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Hi Girls:

A nice group of ladies here last night for our monthly meeting. One of our regular girls was missing from the meeting last night as she was on a trip to Tokyo, Japan. Hope you are having a good time over there as we all will enjoy hearing of your travels.

Had a nice talk with Pricilla who had been to Fantasia with Eileen the two of them enjoyed their first visit there. They had the chance to meet different girls from all over. I am glad that some of our girls are able to go and enjoy some of the things they like to do.

What did you do on Halloween?

Two of our girls went out and seemed to have a great time going as a girl

Eileen had a party for some of her students went shopping to Grand Union for a few things they needed, upon reaching the store the children notice one of the students that had graduated the year before, so Eileen went up behind the fellow and started to fool around with him talking in a ladies voice. She started to put her hands across the shoulders and then his back, well you can just imagine what the fellow was going thru as he happens to be a bit on the shy side, as soon as his groceries were bagged he backed out of the store as Eileen had said goodnight to him in her own masculine voice. I would say here is one T.V. who had a ball with Halloween

Our other gal that had a good time was Michelle, seems she went to her dentist office well she too had every body poppin their eyes way out. It was something Michelle had told them she was going to do, and yet they didn't recognize her. Her dentist was so flabbergasted that he had to take some pictures of her. Maybe Michelle can write up a short paragraph on how her neighbor reacted to her on Halloween night for the next journal.

The Girls here last night were: Jilliam & Chrys from Madina, N.Y. Dennie Michelle Ann from Sommerville, Mass. Stephanie & Debbie from N.Y., N.Y., Joan from Colonie, N.Y., Shirl from Albany, N.Y., Karen from Saratoga, N.Y. Renee from Stratford, Conn., Elanda from Rome, N.Y., Pricilla from Scotia, N.Y., Eileen from Pougkeepsie, N.Y., Joan from Pougkeepsie, N.Y., Yvonne and Vicky from Pougkeepsie, N.Y., Alice from Colonie, N.Y., Sharron from Hightstown, N.J., Sue from Nassau, N.Y., Wilma and I.

The meal for these girls was: Meat Loaf, Mashed potatoes, cauliflower pie corn, buttered beets, mixed vegetables, broccoli with cheese sauce, rhuta bagus, rolls, butter, cake and coffee. Chrys and Debbie made cakes for the meeting. our thanks to them both.

Wilma explained to the girls about the christmas party. anyone who plan on coming we would like the reservations in early as we can only have about thirty girls as it gets to crowded. We will have our grab bag and may have some music live.

We send our get well wishes to Pricilla from Pougkeepsie and hope she is up and around and feeling herself. We all missed you last night.

We say hi to some of the girls who haven't been able to make a party for some time. Elayne, Jean, Sally and Jean and the many many more who for some reason or other couldn't make it.

Here's a warning for you pickle eaters:

There was a young lady named Perkins
Who was hooked on the habit of gherkins
One day on a spree- she ate 93
And pickled her internal workin's.

- \* They've discovered cucumber juice is good for the skin.
\* noted Taffy Tuttle at the Sea Face.
\* Which means we'll be seeing a lot of pickle pusses.

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Well girls it was a pleasant night for me with all the girls here dressed in their Sunday best and acting like good girls. As usual they were talking about the things they did all month since they were here last. It is good to see the girls so relaxed with one another and able to talk and joke and forget about the hard times they may have or not be able to dress when they feel the urge. For some it is easy, they have an understanding wife those that are not that lucky can come here and let their hair down for one night anyway.

We hope to see most of you on the 12th. of Dec. for our Christmas Party God bless and keep you all healthy and happy.

Have a good thanksgiving.

Love
Helen



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF CROSS DRESSERS:

If you are a father who enjoys cross-dressing at least on occasion, you are probably concerned about the effect of your cross-dressing on your children, even if they are not aware of your cross-dressing. In order to help you deal with the concerns about your children, Richard Green, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, has a study on the effect of father's cross-dressing on the psychosexual and psychosocial development on their children.

Dr. Green has an established reputation as a researcher in the field of psychosexual development with the children of transexual parents. There has been a long-standing "concern" in the public and especially in the mental health professions that the children of transsexuals parents may experience problems in sexual or gender identity and psycho-social development resulting from their parent's atypical sexuality. However, the research conducted by Dr. Green indicates that these children do not experience developmental and identity problems which are different from problems that most children encounter. In other words, the sexual identity and orientation of the transsexual parent does not appear to adversely effect the sexual identity of their children.

Unfortunately, there has been no research directed to answering these same questions about the children of the transvestite. Yet the transvestite and his wife may be worried about the short and long-term effects on there children. Therefore, many parents try to keep this secret from their children. Other parents tell their children only when (1) they feel that the children will be able to "keep the family secret", and (2) they believe the children have matured sufficiently to enable them to deal with father's cross-dressing.

Because transsexuals undergo the medical procedure of sex-reassignment, they have to inform at least their family of their change in sex. Since the onset of the gay liberation movement, and the increased willingness of homosexual men and women to come out of the closet, homosexual single parents are more accepted in society. Consequently the transexual parents are more likely to be out of the closet. Their children are much more likely to be actively aware of their parent's sexual identity and preference. The transvestite, on the other hand, does not have to let anyone know (including partners or parents) about his cross-dressing. The transvestite who is attentive and careful can continue to dress en femme alone at home, with only select adults, or in anonymous out-of-town situations. Since medical attention is not necessary (as with the transexual) and since the activities and implications of cross-dressing have not been publicized and to some extent tolerated, the transvestite may experience additional pressure to maintain secrecy. As a result, little has been done to establish the facts and eliminate the myths associated with cross-dressing. No one knows how a father's cross-dressing may contribute to his children's psychosocial development. Many families with a cross-dressing father are troubled by this lack of information.....

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WHO DO YOU KNOW:

There are many new people coming into TVIC all the time and others are moving to new locations where there are one or two members already living. We do not feel that it is too much trouble for those of you who are lonely and in need of friendship to take it upon themselves to make an effort to contact others. I'm afraid that some older, as well as newer members, have the idea that when they are enrolled in TVIC there will be a big welcoming committee ~~in their xxxxxx~~ waiting in their city to engulf them into the fold. When it becomes apparent that no "Welcome Wagon" will arrive, there is a big disapointment and sometimes even bitterness expressed. Now please ladies, try to understand that I wish there were an active chapter in every city, ~~sat~~ state and country, but it just isn't so at this time. But...that doesn't mean that you have to remain isolated. If I were a lonely member, new or old, I would write to a listed member. If I didn't get an answer withen a reasonable time, I would try again. I would also keep close track of the TVIC membership lists and especially the new members listed in each issue of THE TVIC JOURNAL. If you don't have an adress write to me and if it is permissable to give it out I will send it to you. When you see a new member coming into your region, why not write a note of welcome. Some of you have tried the above methods and yet have not found a "GAL PAL" because the ~~because the~~ one that you write to just didn't have enough in common with you to continue the correspondence. Well...keep trying er ask for help; but please take a bit more initiative so that YOU can get more out of TVIC.....

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One thing the average TV has in her favor is her willingness to accept criticism. If one REAL GAL told another REAL GAL her makeup was all wrong, the latter would think the former was being catty. The TV realizes that the critic is really trying to help and in most cases will accept the suggestion.....

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A British diplomat in Moscow was attending a dinner party in the Kremlin. He found himself next to a gorgeous blonde. He dropped his handkerchief and stroked her ankle as he picked it up. No response. He then dropped his fork and stroked her knee. She said nothing to him. He then dropped his other fork and took the note she handed to him. It read - When you reach your destination, show no surprise. George Carruthers - Secret Agent!



PARTY DATES :

Entering into the winter season our club has grown by leaps and bounds into a regular turnout at all parties. Our goal of getting as many TVs out of the closet and into our society has been very successful in as much as we do not advertise. We have wonderful times at our parties and have met many new and beautiful TVs who have profitted by coming to our Festivities through helpful suggestions as to their makeup hair, etc.

NEXT 2 PARTY DATES: Dec 12th & Jan 16th...Dec. 12th will be our yearly Christmas Party. Thoes fo you who have been to our Christmas Party Grab Bag know how it works and the fun in it. Thoes who wish to play in the grab bag affair- please bring a gift between 6 & 10 dollars...a gift that you would like to receive yourself. You have a good chance of getting your own gift back...

The gift purchase is not compolsery, as some can not afford it. Thoes who bring a gift will play in the game. The others can watch, as its just as much fun to watch as play. The game takes about 2hrs to play depending on how many are in the game.

PLEASE NOTE: Dec. 12th reservation for this party must be in a week in advance. As we have only room for 30 people. PLEASE DO NOT say you are coming and then dont show as you will be cutting some one else out. Last year we had the 30 reservations and had too turn down 15 others. BUT 4 people failed to show and this hurt some of the 15 who wanted to come so badly. Besidws every person who says they are coming and dont ~~ng~~ show up at any party are costing your club 8 to 10 dollars a person.

NEW MEMBERS :

I am pleased to announce the enròllment of 6 more members this month. They are

- RITA F.....ROCHESTER.....N.Y.....JOHN K..... BINGHAMTON.....N.Y.
- DEBBIE C...GARDEN CITY...N.Y.....JANET F.... LYNBROOK..... n.y.
- BOBY B.... HOUGHSONVILLE. N.Y..... KATHY H... DALLAS ..... PA.

I and all our members welcome you to TVIC and we all hope that you will be able to attend one of our parties so that you can meet some very nice people.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: If you care to drop a line to any of these new members too welcome them in, and you wish the addresses - let me know and i will send it to you if permissable. Dont forget to also enclose a stamp. You new members you have our TVIC Directory - so open your closet door and send out a letter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO

- Michell [redacted].....Dec. 2...Shawn [redacted].....Dec..20.....
- Patricia [redacted].....Dec 12...Rosemarie [redacted]..... Dec. 27.....
- Diane [redacted]..... Dec. 11 . Fran [redacted] ..... Dec. 31 .....
- Ruthann [redacted]z ..... Dec. 20 ..;

Looks like Rosemare was born just after Christmas so she did not get to see SANTA.FRAN came in for the New Year just intime for fer bottle.

All these names & addresses are in your TV Directory. NEW MEMBERS this is a good way to get aquanted - send a Birthday Card.....

SPECIAL THANKS

- Too Fran Brooks for the extra \$ for postage.....
- Too Winnie Brant - Precilla Evans for the cartoons.....
- Too Winnie Brant - Cynthia Massey \* Jannet McComb for the Newspaper articles..
- Too Priscella Evans for the lovely pictures for the club album.....
- Too Janet Fòchs for sending me the front of an envelope that was returned undeliverable. I wish all you member would do this as it helps to keep our directory up to date.....

QUESTION OF THE MONTH :

EAR PIERCING: Are you ready for ear piercing? Would you do it? If you did how did you go about it? Our members would like to know. (Michelle B. I know you have a good story to tell. Send it in so all can read it.)

CORRESPONDENCE WANTED :

These listed members would like to receive mail & exchange views & pictures.

- Fran [redacted] Lynda [redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]

- Ron [redacted] Winton [redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]

I will try and list 4 to 6 names every month. If you want your name & adress listed here ~~drop~~ drop me a line.....

MISERY is puting on your underarm deodorant & it turns out to be your dog's flea & tick spray.....

MISERY is cooking an exotic French dish for 5 hours & then your husband loads it up with catsup.....



Dear Wilma;

I do want to thank you, because you have brought to me a sence of realism, no fanticy, I can write this and feel comfortable that this is my true feeling. MY DREAM.....BY JANET.

As I lie awake trying to sleep my mind runs through my secrets so deep To be a female my heart yearns and hope by morning my gender will turn. To awake one morning and find a new me Would give my heart the ultimate glee I see myself in the mirror that morn with a body thats small shapely & warm. I stare at myself so long in a daze hoping I'll never come out of this maze. As I sit and dress I watch every move. Panties, bra, stöckings and shoes a dress and make-up is yet to come. I fear to look back and I regret some As I finish and stand and walk to the door. My dream ends and I'm a male once more. JANET...F...LYNBROOK...N.J.

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'A Tribute To The Beautiful Inner Femmes'

In my unending love for womanhood, I accepted the knowledge of the many different kinds of women that there are. I render my love and admiration to the women of the world, but I must make known the very special affection and aderation I feel for what I call, the 'Inner Femmes'.

Sometimes, one must look beyond a surface to find the ultimate, priceless gem...and I thank my creator for providing me with the power to do just that. As I, Khalil, am a man, 'Berne' of a woman's self...I acknowledge that there are ladies, also, 'berne' of a man's self. But ofcourse, there are people,(the majority of society today,) who see these people as mere men... unperceptive people who can grasp nothing that isnot in the simple realm of 'the ordinary!' But I know! I see that these fellow humans of mine are more feminine than even Isis herself!!

Because of the social discomfort and underserving tribulation that these ladies are sometimes forced to endure, I believe that they merit even more love and understanding than originally born women. I admire the courage that they show--that courage to be themselves. I have an ardent love for women and my love for you, my dear femmes, is even more intensified.... you are all very fragile and beautiful...I am proud to love every last one of you, because you constantly prove that it is well worth the risk of getting pricked by a thorn, in order to convey a very fine rose for all that it is worth.....

With love and respect,

K.J

BLACK STONE..VA.

Khalil

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I would like to thank all the people (TVs, Wives, Friends, etc) who have helped make this club a success over the past 27 years. Without them we would not exist today. I would mention them by name bu it would take too long and they know who they are....W I L M A....

I invite our readership to sumit articles, either professional or personal,about some aspect of their experience with the paraculture. WILMA..



THE TV BIND

A recent article in the TVIC Journal has raised the question of the TV going public. I have often wished I could get dressed and simply go for a walk. In my mind, I have often done just that, but never in real life. In my fantasy, I am walking along and the cars whiz by, with no one paying me much attention. Then a car passes and I hear it slow down, turn around, then cruise slowly past, with everyone staring hard at me. I just keep walking, hoping it will go away....

Probably all of us have had this fantasy at one time or another, and we always arrive at the same depressing conclusion. It's a darned shame that we can't do even this simple thing of going for a walk in clothing we like.

One time, after a party at Wilma's, I decided to drive home (to Vermont) dressed. I had removed my make up and wig, leaving on my femme clothes, topped by a blue dress with white polka dots. Everything went well until I arrived at Comstock, N.Y. There I was flagged down by a policeman with a flashlight. (Two men had just broken into the local post office) The officer shone the light all around the car, but never said one word about the way I was dressed. He couldn't very well accuse me of masquerading or deception, as my face was bare. Yes, it was embarrassing, and not nearly as exciting as I hoped it would be. I was so nervous about getting caught that it drained any enjoyment I was anticipating as a woman.

Perhaps it has cost me more than I will ever realize, but I have never denied my feelings that men should be able to dress as women if they want to. Nor have I made any great effort to deny my own pleasure in wearing a skirt. While people have been polite and somewhat accepting of my ideas, no one has been very anxious to pursue the matter. For the most part, people don't seem to find the idea very exciting, are sometimes embarrassed by it, and if too zealously pursued, it can become obnoxious. I get the feeling that while people in general may not be too opposed to it, it's also something they cannot identify with. Never having given it much thought, there isn't much to say about it.

This would appear to leave us in the closet, but there are some things that we can do to help us get out, and I suggest the following:

- Think about the reasons why you feel that men should be able to dress the way they want--even as women if they wish. Know why you feel this way in your own head, get it organized so you can defend it.
- Be curious about why people resist your ideas. Even though the reasons women give for dressing as men can be the same as those for men dressing as women, people reject the argument. What's underneath their rejection?
- Read up on history and TV practices, rather than limiting your knowledge to daily newspaper accounts of crimes that people committed while cross-dressed. For every cross-dresser caught in committing a crime, there are thousands of law-abiding TV's. Nor, as is sometimes insinuated, is the fact of cross-dressing the basic motivation for the act. By and large, people fail to make this distinction, and it should be called to attention.
- You should also find confidence in the fact that through out history, men have worn dresses. There is nothing humiliating about this or your desire to do so, unless we find that, after everything that has been said about equality for women, they remain a thing apart from, and still less than ourselves as men. The other side of the coin would be that as women, they enjoy a special status which men are not privy to, and this indeed raises questions, not only of equality, but also of equity for all men.

G. H. [Redacted]

*Germaine Hahn*  
 Germaine [Redacted]



Wilma,

Thank you for aiding to increase my circle of friends in the TV world. Feels good to swap letter and views with my other sisters, but still haven't gotten to meet any of them yet due to hectic schedule and the general pace of life I lead and the timidity on my part of going out driving dressed and the possibility of accident, exposure and the ramifications which it would lead to.

Have a good way to get the wig fixed. Burn it. I was dis-satisfied with mine and finally went out and got my hair styled, permed and highlighted. Was a little too frilly so now will return and get a softer wave and a slightly lighter color (I'm currently a brunette, but want it light brown). Sort of hard to be fully satisfied and still keep the male and female roles separate and not crossed up.

Luckily for me there is a Lane Bryant near work and I can bop over at noon and also rely upon their catalog for items which they don't stock, or things which I need the time at home to try on ie shoes, waist cinch, and some other necessities.

Had a little upsetting call for one of the sisters to other night who invited me to a gay bar, and the other ramifications and also mentioning his bi-sexuality. This was hard for me to accept and hard to relate to my TV status. I don't consider myself gay, think they are confused, and wish to be only a female. How does one walk this line? How does one handle wanting to meet a fellow sister, but yet stay away from this gay world? I'm really confused and don't know what to do. Do other sisters have the same problem?

On the hormones again and do I now feel better. Have a noticeable bustline, clothes fit better, and don't always wear a bra with some fashions. This and getting to know the sisters thru the club have had a calming effect and shows me that I'm not alone in my quest for a life as a female and male at the same time.

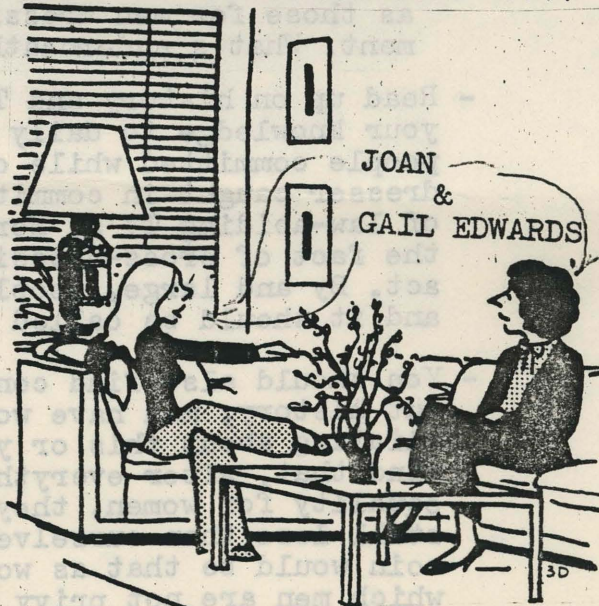
Keep the Journal coming, and glad I took the step to join.

Be looking forward to meeting you soon. Hope to make the Nov meeting if I can come to it with someone to help to hurdle of crossdressed away from home and split up the gas bill. I'll let you know for sure later.

A.E.B.  
PEMFIELD...N.Y.

*Sincerely,  
Erin*

Dear Wilma: In answer to the question of the month. How do ~~my~~ you get your wig styled. I do it myself & it took awhile to learn as well as the loss of 2 wigs. I now have several wigs so I always have one to wear while I style one of the others. I like to do this kind of work and have been kicking around the idea of taking a beauty culture course. I haven't gotten up the nerve yet but one day I will & hopefully be able to improve my make-up also. One day I would like to go to the beauty shop where I have my own hair curled & ask the woman there for a makeup appointment. I would tell her that I'm going to a costume party and want to look as much as a real woman as possible. I would also have nails put on and have my some what long hair styled in a girl's style. This is only a dream right now but maybe for next Halloween it will become a reality for me. (ED. NOTE; many dreams come true if you wish hard enough.) FRAN B...THIELLS..N.Y.



YOU KNOW DEAR, TIMES REALLY DO CHANGE. I CAN STILL REMEMBER WHEN YOU WORE THE PANTS IN THE FAMILY AND I WORE THE DRESSES.



# Priest ends his personal agony—by becoming a woman

A 46-YEAR-OLD priest who has lived a secret life of torment has stunned his congregation by revealing that he has chosen to live the rest of his life as a woman.

And although a sex-change operation would be dangerous to his health, the Rev. Douglas Marshall of Melbourne, Australia, has taken the first step to switching his sex by legally changing his name to Nerissa Marshall.

"I have faced the reality that I am a woman," said Marshall. "For the first time I can live life as I really want to."

"It got to the stage where the division inside me was tearing me apart. It was not an easy decision to make."

Marshall said that after the initial shock, his congregation at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in

Melbourne rallied around him and asked him to stay on.

"I would have been prepared to serve my parish as a woman and I believe I would have been better at it now that I have confronted the reality of being a woman," he said.

Marshall added that this might have been possible because the Anglican church permits both men and women to function as priests.

"But there are conservative elements inside the church and the community and I don't want to have to do battle with them," he said.

"I think that many of my flock will be sorry to see me go and I have decided that for the good of the church, I should."

Noting that he knew he was different even as a child, Marshall added:

"I had to put up with being bullied. At school I was a kid stuck in the corner of the playground, and in class other kids would hit me over the head with books."

But it wasn't until he saw a recent TV debate on sexual uncertainty that Marshall began wearing women's clothes.

"I am not a transvestite," he said.

"But I have been told that a sex-change operation at my age could be very dangerous."

He added, though, that doctors at a local university are still investigating the possibility of such an operation.

Once he leaves the church, Marshall says he would like to go into a career in social work. "I think I could be of great help to young people who have been through the same trauma as myself," he said.

And with most of the agonizing decisions behind him, he added: "I'm looking forward to the future — and I wouldn't go back to the past for anything."



Nerissa Marshall — formerly the Rev. Douglas Marshall — outside the church he must leave.

## He Agrees to Become a She

Alexandria, La.

Dressing as a woman periodically led to Charles Ray Williams' arrest. Agreeing to do it all the time set him free from charges of impersonating a female.

City Attorney Morris Shapiro agreed Tuesday to drop the case against Williams, a 34-year-old bartender, if he would assume a feminine first name, change his driver's license to read "female" and wear only women's clothes.

United Press

## Youth Robs Shop Dressed As Girl

A gunman, dressed as a woman, stole \$75 yesterday afternoon from the Pontiac Freezer Fresh, 2220 E. Pontiac St.

Police said the youth ordered a sundae and when the cashier turned around, he pulled out a small caliber handgun. He was described as 17-years-old, 5 feet 4, 120 pounds, wearing blue eye shadow, blue fingernail polish, heavy black eye-liner, and a red tank-top.

The cashier told police the gunman walked, talked and acted like a female.

## Suit Asks Listing Of Sex Change

New York (UPI)—A former sailor who underwent a sex change operation three years ago has filed suit challenging city regulations prohibiting the change from being listed on birth certificates.

Deborah Hartin, known as Austin Hartin until the operation, filed suit in Supreme Court in an effort to force the Health Department to describe her as a female instead of a male on the certificate.

Deborah, 40, is divorced and has a 15-year-old daughter. She served in the Navy in the early 1960s. Since the operation she has lectured around the country on transexualism.

# 18th Century New York Governor Wore Dresses and Used Makeup

A Governor who ruled the states of New York and New Jersey before the Revolution was an outrageous transvestite, and he openly wore dresses in public, say history experts.

In fact, added Prof. Robert

Ritchie, "for his official portrait, he posed in a low-cut evening gown holding a fan and wearing a sprig of lace in his hair."

The Governor — Edward Hyde, the Viscount of Cornbury — who served from 1702 to 1708 was finally fired. But, incredibly, it was not because

of his bizarre behavior. It was for taking bribes.

"He used to powder his face and walk around the town in drag," revealed Dr. Douglas Greenberg, professor of history at Princeton University.

"He paraded along the Manhattan battlements in women's clothes. When he dressed up that way he thought it made him look like his cousin Queen Anne."

"Apart from the fact that he was a transvestite, he was a terrible Governor and was despised by the people."

Ritchie, associate professor of history at the University of California at San Diego, said Hyde appointed his homosexual boyfriends to local offices and gave them land.

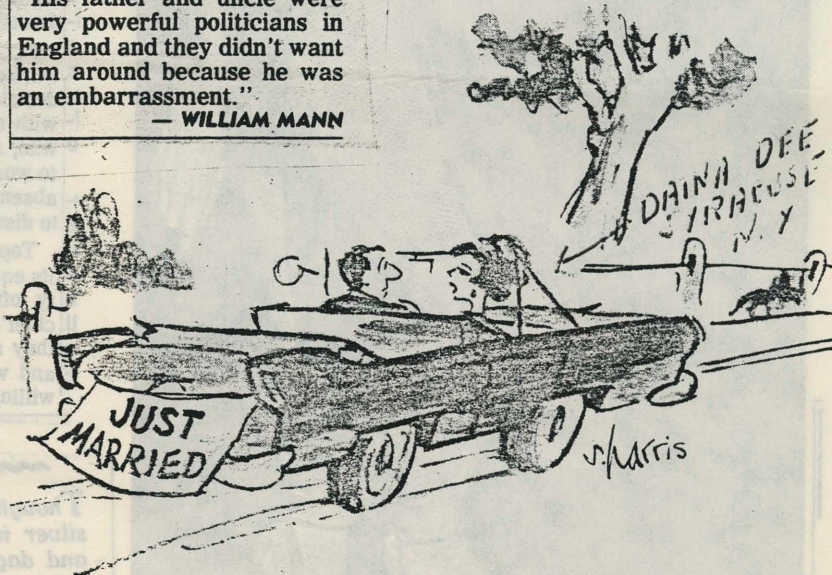
"The property on which Hyde Park, the Roosevelt estate, now stands was originally given to one of his favorites as a little plum for him to have."

"And the people in New York were really ticked off at him giving away that much land to one of his boyfriends."

"His corruption, tied in with his flamboyancy and effeminacy, was just too much for the Colonials."

And when he finally got bounced from the governorship, he was returned to England. "Within a year he was shipped out as a diplomat to Denmark," said Ritchie. "His father and uncle were very powerful politicians in England and they didn't want him around because he was an embarrassment."

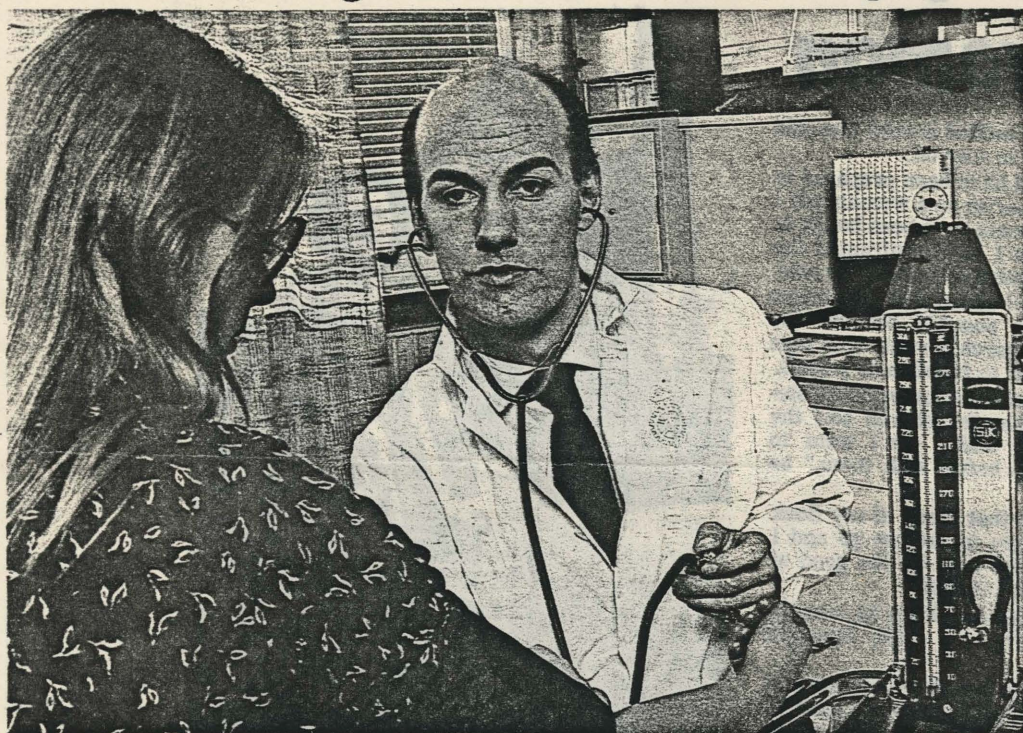
— WILLIAM MANN



"Roger—I think there's something you should know. I'm a female impersonator."



# Doc Moonlights as Female Impersonator



Practicing medicine all day can be a drag, says Dr. Thomas Callerud. So every night he heads out to the Trocadero nightclub in Malmo, Sweden . . . and dances in drag as a female impersonator under the name of Miss Miranda (photo right).

"I found it quite difficult to completely relax from being a doctor," said Callerud, who is single and 31, as he treated a patient at Uppsala Hospital (above photo).

"Friends suggested I should take up

drag after seeing me doing it at a hospital staff dance . . . and the public liked it, so why not? At first, I got a lot of kidding from the nurses but now they take it all in stride as something I enjoy doing."

He also got a lot of flak from some of his fellow doctors, who don't like any part of his act.

But the medical students have invited him to do his prancing dance at their annual ball later this year.



"Do you have this in a size 7 1/2?"



## Sex-Change Intention Unsettles FCC Office

Washington Post Service.

Washington — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which fields other people's complex regulatory problems, has an in-house dilemma because of a male employe who wants to undergo a sex-change operation.

Officials say the man, described as an "excellent worker" has never tried to hide the fact that he is a transsexual or that he has been seeking medical and psychiatric help.

After deciding that he wanted to become a woman, the worker took vacation time going first to New York and then California to find out what the operation involved. Both states require that the individual must first go through a trial period living and dressing as a woman.

FCC brass say that while co-workers generally accepted the decision, it caused problems with the employes division chief who, at one point, told the man to work or he would be declared absent without leave and subject to dismissal.

Top officials of the agency and its equal employment opportunity office canceled the bureau chief's call-back order which they said was "way out of line and wrong." They say they are willing to cooperate with the

employe if the sex change is called for on legitimate medical and psychological grounds.

Although still rare, more men and women are having the sex-change operation. Nearby John's Hopkin's Hospital's Gender Identity Clinic has performed at least 30 such operations in the past seven years.

The employe is now detailed to the Social Security Administration in Baltimore at his request, officials say, where he is acting out the required test period as a woman. FCC brass say he is still on the agency payroll and can return from the detail any time he chooses and that a job will be found for the individual now, or when he returns as a woman.

### Transsexual has sister serve as surrogate mom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bobbie Lea Bennett, a transsexual whose sister served as a surrogate mother for Bennett's new 6-pound, 10-ounce baby boy, says she wants more children.

"We plan on having a whole bunch of babies," said Bennett, who is handicapped and confined to a wheelchair. "Children are what make a home. I love children, and we plan on having more."

The baby, whose natural parents were Bennett's husband and sister, was delivered Friday by Caesarean section.

The sister, who was artificially inseminated, agreed to give the baby to Bennett to adopt and raise.

*Though it rain gold and silver in a foreign land and daggers and spears at home, yet it is better to be at home.*

— Malay Proverb