTY TIME:

Our next two parties will be held on JANUARY 19th & FEBRUARY 16TH.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of three new members.
EILEEN J....POUGHKEEPSIE....N.Y....RANDY C....HACKENSAKE....N.Y....
KERRY P.....CRAYVILLE.....N.Y....

So nice to have you with us Eileen - Randy * and Kerry, and we hope that you will be able to make many of our parties and meet some wonderful people.

Also we would love to see our guest KAY G. who was at our December party to let us know how she enjoyed it by writing us a letter. we would be happy to have you join our membership. Fee $15 per year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

JAN....1..ROBERT [redacted] .....JAN....14.. GLENN [redacted]
JAN....5..NICK [redacted] .....JAN....15.. WILLIAM [redacted] .....
JAN....6..LEELAND [redacted] .....JAN....18.. EUGENE [redacted] ....
JAN....9..BETTY [redacted] .....JAN .. 21 . ALLEN [redacted] .
JAN...10..ELAYNE [redacted] .....JAN .. 22 . GERALD [redacted] ..
JAN...12..PATTIE [redacted] .....

Helen and I wish you all a Happy Birthday and may you all become pretier as you grow older.....

SPECIAL THANKS DEPARTEMENT:

My special thanks to Dorris C. - Paula R. - Alice M. - Jeanette M. - Peggy R. - SUSAN M. and Sally B. for the extra dollars sent in to cover the extra cost of 1st class mail.

Any member that is receiving her Journal 3rd class mail and would like to receive at first class mail all you have to do is send in the extra $2.

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My special thanks to Terrie D. - Rosemaire E. - Prisalla S. - Dee Dee W. Julia L. and Muriel W. for the lovely pictures sent in this month for our club album for all our member to see.

ODDS AND ENDS:

CROSSROADS Chapter - Flint, Mich., will hold their 2nd anniversary party on Friday Dec. 28th at the Flint Holiday Inn, Room 218, at 7 p.m.

JULIA L. from Akron Ohio, one of our beautiful members was picked as MISS. FANTASIA FAIR of 1979.

NANCY WATSON and Alice Millard are formally organizing Shangri La into a National Club. They will be setting up strictly TV socials around the country.

TVs - TSs in New York City area: You can have long nails applied any length, they can be popped off and used again - can also help with strip lashes or indivedual lashes applied any length you like. Make up applieation and instructions on applying make up. Cost depends on service. Write JAANETTE *- POB 463, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017.

HOW to make your own best dressed list: (1) Know how much you can spend on clothes each season and plan your wardrobe with that budget in mind. (2) Don't by hit-or-miss; select clothes in relation to what you already have in your closet or for a specific ensemble you have in mind. (3) Analyze your good and bad points and then choose clothes that play up the first, plat down the second (4) Pick colors that flatter your hair and complexion. (5) Choose clothes that fit comfortably into your own life-stile. (6) Use accessories to add verastillity to your basic wardrobe. (7) Keep all your clothes in top condition-washed, pressed or drycleaned: buttons and belts in place.....

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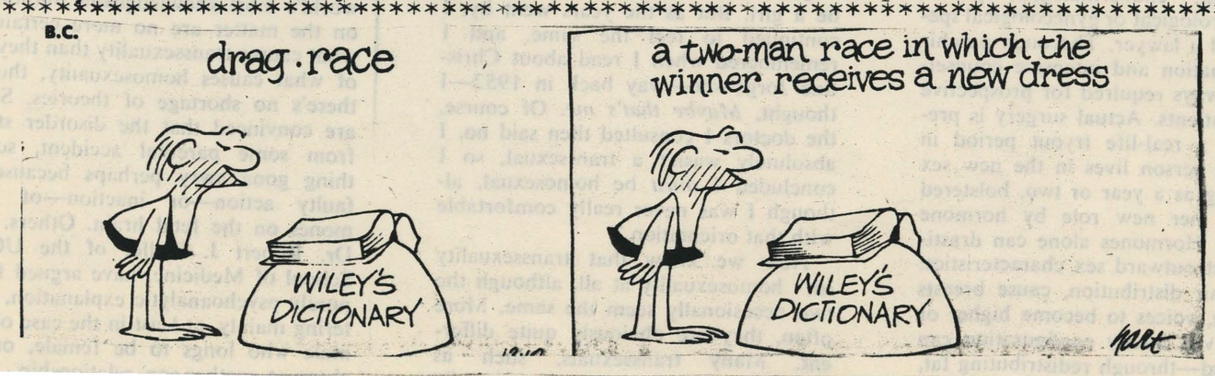

TRANSSEXUAL SURGERY

Changing sexes is certainly not as called-for an operation as trading in your nose or chin, but lots of former men are now women—and vice versa—with the number of changeovers rising rapidly.

By Dodi Schultz

☐ Little in modern science astonishes us more than transsexual surgery—the procedure in which men are changed into women, and women to men. So difficult is the concept for most of us to grasp, our first reaction at the very mention of transsexuals is an uncomfortable giggle or snicker, followed by a risqué remark. Yet transsexual surgery has been performed now for more than a quarter of a century, with over a thousand such radical operations undertaken in this country alone. Who are these people desperate enough to change their sex, and what motives bring them to this most amazing point of no return? Here's a look at a surgical phenomenon that was taken seriously, not so long ago, only by a few people easily dismissed as the lunatic fringe but which today is mushrooming in popularity.

How to Change Sexes

The first publicly announced sex-change operation took place in 1952, becoming a front-page scoop for the *New York Daily News*. Their December 1 headline, in three-inch type, read, "EX-G.I. BECOMES BLOND BEAUTY—Operation Transforms Bronx Youth." In that operation, a twenty-six-year-old male became the woman who has since been known as Christine Jorgensen. His surgery was performed in Copenhagen, which for several years remained the world center for this particular procedure. Later, doctors in Casablanca, Morocco, acquired the skill, and many transsexuals traveled there for their surgery, two of the most famous being British writer James—now Jan—Morris, author of *Conundrum*, and Ed—now Lyn—Raskin, who wrote *Diary of a Transsexual*. Now, medical centers throughout the U.S. counsel and operate on transsexuals. One of the most famous recent change-overs is California tennis pro Renee Richards, who before her operation was the distinguished New York ophthalmologist Richard Raskind. He underwent his surgery in Manhattan.

What exactly happens to you if you want to change sexes badly enough to actually *do* it? A private doctor or psychiatrist will probably refer you to a facility dealing specifically with transsexuality—a gender dysphoria program or gender identity clinic. These places are multidisciplinary team operations, where a candidate for surgery might see a psychiatrist and/or psychologist, endocrinologist, plastic surgeon, urological or gynecological specialist, and a lawyer. Thorough psychiatric evaluation and intensive counseling are always required for prospective surgery patients. Actual surgery is preceded by a real-life tryout period in which the person lives in the new sex for as long as a year or two, bolstered in his or her new role by hormone treatment. Hormones alone can drastically affect outward sex characteristics: change hair distribution, cause breasts to enlarge, voices to become higher or deeper. Even bodily configuration can be changed—through redistributing fat, men become softer and rounder, women can develop biceps. As drastic as all this sounds, however, hormonal changes are, for the most part, reversible. Surgery, of course, is not. The first operation, which is often followed by supplementary cosmetic surgery, accomplishes the final transformation from one sex to the other, with hormone treatment then continuing for life.

Transsexual surgery has, by and large, been far more successful in the male-to-female direction. Silicone implants create suitably sized breasts if hormones don't. Penis and testes are removed, the sensitive skin there used to fashion a vulva—including a pseudoclitoris that replaces the penis—and often to line a newly constructed vagina as well. Tissue from the tip of the penis may be positioned as a counterpart of a cervix, while the urethra is transplanted to permit female-style urination. The results are visually acceptable and often sexually functional as well: About 95 percent of all male-to-female transsexuals are eventually capable of experiencing orgasm.

Female-to-male procedures, which include breast reduction or removal as well as removal of the internal reproductive organs, have been less successful, chiefly because of difficulties in constructing a penis which is functional sexually as well as for urination. A totally new urethral tube has to be constructed, and so far many cases have been plagued with low resistance to infection. In some cases, a penile implant has enabled the new male to have erections, but sexual sensation is minimal and orgasm almost impossible.

Why So Many Prospective Patients?

What mystifies most of us, when faced with the enormity of what some people are willing to go through in order to change sexes, is *why*. Why not just be homosexual, since this life-style is now so accepted? Why have a radical, irreversible operation, cutting away what many regard as the most precious parts of their anatomy? The emotional aspects of transsexuality are entirely different, it seems, from homosexuality. "For many years I thought I was homosexual," says Lyn Raskin. "Except that I never stopped at simply being attracted to men, I wanted to *be* the women I saw with those men. In my teens, I thought I was going through a stage and that I'd outgrow wanting to be a girl. But as the years went by, I continued to feel the same, and I remembered when I read about Christine Jorgensen—way back in 1952—I thought, *Maybe that's me*. Of course, the doctors I consulted then said no, I absolutely wasn't a transsexual, so I concluded I *must* be homosexual, although I was never really comfortable with that orientation."

Now we know that transsexuality isn't homosexuality at all, although the two occasionally seem the same. More often, they are obviously quite different. Many transsexuals, such as James/Jan Morris, led such outwardly successful heterosexual lives prior to their surgery that they married and fathered children; others were essentially asexual, living without sex altogether. Homosexuality, according to the American Psychiatric Association, is "sexual orientation toward persons of the same sex," while transsexuality is "a disturbance of gender identity in which the person feels a lifelong discomfort with his or her sex." Homosexuality seems to be a feeling toward *others*; transsexuality, a feeling about *oneself*. Nor, it seems, is transsexuality equivalent to transvestitism, which the APA calls "sexual pleasure derived from dressing or masquerading in clothing of the opposite sex, usually seen in men." For the true transsexual, mere costuming brings no intense sexual pleasure and is far from rewarding. Says Dr. John Money of Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, a leading authority on gender problems: "What's safest to say, with our present knowledge, is that transsexuality is a syndrome in which a person is firmly convinced that he or she would be a happier individual if his or her sex were reassigned."

Is this longing to change sexes a fantasy, similar to thinking that if only you had a nose job, your life would be problem-free? Most transsexuals, with the exception of a few inadequately prepared for life after the operation, feel changing sexes *did* substantially affect their lives for the better. Today Lyn Raskin glories in being a woman and feels she's no longer burdened with male genitalia never truly hers. She's embarking on a new career under a not-to-be-revealed name and says her only postsurgery problem is that she doesn't want to live her life as a curiosity. Lyn says, "I don't want constant stares from people whispering, 'See that woman? She used to be a he!' I don't want my work judged in the context of my being a transsexual, either. I want to fail or succeed as the woman I am now." Thus, she's going underground and solving the problem of notoriety by changing identity along with her sex.

What Causes a Transsexual?

It's comforting to know that such sex-change operations are available for the truly desperate, but, obviously, most of us would prefer to avoid them for ourselves and certainly for our children. To this end, do experts know enough about transsexuality to tell us what causes the problem and, therefore, how to prevent it? Unfortunately, the world's most knowledgeable authorities on the matter are no more certain of what causes transsexuality than they are of what causes homosexuality, though there's no shortage of theories. Some are convinced that the disorder stems from some parental accident, something gone awry perhaps because of faulty action—or inaction—of hormones on the fetal brain. Others, like Dr. Robert J. Stoller of the UCLA School of Medicine, have argued for a purely psychoanalytic explanation, centering mainly, at least in the case of the male who longs to be female, on an aberrant mother-son relationship.

TRANSSEXUAL [*continued*]

Dr. Money, cofounder of the Gender Identity Clinic at Johns Hopkins and director of the Psychohormonal Research Unit, has possibly devoted more thought and study to the problem than anyone living. "The origin of transsexuality is still a bafflement," he says. "Personally, I think it's erroneous to assume that a single cause will be found. People are always hoping to find simple cause-and-effect relationships, yet most problems are brought on by varied determinants." In his own clinical experience, he has seen transsexuality associated in some cases with documented hormone imbalances before birth: in others, with disturbing, though not necessarily sexual, events in early childhood; in still others, with detectable brain disorders occurring later in life. What's important, he feels, is that something has altered a crucial balance.

"Everyone," Dr. Money explains, "carries what I call two schemas. One is drawn from one's parent and other role models of the same sex and developed by imitation. The other is a complementary schema, drawn from the parent and others of the opposite sex. These schemas are weighted differently in each individual, but they are normally in a balance with which everybody feels comfortable." The transsexual syndrome is a transposition of schemas which has become permanent and total. In the transvestite, transposition is episodic; some may go as far as taking estrogens to develop breasts and other female secondary sex characteristics, but they never seek transsexual surgery.

With increasing public acceptance of those who undergo transsexual surgery, will we be seeing a lot more sex changeovers? Dr. Money optimistically thinks not. "If the tendency to ease up on sexual taboos continues, especially in the rearing of children, we may see *fewer* transsexual procedures." That, he speculates, would be because variations from the norm may be more readily accepted. "We all live with a delicate balance between the female and male schemas. As we become more tolerant, perhaps those who find themselves somewhere between 100 percent male and 100 percent female will no longer feel the need to have radical surgery to feel comfortable."

However, the surgeons who do the operations feel their skills will be more and more in demand as transsexuals become the latest group to "come out of the closet," and statistics tend to back them up. Those who have always wanted to spend their lives as a member of the opposite sex are taking the opportunity to act, flocking to the gender identity clinics. Transsexual surgery is a growth industry.

WHEN PAULA & KATHY D. WERE MARRIED, AND THE FIRST MORNING AFTER WOOPEE PAULA WAS AWAKENED BY KATHYS INSPECTING OF THE THING THAT GAVE HER JOY CRYING LOUDLY. HE ASKED HER WHY SHE WAS CRYING AND SHE SABBED, "LOOK, WE ALMOST USED IT ALL UP THE FIRST NIGHT. THATS ALLRIGHT HONEY,I'LL STOP AT THE GAS STATION TONIGHT AND HAVE IT INFLATED.

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Dear Wilma & Helen;

I am afraid I'm going to start this letter with a note of controversy in reference to the letter from Bobby D. of Sedalia N.C. Either she must have a rash of broad minded friends or her views are so much hog wash. I don't believe the area in wich I reside is anymore narrow minded than any other, but I can't believe all this acceptance and I would not encourage any of our sisters to attempt it. It's much to riskey.

One of the offisers of a Veterans Organization, of which I was a member, had been much decorated G.I. and held several offices and committrr positions of the organization. There was no reason to suspect that he was anything other than a virile and masculine man. In two successive Hallowene Parties in as many years he came dressed as a georgeous female with all the trimmings. Shortly there after tongues began to wag. After his term of office he was never again nominated for anything or placed on any of the committees where he had served well and faithfully. False stories spread as to his beinga Fag, and while I'll attest to their being false, they finally led to his divorce. It was a sad mess. I don't think this poor guy was even a TV. He finally moved from the area and made a new start in a south west state.

Years ago a school chum of mine dressed as a girl for a school Halloween party. He was at once labled a sissy.

There are several other instance I could relate that became sour so I CANT believe this acceptance bit.

I don't mean to offend but I don't want any of our sisters getting into hot water by being to brave about their private lives. There is to much at stake reputation, jobs, family and other involments. I'd say do a heck of a lot of thinking before you reveal your TV-ism to any one other than a Professional M,D., shink or another TV.

Now as to why or how I became a TV. I couldn't tell you. Oh yes I've tried to be an amateur pazzz psychoanalysis and diagnos the cause but to no avail. I do know what triggered the dormat part of my life to come alive and that like so many others was a Halloween party.

I have relatives across the N.Y. Penn line who asked me to spend the week end with them. I was 18 years old at the time and sort of girl crazy, especially for one certain girl. A date had been arranged with her for that evening provided I'd go to the party. I protested that I had no costume. That also had been aranged. I was to go as a glamour girl of the perriod (1933). After the under garments had been put on me in ptivate the girls applied make up, jewlery, blonde wig, red evening gown, white bunny wrap and red high heel shoes. They then stood me in front of a full length mirror and B A M B ! ! I was hooked. The first thing I needed was a tight athletic supporter.

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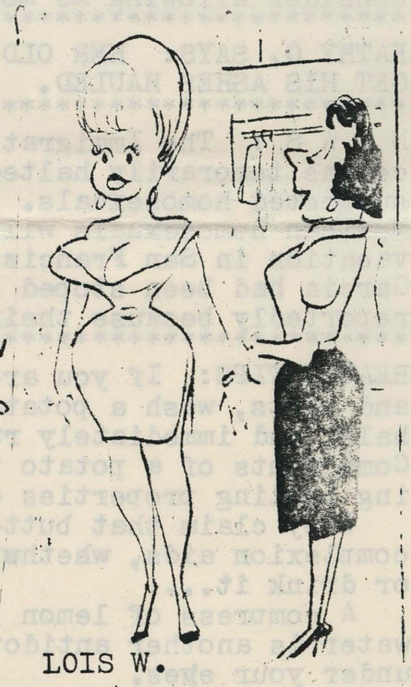

LOIS W.

"Even your Mother would not know you, sir."

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I sure was imbarrased, surprised and elated all at the same time. I haven't been the same since. Outside of a wife who does not understand or tolerate you know the rest of the story. By the way I took first for the costume but the impersonation was not good so I was not labeled a sissy or a gag. Most every one knew I hadn't the slightest notion what I was to wear. On the other hand other fellows were en fem that night also.

I am afraid other than this there is nothing spectacular about my TV life. I have appeared in public in fem a couple of times when I was younger and hav e not been read, but at present at the age of 64 I don't think I could pass. (don't you know the older you get the better you can pass. Who wants to look at an old women. ED.) I think with the passing of time I've lost my nerve.

I do want you to know I think the TVIC Journal is great, and I think the two of you are greater yet, to devote your time and energees to make so many happy. Love, LOIS W...JAMESTOWN..N.Y.

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PATRICA G. SAYS SOPHIE THE SILLY SECRETARY IS WALKING SO CLUMSY TO DAY IS BECAUSE SHE'S GOING TO A NUDIST PARTY TO*NIGHT AND IS WERAING CURLERS YOU KNOW WEAR.

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Dear Wilma:

After I retire this year I certainly would like to help you with the bull etin, as Albany is not so far from my little farm in New Platz area. Had a very pleasant visit from a TV up there recently. Enjoyed dressing and a nice chat.

I was very impressed with your views on the gays and the straights among us The stereotypes always foul up mutual understanding, the extreme exibitionist that is. As a friend of mine, a Catholic, once said to me after I'd take him-her to an Episcopal service "Youre not so far from us." At any rate fear is the enemy. (be happy to have your help on the journal.ED.)

BOBBI W...NEW PLATZ..N.Y....

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FRAN P.. SAYS GIRL WHO SITS ON JUDGEES LAP GETS JUDICIAL DISCHARGE.

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Dear Wilma & Helen:

I want to thank you for having me as a guest at your home last Saturday evening. I really enjoyed it and believe I have a lot to learn from you and the other girls. I spoke to my wife about your invitation and she said she would like to come along some time.

I read your news letter and found it very interesting. I think it is much more helpful and informative than FEM-MIRROR by a long shot, You provide a great service to so many people who need help and friendship as their second-self.... EILLEEN J...POUGHKEEPSIE..N.Y.

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JOAN H. SAYS: THERE WAS A MAN FROM FRANCE WHO WAITED 10 YEARS FOR THE CHANCE HE MUFFED IT.

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NEWS: Tina Moser, formerly Donald Moser, with the help of North Carolina Civil Liberties Union has appealed to the N.C. prison afficials for a sex reassigment surgery and then to be placed in an all female facility. A State Correctional Department spokesman, Stuart Shadbolt, said the department could not justify spending money for the operation, but that the department would consider allowing Ms Moser to undergo a surgery if she could fiance it,...

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KATHY G. SAYS: HER OLD FLAME WAS BURNING--THAT'S WHY HE USED HER HOT BOX TO GET HIS ASHES HAULED.

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N E W S : The Immigration & Naturalization Service has temorarily halted agents from turning back suspected homosexuals. That means at least two Mexican homosexuals will be able to finnish their vacation in San Francisco. E. Martinez & A. Garcia had been stoped by immiration officials, reportedly because their bags contained cosmetics.

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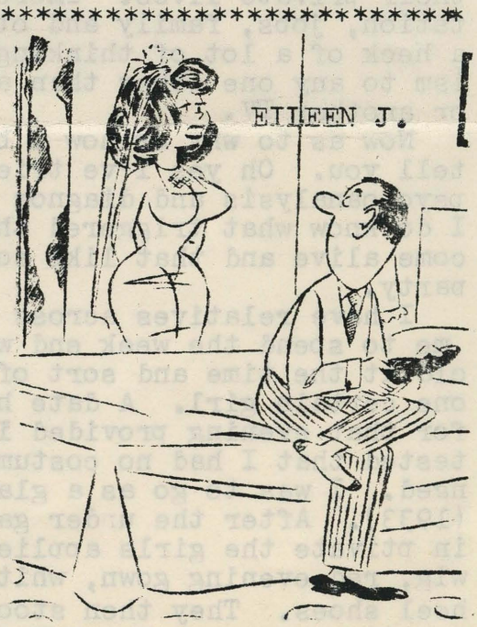
BEAUTY TIPS: If you are plagued with blackheads and spots, wash a potato thoroughly, and cut it in half, and immediately rub it all over your face. Components of a potato possess unsual and amazing healing properties of skin disorders.

They claim that buttermilk is one of the best complexion aids, whether you put it on your face or drink it....

A compress of lemon juice mixed with warm water is another antidote for those dark circles under your eyes.

Making comedy faces is a good way for anyone to exercise his/her face. It tones up the mucles and gets the blood circulating.



"George, can you take a joke?"

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Dear Wilma:

Just had to let you in on an observation about men and shoes. After we decided to leave the frozen North and move to Florida my wife and I opened a Knapp Shoe Franchise Store in a large shopping center. NOw knapp is very well known for mens shoes but they do have ladies service and work shoes. We have a large display in one window of all types of mens safety shoes and in the other ar e the ladies work and service shoes and only one shoe with any kind of heel that a TV might be interested in and now a new style cowboy (girl?0 boot. It has never ceased to amaze me the number of men of all ages and sizes that will hardly glance at the mens shoes but stop and edmire the ladies. Even my wife has noticed it. I have not had a man in to buy ladies shoes yet altho I have had many women in buying mens shoes for themselves. One of the area salesmen was telling me recently that he had a young man who played in a rock and roll band that wanted a pair of the cowgirl boots and he asked "how in Hell do you fit a man with a woman's shoe?" I tried to get him to send the kid into my sbore but he has nevee showed.

One other observation-Florida is not the cooless palce inthe summer for a TV. This past summer was the hottest in 40 yeazrs and it was an effort to even hook up a bra.

A question. Does anyone know where a good pair of falsies can be purchased without paying $100 or$150 for a pair? If they do they can contact me at the above address. Through the club I have contacted a wonderful TV in Naples Fla. and we hope to get together in the very near future. Wish I could find some TVs in this area. Sorry I was late in getting my dues in and the extras $2[redacted] was worth it because I got the last newsletter in 48 hours. Keep up the good work.

Best Regards

Paula

Paul J. [redacted]

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Dear Wilma: I want to have my sex-change, what should I start first..hormones or electrolysis. GINGER....SOIX CITY ...IOWA

Dear Ginger: From your brief letter, I don't know if you have started going on a program for your change, but in answer to your question, you should try to do both at the same time. And if for some reason you can not, go on the hormones first for it will slow down the growth of hair, but if you have a lot of hair to be removed, get with the electrolysis as soon as possible so that when you start wearing female clothing you wont look like a bearded lady.

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His "Lady" was lovely, with glamour galore, "She" left him one day to a lingerie store. A dozen of these and two dozen of those transparently feminine silk so-and-so's would cost him, they said, six bucks less, if you please, than a dozen of these and two dozen of these. Such extravagance, though, was way out of reach he'd only six bucks, which bought just one of each. Ignoring the frowns and "tut-tuts" just figure the proce of each item of undies.

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GERMAINE MONTEIL has a fingernail-care kit available wich contains a buffing prepartion for polishing the nails. With 10 min. care each week, the nails can be kept naturally glossy and smooth. In fact, it provides a bass which is even better than a coating of clear polish and the nails look nice in-between polishes.

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PEGGY R. SAYS: MEN DO MAKE PASSES AT GIRLS WHO WEAR GLASES..IT DEPENDS ON THEIR FRAMES.

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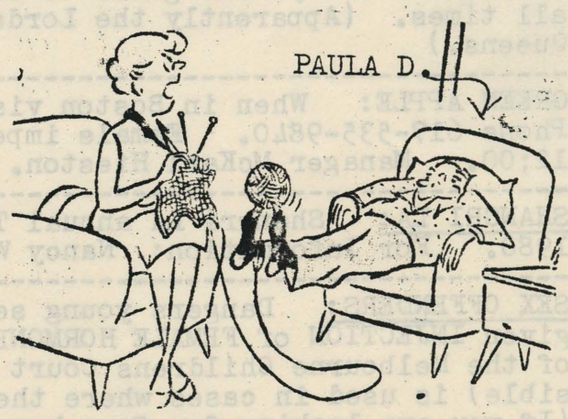

PAULA

"Alright, ~~Gene~~...go get dressed!"

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Christine Reports Feeling No Regret

By JERRY PARKER
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LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — There is a definite touch of the theatrical about her, a hint of Eve Arden in her manner, a suggestion of Lauren Bacall in her husky voice. Otherwise, you would pronounce the carefully maintained woman a typical Southern California example of her age group and economic bracket.

She's tall, slender, fair-skinned, with makeup expertly applied to minimize the lines and the loose flesh that come with age. Her honey-colored hair is well cared for and so are her nails. Her clothes and the gold jewelry she wears look expensive.

She greets her afternoon guests in a brilliantly colored muu-muu, purchased on one of her frequent trips to Hawaii. She leads the way through a plant-lined atrium and a living room with a fireplace, a cathedral ceiling and a prominently displayed 20-year-old portrait of herself in a strapless evening gown. She serves drinks on the screen-enclosed solarium and sits, legs crossed, in a high-backed wicker chair, poised and socially adept. Probably similar scenes are being enacted throughout the prosperous community in the hills south of Laguna Beach, and it takes an effort to recall that what sets this hostess apart from the others in the neighborhood is that she used to be a boy from the Bronx.

Anyone who was reading newspapers in 1952 knows the name Christine Jorgensen. A screaming headline on the front page of the New York Daily News on Dec. 1 of that year said it all: "Ex-GI BECOMES BLONDE BEAUTY. Operations Transform Bronx Youth."

The former George Jorgensen Jr. was lying in a hospital in Copenhagen, recovering from the second in a series of three operations meant to turn a miserable boyhood into a womanhood of promise, when the news broke. By the time she returned to the United States two months later, her newly acquired name was one of the most famous in the world.

The mention of Christine Jorgensen was enough to trigger instant snickers from teenagers. Adults swapped dirty jokes about her. Even "Denmark" became a titillating buzz word. Alfred Kinsey rushed to interview her. Walter Winchell ridiculed her ("Didjez see those photos of Christine arriving from Denmark? Isn't she just George-jus?"), then invited her to appear at a benefit at Madison Square Garden for the widows and children of New York policemen and firemen killed in the line of duty. Sherman Billingsley refused to let her in the Stork Club, but Elsa Maxwell gave her luncheon at the Waldorf-Towers and invited Cole Porter and the editor of Vogue.

Christine Jorgensen turned 53 recently. For most people 53 is not a noteworthy birthday, but for her it was special. "I was 26 when I had the surgery," she says coolly, pausing for a sip of her virgin mary, "and that was 27 years ago. Now, at last, I've been Christine longer than I was George. And," she adds with a smile, "I can say it's been a very exciting 27 years."

A lot of those years were spent on Long Island. While she was still in Denmark, Jorgensen sold the rights to her life story to the Hearst Corp.'s American Weekly Magazine for $20,000. Upon her return to America, one of her first acts was to spend some of the money on a house in Massapequa for her parents, both children of Danish immigrants, and herself. Her father, a contractor, built the house himself. Although she traveled widely in the 1950s and '60s, pursuing a career as a night-club performer and stage actress, Jorgensen always returned to the house she shared with her parents. After their deaths — her father died in 1966, her mother in 1967 — she sold the house and moved to California.

Christine Jorgensen, in case anyone was wondering, has no regrets. "No, I've never once regretted by decision," she says, matter-of-factly, obviously used to the question. "I regretted, at the beginning, that the press got hold of it and made my life such an open book. But the publicity, too, hasn't been altogether bad. It's enabled me to make an awful lot of money.

It does seem to be a comfortable existance. Jorgensen keeps a white 1973 Eldorado in the garage, and she says her home is worth $200,000. In her 1967 autobiography, which was called "Christine Jorgensen," she wrote of a slump in her performing career and of troubles with the Internal Revenue Service that left her financially depleted. Though she declines to be specific about money, she does say that her financial recovery is complete. She owns real estate, including a condominium in Hawaii, and she isn't worried.

Christine Jorgensen at home in Laguna Beach, Calif. Now 53, she had a transsexual operation at 26. "Now, at last, I've been Christine longer than I was George."

SURGION SUED: The University of Virginia and a surgion are being sied by a post-op California woman for an allegedly botched sex-change operation. SELENA JAGGER has accused the surgion, Dr. J. WILLIAMS FUTRELL chief surgion in the operation, of negligence. She has charged "failure to exercise that degree of care and skill ordenarily excercesed by health care practitioners"

The suite contends that as a result of post-operative complications and neglegence, she is now neither anatomically nor functionally male or female. That she has been "deprived of any sexual function and has been subjected to mental and physcial pain, suffering, anxiety, depression, and despair."

The suit contends that following surgery, there was considerable post-operative bleeding foe an extended period, that skin grafts did not take and that the post operative results were severely compromised.
(Reprinted from The Journal of Male Feminism #3, 1979.)

MOD UNI*SEX: Britains parliament is so confused with the mod uni-sex look lately that it is even consedering legeslation to make it mondatory for all 18 year olds boys and girls to carry sex indentity cards, with pictures, at all times. (Apparently the Lords can't seem to tell their Kings from their Queens.)

GREEN APPLE: When in Boston visit the Green Apple (Rt 1 in Peabody, Mass.) Phone 617-535-9840. Female impersonator shows seven nights a week-9;30 and 12;00. Manager McKarl Hieston.

SHANGRI LA: Shangri La annual TV event held in Gulfport, miss. April 9-13-1980. For Information: Nancy Watson, POB 18202. Irvine, Calif. 92713.

SEX OFFENDERS: Dangers young sex offenders in Australia are now being given INJECTION of FEMALE HORMONES to reduce their sex drive. Dr. L.CHATZ of the Melbourne Childrens Court Clinic, said the treatment (which is reversible) is used in cases where the only alternative is indefinite confinment. (If you are looking for free hormone shots, then go to Australia and be a sex-offender.)