

# Garbage Journalism

Your recent issue (No. 523, Aug 22-28) on the rights of transsexuals, certainly showed a lack of journalistic talent. References to transsexual women (when referring to their past, i.e. "a former Iowa farm boy") are demeaning and show a definite lack of sensitivity not only to Ginger Coleman specifically but to all transsexual women at large.

A transsexual should not be confused with those males who choose to dress as women. (Drag queen being the popular term in use.)

Several of my close friends are transsexual women and I feel very offended in your throwbacks of when he-she was a boy. Transsexuals are women, and should be treated with all the respect that women everywhere deserve and have failed to receive because of publications such as the Barb. You would rather show a pair of tits in order to sell your garbage journalism, than present facts as they are.

Also two very obvious typing misprints were in striking evidence. Carol Voyles (emphasis on the L) and Amanda Low (which as everyone knows is Amanda Lear, the famed transsexual superstar.) All of these women deserve an apology, if not that how about a future story on transsexuality to really clear up a few heads in your public audience?

Many men (and they are usually sexually straight) love transsexual women, for most of them possess a perspective and clairvoyance that other mortals seldom possess. It is because of their unique circumstance. It is a magic that perhaps has befallen only the rare few. It is certainly worth your time to empathize with their lives and situations.

Sincerely  
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